VIDEO TUTORIAL

ⓘ Important!

This replacement procedure can be used for:
AUDI A4 (8EC, B7) 2.0 TFSI, AUDI A4 (8EC, B7) 2.0 TFSI quattro, AUDI A4 Avant (8ED, B7) 2.0 TFSI, AUDI A4 Avant (8ED, B7) 2.0 TFSI quattro

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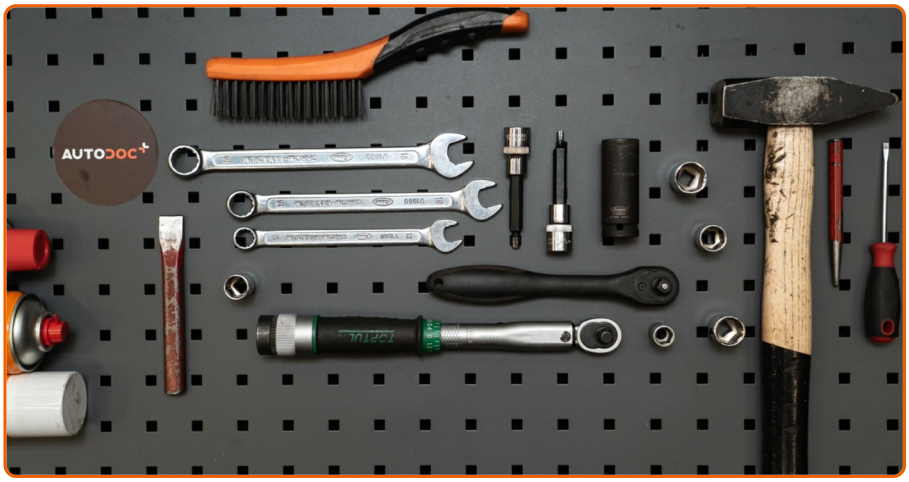
The steps may slightly vary depending on the car design.

REPLACEMENT: SUSPENSION STRUT – AUDI A4 B7. LIST OF THE TOOLS YOU'LL NEED:



- Wire brush
- WD-40 spray
- Brake cleaner
- Copper grease
- Torque wrench
- Combination spanner #13
- Combination spanner #16
- Combination spanner #18
- Drive socket # 13
- Drive socket # 15
- Drive socket # 16
- Drive socket # 18
- Drive socket # 19
- HEX bit No.H5.
- HEX bit No.H6.
- Wheel impact socket #17
- Ratchet wrench
- Hammer
- Pin punch
- Flat chisel
- Flat Screwdriver
- Crow bar
- Hydraulic strut spring compressor
- Hydraulic transmission jack
- Fender cover
- Wheel chock

Replacement: suspension strut – Audi A4 B7. AUTODOC recommends:

- Both shock struts of the front suspension should be replaced simultaneously.
- The replacement procedure is identical for the left and right shock struts of the front suspension.
- All work should be done with the engine stopped.

REPLACEMENT: SUSPENSION STRUT – AUDI A4 B7. RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE OF STEPS:

1

Open the bonnet.

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Use a fender protection cover to prevent damaging paintwork and plastic parts of the car.

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Raise up and remove the cowl grille.

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Remove the shock strut mount cap. Use a flat screwdriver.

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Clean the fasteners of the shock strut upper mount. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.

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Loosen the upper fastener of the shock strut mount. Use a drive socket #16. Use a ratchet wrench.

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Secure the wheels with chocks.

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Loosen the wheel mounting bolts. Use wheel impact socket #17.

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Raise the front of the car and secure on supports.

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Unscrew the wheel bolts.

AUTODOC recommends:

- Warning! To avoid injury, hold the wheel while unscrewing the fastening bolts. Audi A4 B7

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Remove the wheel.

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Clean all joints of the arm. Clean the fastener connecting the tie rod end to the steering knuckle. Clean the shock strut fasteners. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.

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Unscrew the upper arm fastenings. Use a combination spanner #16.

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Remove the fastening bolt.

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Loosen the tie rod end fastening bolt. Use a combination spanner #13.

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Unscrew the end fastening nut to the steering knuckle. Use a drive socket #15. Use a ratchet wrench.

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Remove the fastening bolt. Use a pin punch. Use a hammer.

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Disconnect the tie rod end from the steering knuckle. Use a flat metal-working chisel. Use a hammer.

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Remove the control arms. Use a flat metal-working chisel. Use a hammer.

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Prop up the steering knuckle. Use a hydraulic transmission jack.

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Unscrew the fastener connecting the shock strut to the suspension control arm. Use a combination spanner #18. Use a drive socket #18. Use a ratchet wrench.

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Unscrew the top fastening of the shock strut mount. Use a drive socket #16. Use a ratchet wrench.

Replacement: suspension strut – Audi A4 B7. AUTODOC recommends:

- To avoid injuries, hold the shock strut when undoing the fastening bolts.

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Clean all joints of the arm. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.

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Unscrew the rear fastener connecting the control arm to the subframe. Use a combination spanner #18 (2 pieces).

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Unscrew the front arm fastener. Use a combination spanner #18 (2 pieces).

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Lower the hydraulic transmission jack by 10-15 cm.

Replacement: suspension strut – Audi A4 B7. Tip:

- Lower the hydraulic transmission jack smoothly, without jerks, to avoid damaging assemblies and mechanisms.

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Remove the fastening bolt.

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Remove the suspension strut.

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Set the shock absorber strut on the spring compressor tool.

Replacement: suspension strut – Audi A4 B7. Tip from AUTODOC experts:

- Note that when using a spring compressor, spring coils need to be securely gripped, compressing the spring on the opposite sides.
- Ensure the correct position of the spring in the retainer.
- Make sure that the spring coils tightly entered the lock handles.

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Treat the shock strut rod. Use WD-40 spray.

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Compress the spring.

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Remove the strut piston rod nut. Use a drive socket #18. Use HEX No.H5. Use a ratchet wrench.

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Remove the top strut mount. Use a crowbar.

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Release the coil spring.

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Remove the spring.

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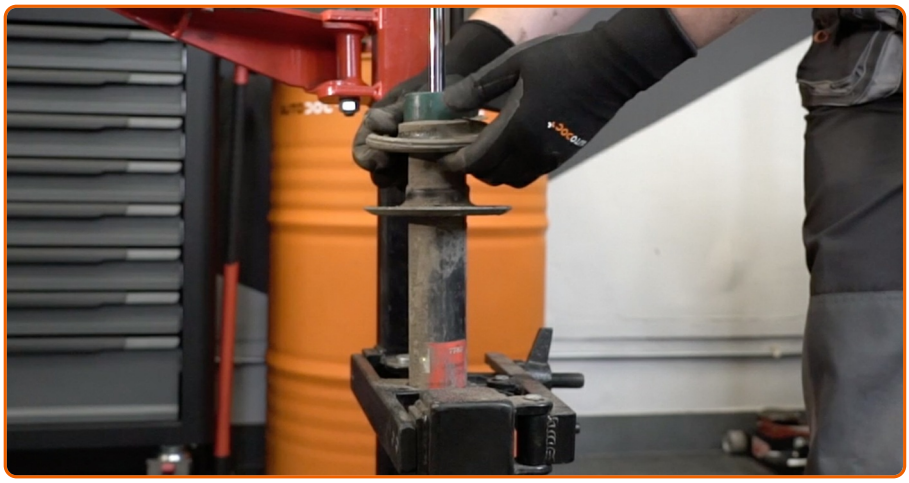

Remove the shock absorber dust cap and the bump stop.

AUTODOC recommends:

- Replacement: suspension strut – Audi A4 B7. Carefully inspect the mount, the boot, and the bump stop of the shock absorber. Replace if necessary.

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Remove the old shock absorber from the hydraulic coil spring compressor.

Replacement: suspension strut – Audi A4 B7. Tip:

- Before installing a new shock absorber you should pump it manually 3-5 times.

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Install the new shock absorber on the hydraulic coil spring compressor.

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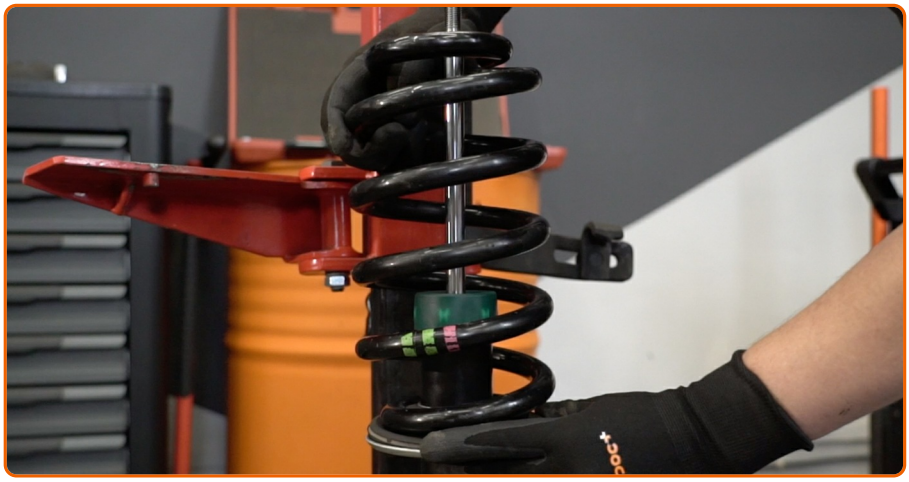

Install the spring on the shock absorber.

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Compress the spring.

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Install the dust sleeve and the bump stop on the new shock absorber.

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Install the upper strut mount and the strut mount bearing.

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Tighten the shock strut piston rod nut. Use a drive socket #19. Use HEX No.H6. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 65 Nm torque.

Replacement: suspension strut – Audi A4 B7. AUTODOC recommends:

- Check to make sure the spring is positioned correctly. Avoid its misalignment.

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Decompress the spring.

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Treat the shock strut rod. Use copper grease.

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Remove the assembled shock strut.

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Treat the mounting seats of the shock strut. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.

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Install the shock strut into the wheel arch.

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Screw the top fastening of the shock strut mount. Use a drive socket #16. Use a ratchet wrench. Do not tighten it.

AUTODOC recommends:

- Important! Hold the suspension strut while screwing in the fastening bolts. Audi A4 B7

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Install the fastener connecting the shock strut to the suspension control arm.

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Screw in the fastener connecting the suspension strut to the control arm. Use a combination spanner #18 (2 pieces).

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Clean the mounting seats and the thread of the suspension arm. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.

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Raise the hydraulic transmission jack by 10-15 cm.

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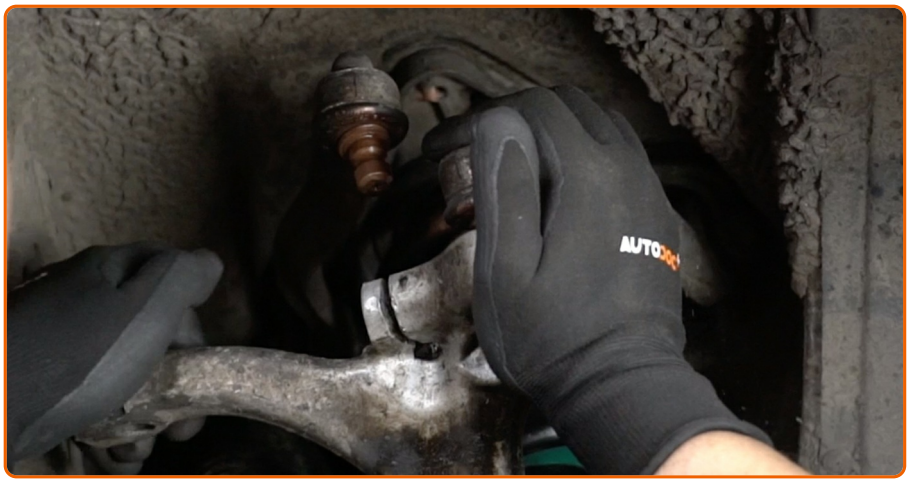

Install the control arms.

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Install the fastening bolt.

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Remove the support from under the steering knuckle.

AUTODOC recommends:

- Audi A4 B7 – Do not lower the transmission jack sharply to avoid damaging components and mechanisms of the car.

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Clean the mounting seats of the tie rod end. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.

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Connect the tie rod end to the steering knuckle.

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Install the fastening bolt.

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Screw in the tie rod end fastening bolt. Use a combination spanner #13.

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Screw on the fastening nut that connects the tie rod end to the steering knuckle. Use a drive socket #15. Use a ratchet wrench.

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Tighten the tie rod end fastening bolt. Use a drive socket #13. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 27 nm torque.

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Tighten the fastening nut connecting the tie rod end to the steering knuckle. Use a drive socket #15. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 50 nm torque.

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Tighten the upper arm fastenings. Use a combination spanner #16. Use a drive socket #16. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 70 nm torque.

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Prop up the steering knuckle. Use a hydraulic transmission jack.

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Tighten the fastener connecting the shock strut to the suspension control arm. Use a combination spanner #18. Use a drive socket #18. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 80 Nm torque.

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Tighten the front fastener connecting the control arm to the subframe. Use a combination spanner #18. Use a drive socket #18. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 85 Nm torque.

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Tighten the rear fastener connecting the arm to the body subframe. Use a combination spanner #18. Use a drive socket #18. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 85 Nm torque.

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Remove the support from under the steering knuckle.

AUTODOC recommends:

- Replacement: suspension strut – Audi A4 B7. Lower the transmission jack smoothly, without jerks, to avoid damaging components and mechanisms.

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Treat the shock strut fasteners. Treat the fastener connecting the tie rod end to the steering knuckle. Treat all joints of the arm. Use copper grease.

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Clean the wheel rim mounting seat. Use a wire brush.

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Treat the surface where the brake disc contacts the wheel rim. Use copper grease.

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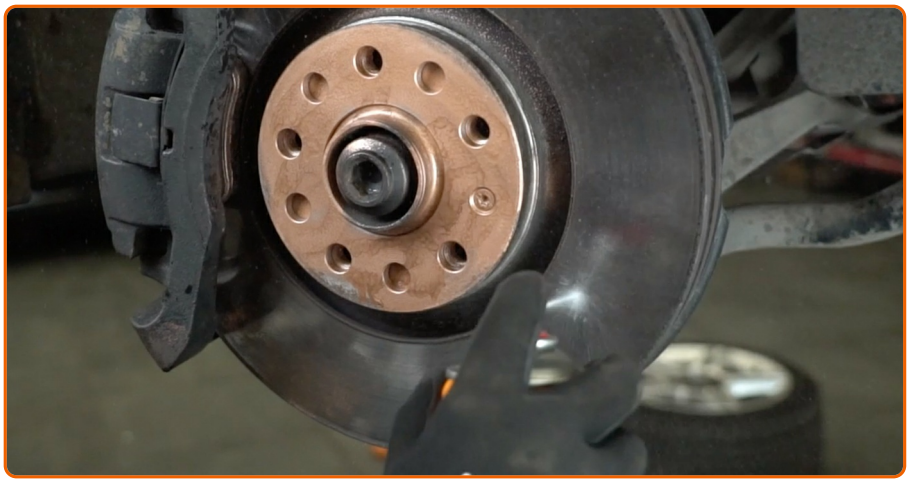

Clean the brake disk surface. Use a brake cleaner.

Replacement: suspension strut – Audi A4 B7. Tip:

- After applying the spray, wait a few minutes.

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Install the wheel.

AUTODOC recommends:

- To avoid injury, hold up the wheel when screwing in the fastening bolts.

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Screw in the wheel bolts. Use wheel impact socket #17.

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Lower the car and working in a cross order, tighten the wheel bolts. Use wheel impact socket #17. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 120 Nm torque.

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Remove the jacks and chocks.

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Tighten the upper fastener of the shock absorber strut mount. Use a drive socket #16. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 60 Nm torque.

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Treat the fasteners of the shock strut mount. Use copper grease.

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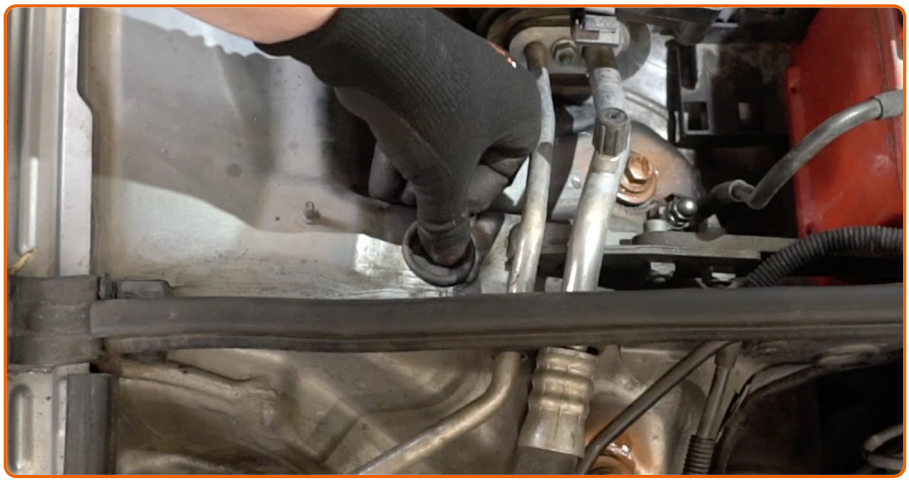

Install the shock strut mount cap.

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Install and secure the cowl grille.

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Remove the fender protection cover.

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Close the hood.

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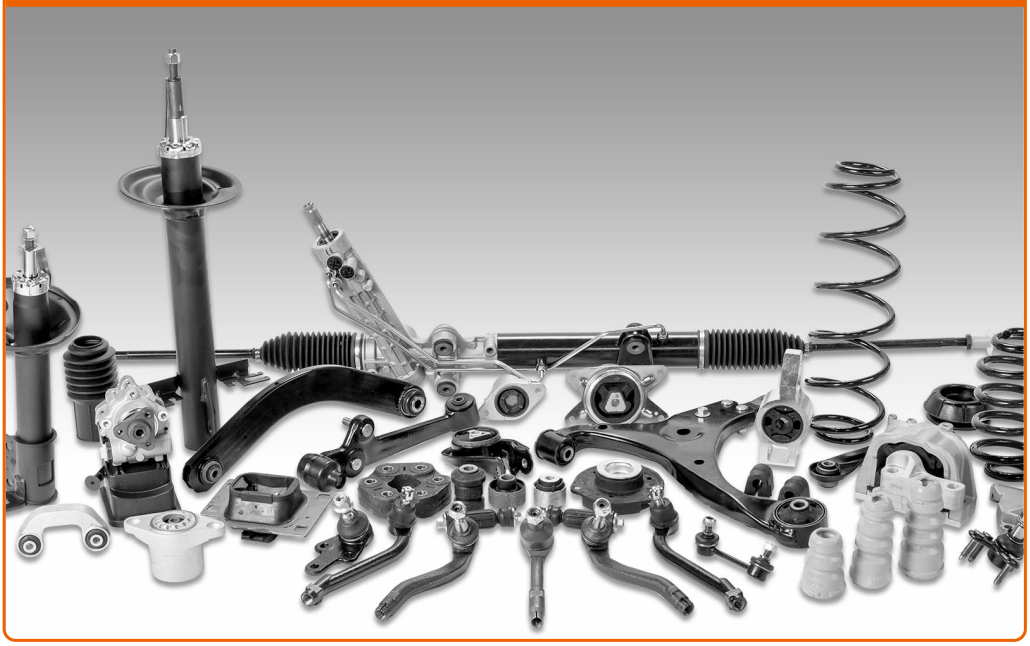

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