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Important!

This replacement procedure can be used for:
AUDI A6 (4F2, C6) 2.0 TDI, AUDI A6 Avant (4F5, C6) 2.0 TDI

The steps may slightly vary depending on the car design.

REQUIRED TOOLS:

- Wire brush
- WD-40 spray
- Brake cleaner
- Copper grease
- Combination spanner #16
- Combination spanner #18
- Drive socket # 15
- Drive socket # 16
- Drive socket # 18
- Drive socket # 21
- HEX bit no.H6.
- Wheel impact socket #17
- Ratchet wrench
- Torque wrench
- Hammer
- Flat chisel
- Crow bar
- Hydraulic strut spring compressor
- Hydraulic transmission jack
- Fender cover
- Wheel chock

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.

CARRY OUT REPLACEMENT IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

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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Remove the cowl grille seal.

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Raise up and remove the cowl grille.

5

Remove the shock strut mount cap. Use a crowbar.

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Loosen the upper fastener of the shock strut mount. Use a drive socket #15. Use a ratchet wrench.

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Secure the wheels with chocks.

8

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:

- To avoid injury, hold up the wheel when unscrewing the bolts.

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Remove the wheel.

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

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Unscrew the upper control arm fasteners (2 pieces). Use a combination spanner #18 (2 pieces). Use a drive socket #18.

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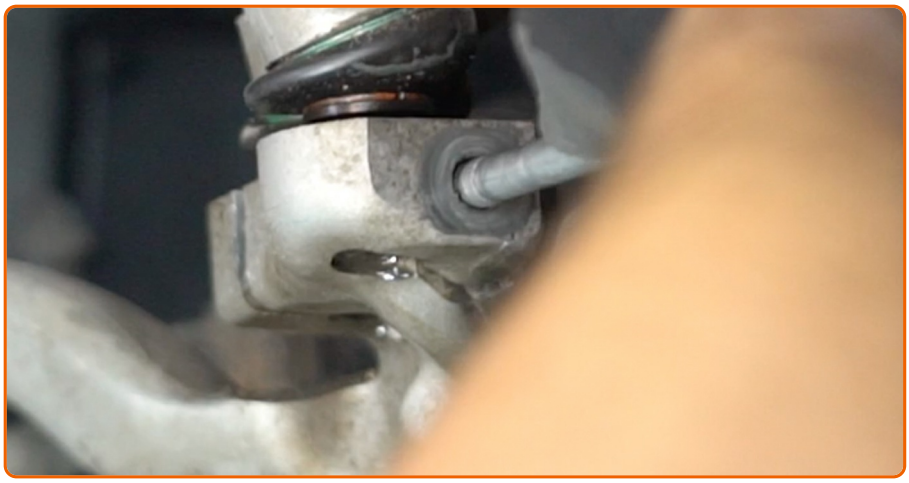

Remove the fastening bolt.

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Release the fastener that connects the control arm ball joint to the steering knuckle. Use a flat metal-working chisel. Use a hammer.

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Detach the upper control arm from the steering knuckle. Use a crowbar.

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Clean the fastening bolt that connects the shock absorber fork with the lower control arm. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.

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

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Remove the fastening bolt.

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Clean the stabiliser link fasteners. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.

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Unscrew the fasteners connecting the stabiliser link to the stabiliser bar. Use a combination spanner #16. Use a drive socket #16. Use a ratchet wrench.

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Remove the stabilizer rod. Use a crowbar.

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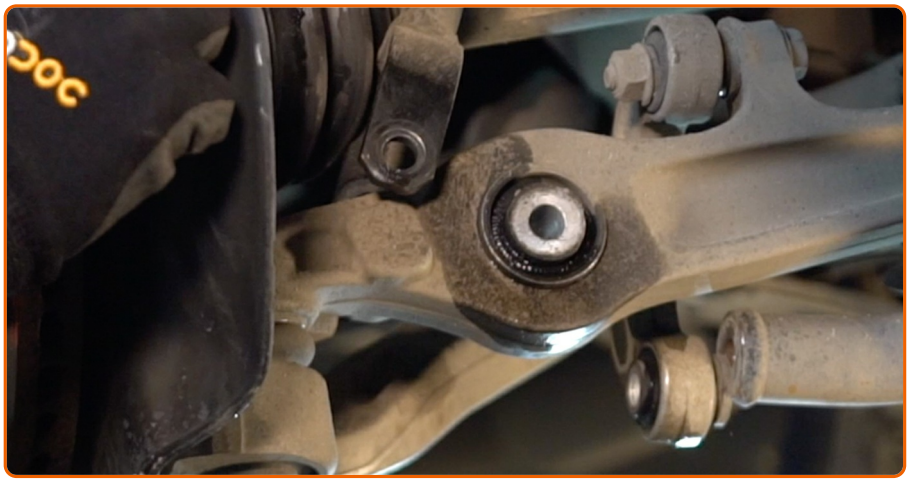

Detach the fastener that connects the shock strut to the control arm. Use a crowbar.

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Unscrew the top fastening of the shock strut mount. Use a drive socket #15.

AUTODOC recommends:

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

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Remove the suspension strut.

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Make marks on the control arms and the shock strut mount.

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Unscrew the fasteners connecting the control arms to the shock strut mount. Use a combination spanner #18 (2 pieces).

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Remove the control arms.

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Set the shock absorber strut on the spring compressor tool.

AUTODOC recommends:

- 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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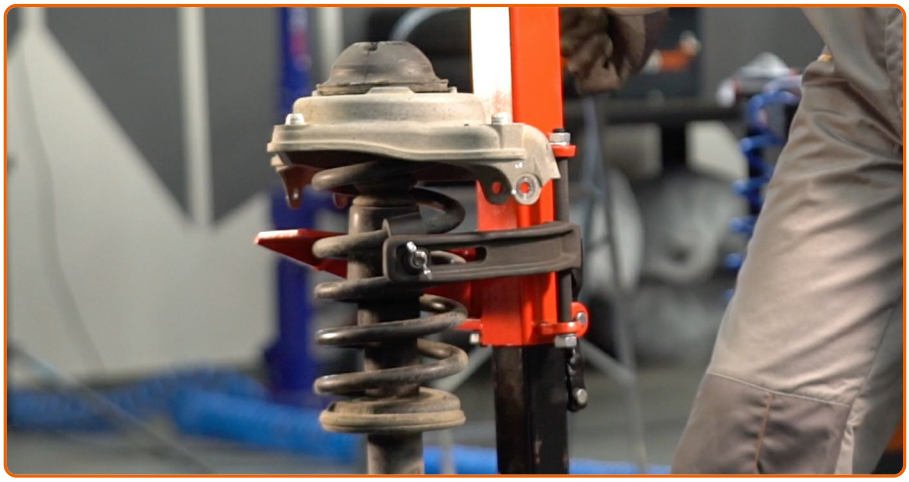

Compress the spring.

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Treat the shock strut rod. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.

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Remove the strut piston rod nut. Use HEX No.H6. Use a drive socket #21. Use a ratchet wrench.

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Remove the top strut mount. Use a crowbar.

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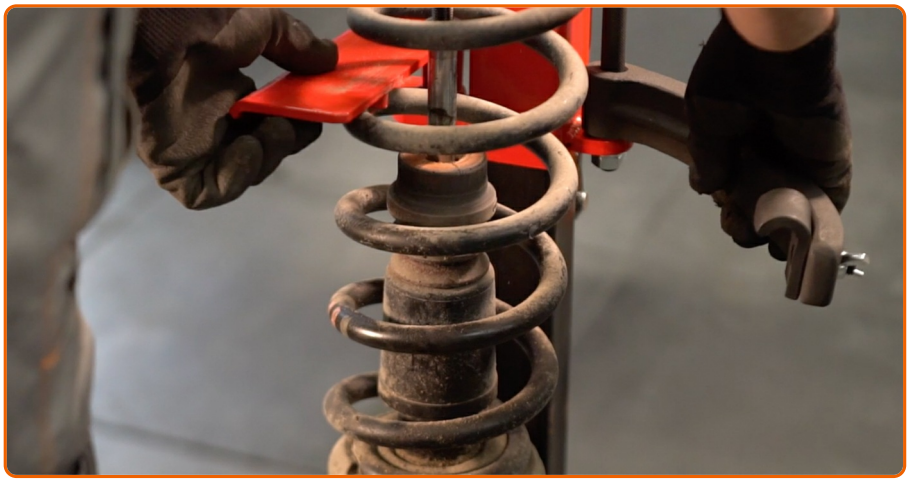

Release the coil spring.

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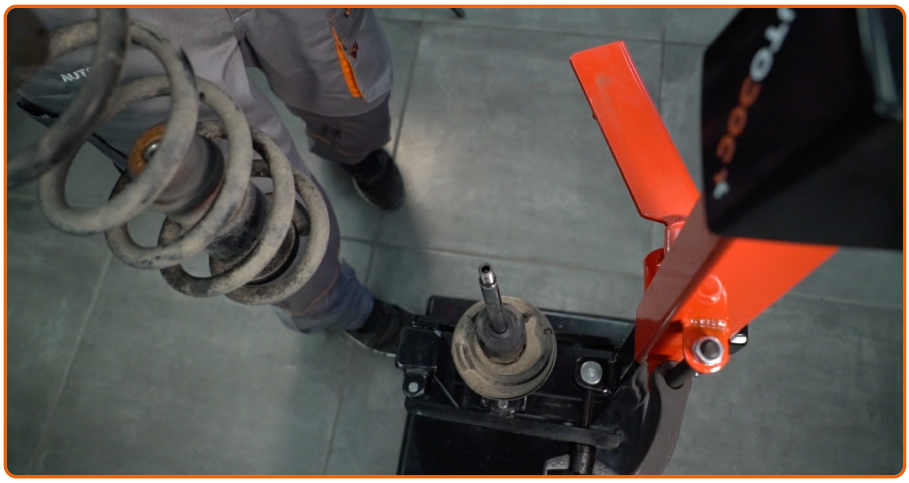

Remove the spring. Remove the shock absorber dust cap and the bump stop.

AUTODOC recommends:

- Thoroughly examine the shock absorber mount, dust boot, bump stop. Replace them if necessary.

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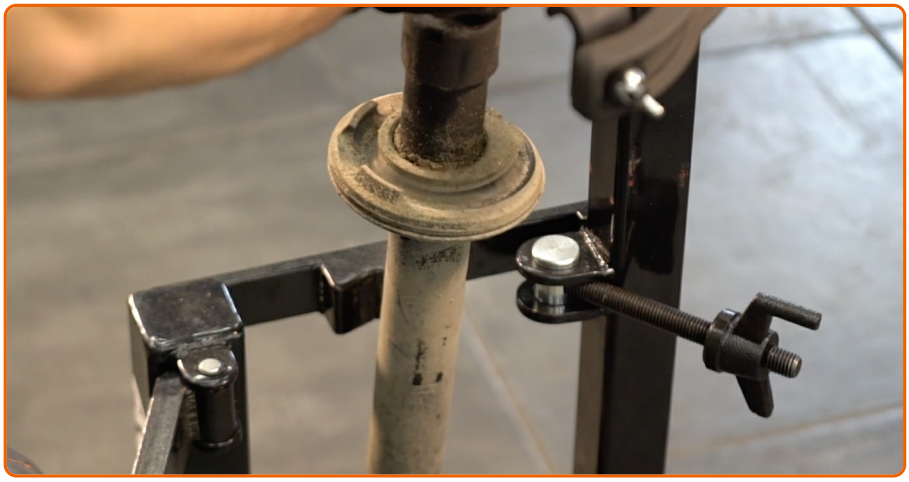

Remove the old shock absorber from the hydraulic coil spring compressor.

AUTODOC recommends:

- 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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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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Compress the spring.

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Tighten the shock strut piston rod nut. Use HEX No.H6. Use a drive socket #21. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 60 nm torque.

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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Remove the assembled shock strut.

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Install the control arms

AUTODOC recommends:

- Position the control arm according to its mounting holes.

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Screw in the fasteners connecting the control arms to the shock strut mount. Use a combination spanner #18 (2 pieces).

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Tighten the fastener connecting the control arms to the shock strut mount. Use a combination spanner #18. Use a drive socket #18. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 80 nm torque.

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Treat the shock strut rod. Use copper grease.

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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 Do not tighten it.

AUTODOC recommends:

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

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Support the arm. Use a hydraulic transmission jack.

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Install the fastening bolt.

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Tighten the fastener connecting the shock strut to the suspension control arm. Use a combination spanner #18 (2 pieces). Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 92 nm torque.

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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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Release the fastener that connects the control arm ball joint to the steering knuckle. Use a flat metal-working chisel. Use a hammer.

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Treat all joints of the arm. Use copper grease.

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Attach the upper control arm to the steering knuckle.

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Install the fastening bolt.

59

Tighten the upper control arm fasteners (2 pieces). Use a combination spanner #18. Use a drive socket #18. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 82 nm torque.

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Install the transverse stabilizer link.

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Tighten the fastener connecting the stabilizer link to the stabilizer bar. Use a drive socket #16. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 65 nm torque.

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Remove the support from under the arm.

AUTODOC recommends:

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

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Treat all joints of the arm. Treat the shock strut fasteners. Use copper grease.

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Clean the wheel rim mounting seat. Use a wire brush. Treat the contacting surface. Use copper grease.

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Clean the brake disk surface. Use a brake cleaner.

AUTODOC recommends:

- 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.

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Tighten the upper fastener of the shock absorber strut mount. Use a drive socket #15. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 65 Nm torque.

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Install the shock strut mount cap.

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Install and secure the cowl grille.

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Install the cowl grille seal.

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Tighten the wheel bolts using a criss-cross pattern. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 120 Nm torque.

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Remove the jacks and chocks.

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Remove the fender protection cover.

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Close the hood.

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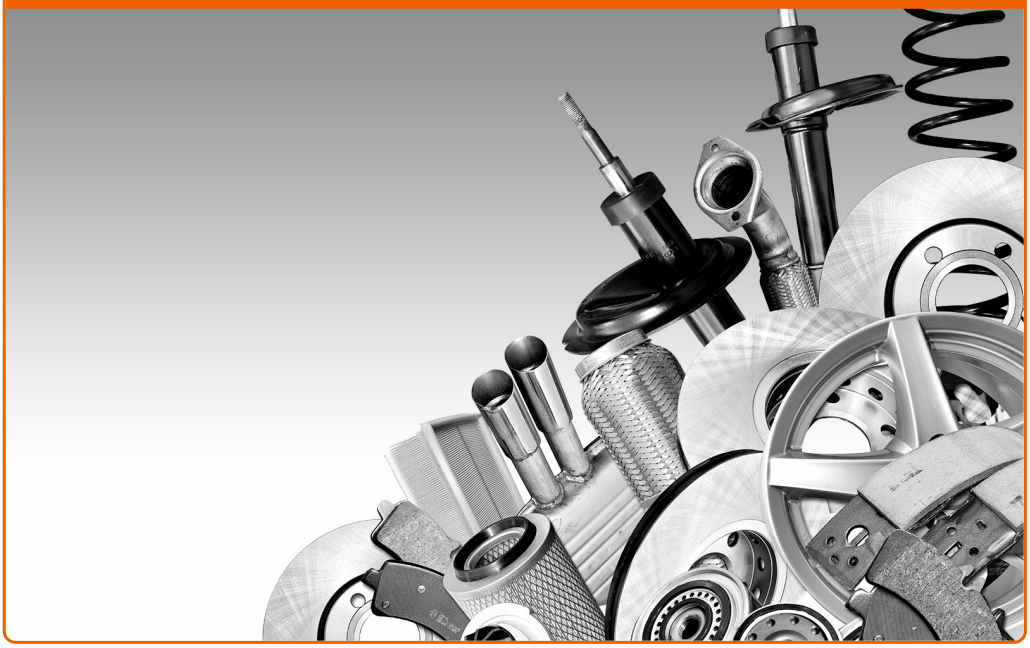

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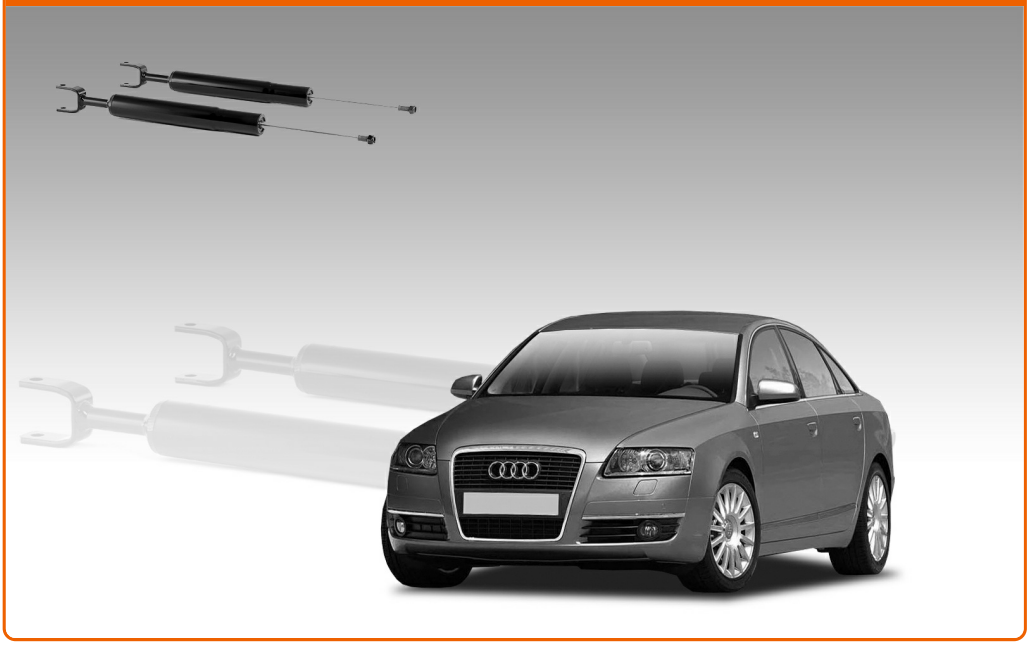

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