



How to change front  
suspension strut on  
**Renault Clio 2** –  
replacement guide

## VIDEO TUTORIAL



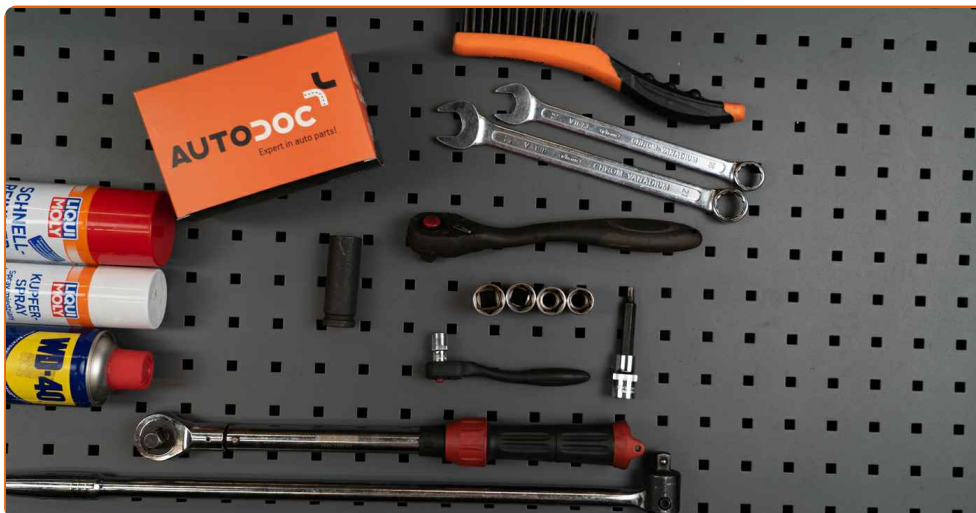
### Important!

This replacement procedure can be used for:

RENAULT CLIO II (BB0/1/2\_, CB0/1/2\_) 1.4, RENAULT CLIO II (BB0/1/2\_, CB0/1/2\_) 1.6, RENAULT CLIO II (BB0/1/2\_, CB0/1/2\_) 1.6 16V, RENAULT CLIO II (BB0/1/2\_, CB0/1/2\_) 1.9 D, RENAULT CLIO II (BB0/1/2\_, CB0/1/2\_) 1.4 16V, RENAULT CLIO II (BB0/1/2\_, CB0/1/2\_) 1.9 dTi, RENAULT CLIO II Box (SB0/1/2\_) 1.9 D, RENAULT CLIO II (BB0/1/2\_, CB0/1/2\_) 1.5 dCi, RENAULT CLIO II Box (SB0/1/2\_) 1.5 dCi

The steps may slightly vary depending on the car design.

REPLACEMENT: SUSPENSION STRUT – RENAULT CLIO  
2. TOOLS YOU'LL NEED:



- Wire brush
- WD-40 spray
- Brake cleaner
- Copper grease
- Combination spanner #18
- Combination spanner #21
- Drive socket # 10
- Drive socket # 17
- Drive socket # 18
- Drive socket # 21
- HEX bit no.H6.
- Wheel impact socket #19
- Ratchet wrench
- Torque wrench
- Hydraulic strut spring compressor
- Tap wrench
- Fender cover
- Wheel chock

**BUY TOOLS**

### Replacement: suspension strut – Renault Clio 2. Professionals recommend:

- 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.
- Warning! Shut down the engine before starting any work – Renault Clio 2.

## CARRY OUT REPLACEMENT IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

**1**

Open the bonnet.

**2**

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



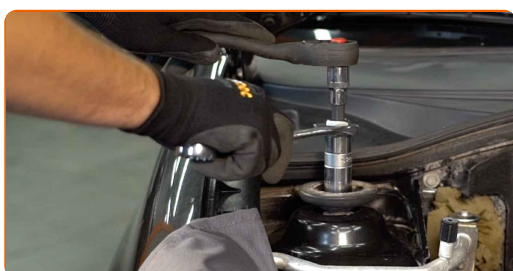
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Clean the fasteners of the shock strut upper mount. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.



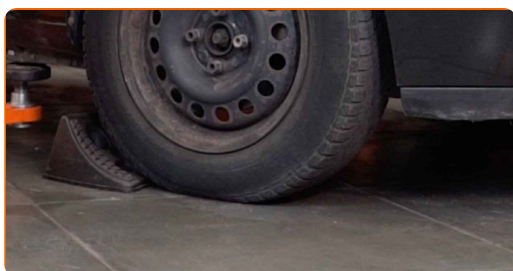
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Loosen the upper fastener of the shock strut mount. Use HEX No.H6. Use a combination spanner #21. Use a ratchet wrench.



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Secure the wheels with chocks.

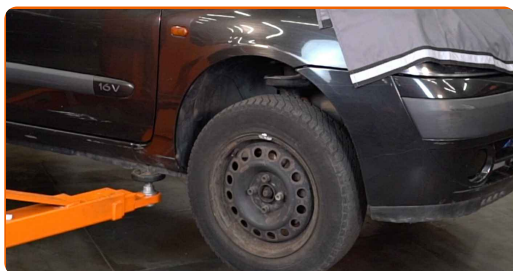


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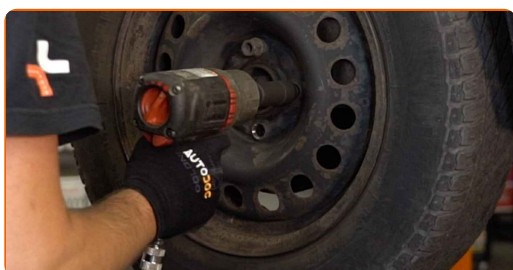
Loosen the wheel mounting bolts. Use wheel impact socket #19.



**7** Raise the front of the car and secure on supports.



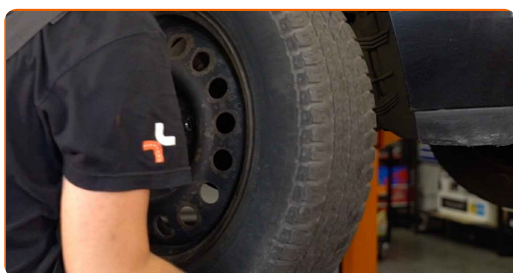
**8** Unscrew the wheel bolts.



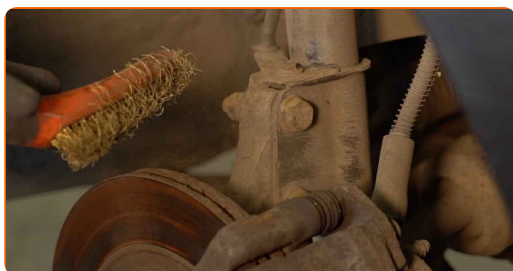
Replacement: suspension strut – Renault Clio 2. AUTODOC recommends:

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

**9** Remove the wheel.



**10** Clean the fasteners connecting the shock strut to the steering knuckle. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.



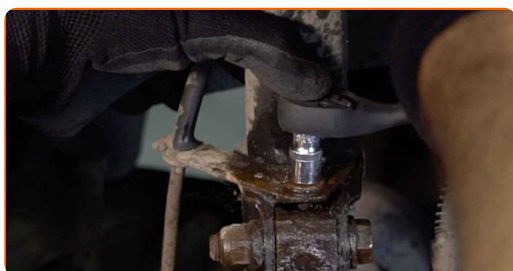
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Unscrew the lower fastener connecting the shock strut to the steering knuckle. Use a combination spanner #18. Use a drive socket #18. Use a tap wrench.



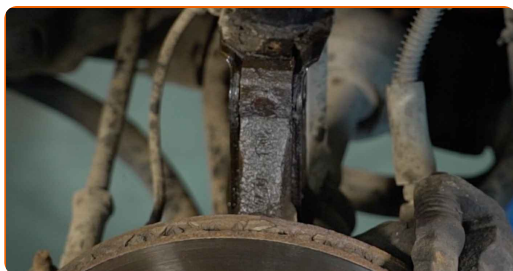
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Unscrew the ABS cable holder. Use a drive socket #10. Use a ratchet wrench.



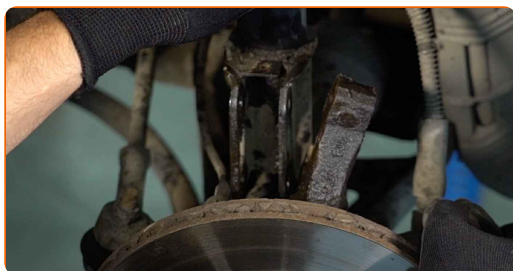
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Remove the fastening bolts.

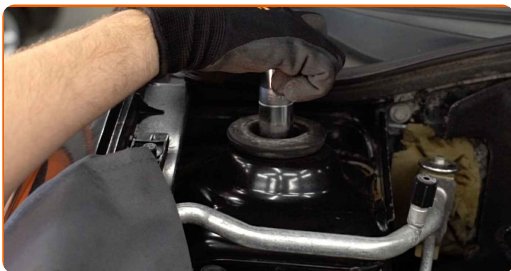


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Disconnect the steering knuckle from the shock absorber strut.



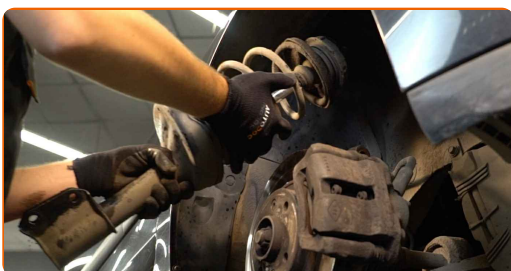
**15** Unscrew the top fastening of the shock strut mount. Use a drive socket #21.



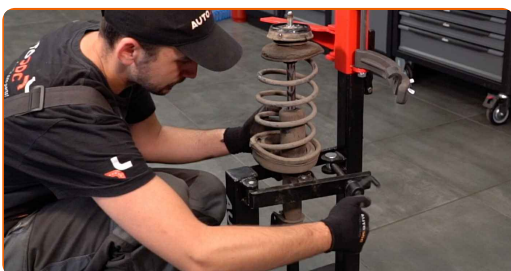
**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Renault Clio 2 – To avoid injury, hold the suspension strut while unscrewing the fastening bolts.

**16** Remove the suspension strut.



**17** Set the shock absorber strut on the spring compressor tool.

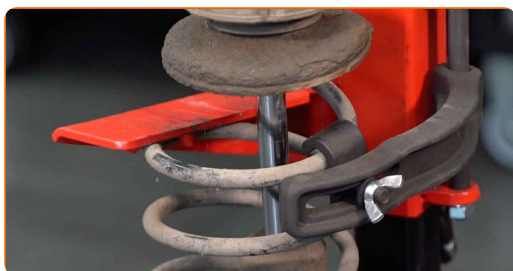




Replacement: suspension strut – Renault Clio 2. AUTODOC experts recommend:

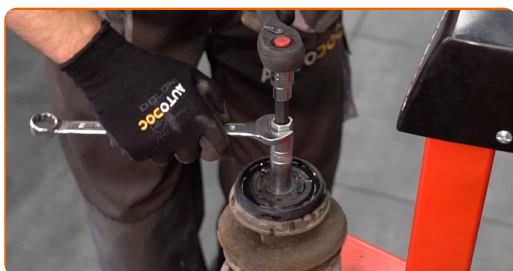
- Note that when using a spring compressor, spring coils need to be securely gripped, compressing the spring on the opposite sides.
- Ensure the correct position of the spring in the retainer.
- Make sure that the spring coils tightly entered the lock handles.

**18** Compress the spring.



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

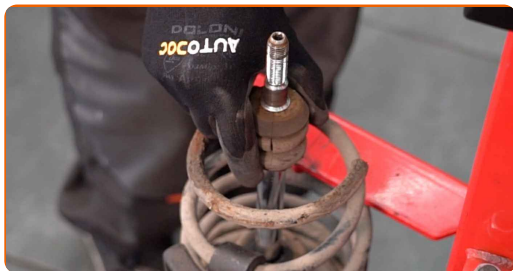
**20** Remove the strut piston rod nut. Use a drive socket #17. Use HEX No.H6. Use a ratchet wrench.



**21** Remove the top strut mount.



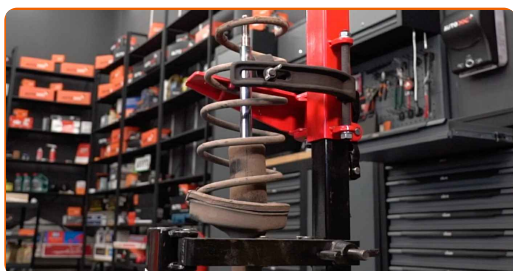
**22** Remove the shock absorber dust cap and the bump stop.



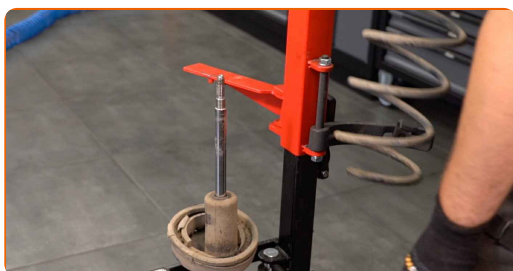
**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Replacement: suspension strut – Renault Clio 2. Carefully inspect the mount, the boot, and the bump stop of the shock absorber. Replace if necessary.

**23** Release the coil spring.



**24** Remove the spring.



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



Replacement: suspension strut – Renault Clio 2. Tip from AUTODOC experts:

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

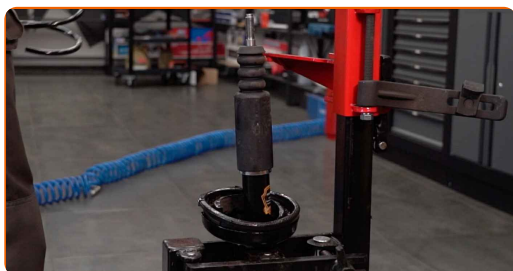
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Install the new shock absorber on the hydraulic coil spring compressor.



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



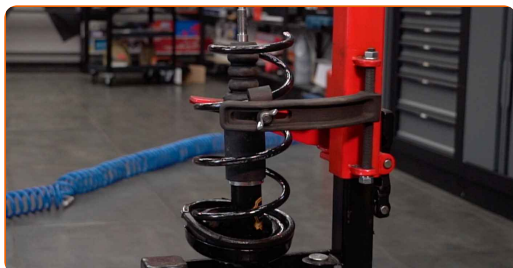
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Install the spring on the shock absorber.



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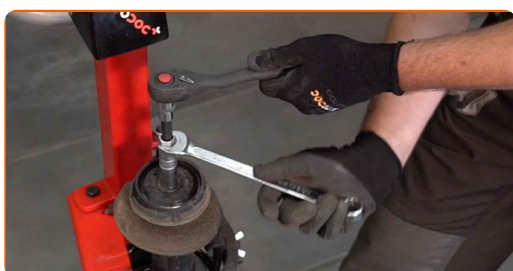
Compress the spring.



**30** Install the upper strut mount and the strut mount bearing.



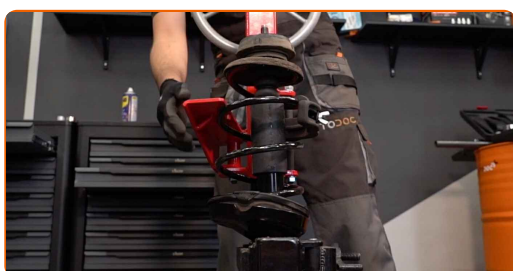
**31** Tighten the shock strut piston rod nut. Use a drive socket #17. Use HEX No.H6. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 21 Nm torque.



**Replacement: suspension strut – Renault Clio 2. Tip:**

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

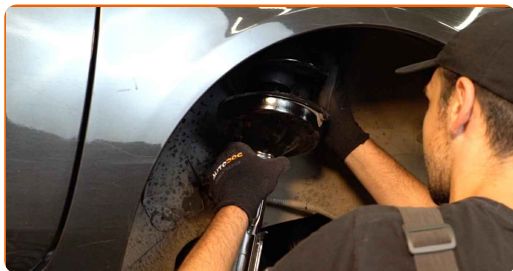
**32** Decompress the spring.



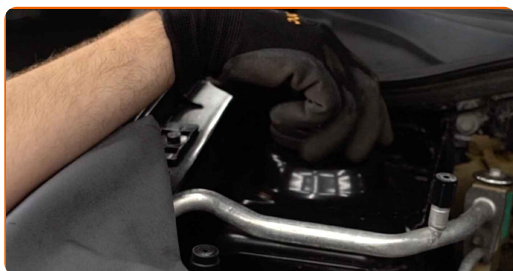
**33** Remove the assembled shock strut.



**34** Install the shock strut into the wheel arch.



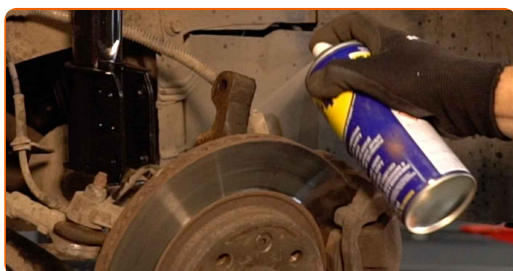
**35** Screw the top fastening of the shock strut mount. Do not tighten it.



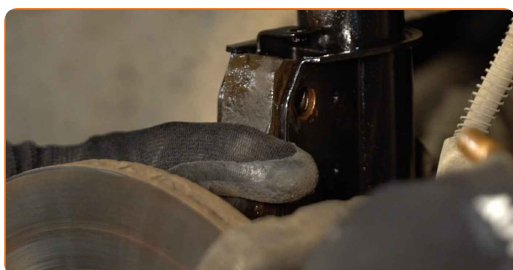
**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Important! Hold the suspension strut while screwing in the fastening bolts.  
Renault Clio 2

**36** Treat the shock strut mounting seat on the steering knuckle. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.



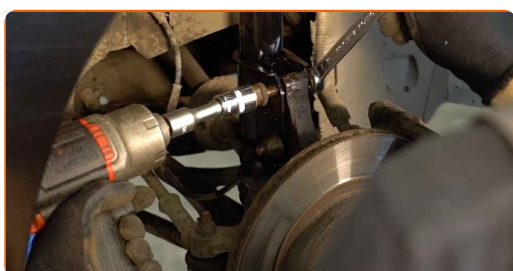
**37** Fix the shock absorber strut on the steering knuckle.



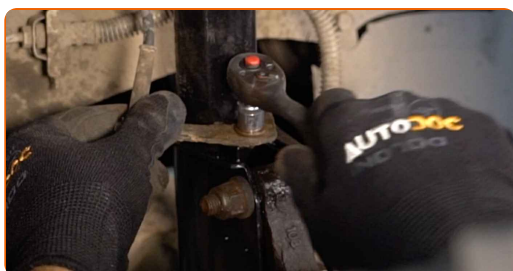
**38** Install the fastening bolts.



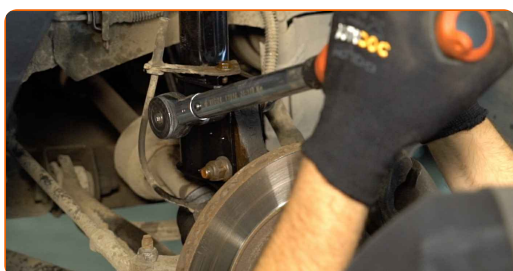
**39** Screw in the fastener that connects the shock strut to the steering knuckle. Use a combination spanner #18. Use a drive socket #18.



**40** Tighten the ABS cable holder. Use a drive socket #10. Use a ratchet wrench.



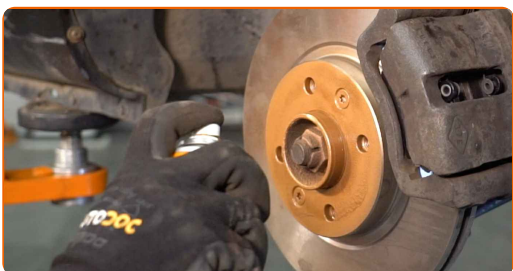
**41** Tighten the lower fasteners connecting the shock strut to the steering knuckle. Use a combination spanner #18. Use a drive socket #18. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 110 Nm torque.



**42** Treat the shock strut fasteners. Use copper grease.



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



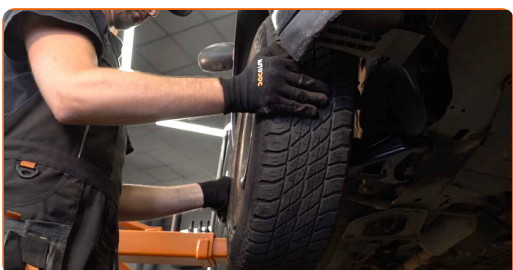
**44** Clean the brake disk surface. Use a brake cleaner.



**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Replacement: suspension strut – Renault Clio 2. After applying the spray, wait a few minutes.

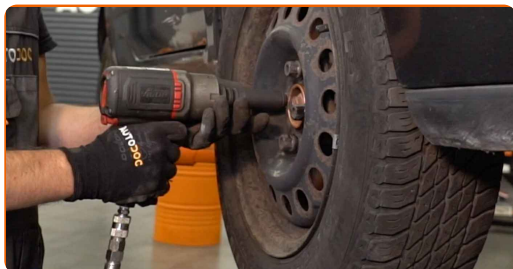
**45** Install the wheel.



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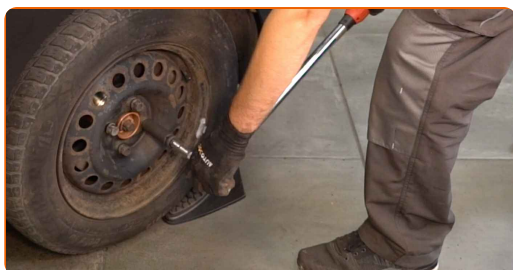
- To avoid injury, hold up the wheel when screwing in the fastening bolts.

**46** Screw in the wheel bolts. Use wheel impact socket #19.

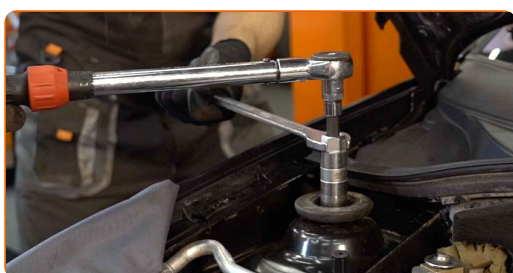


**47** Lower the car.

**48** Tighten the wheel bolts using a criss-cross pattern. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 90 Nm torque.



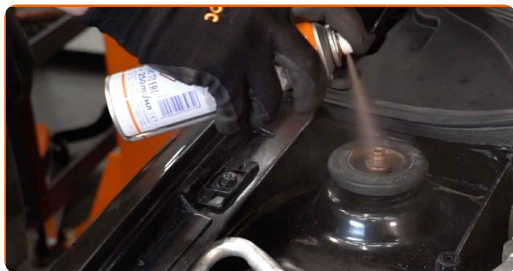
**49** Tighten the upper fastener of the shock absorber strut mount. Use a drive socket #21. Use HEX No.H6. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 60 Nm torque.





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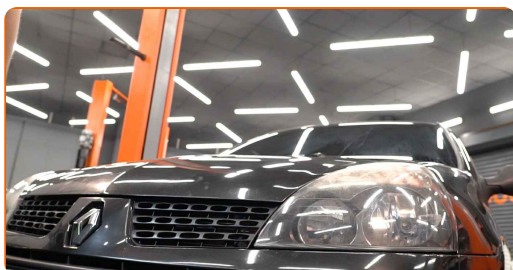
Treat the fasteners of the shock strut mount. Use copper grease.

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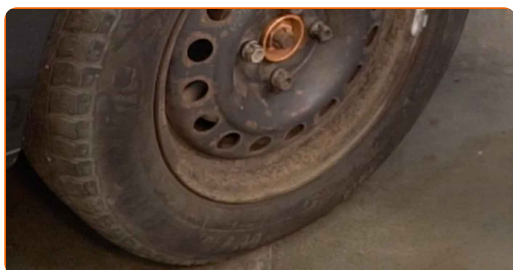
Remove the fender protection cover.

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Close the hood.

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Remove the jacks and chocks.

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