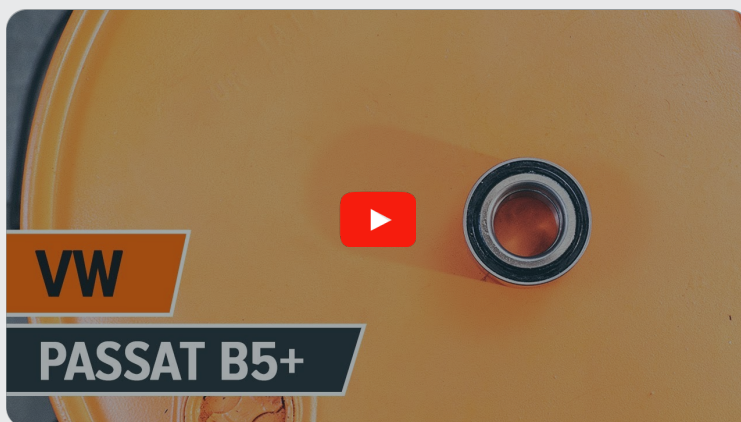




How to change front  
wheel bearing on **VW**  
**Passat B5 Variant** –  
replacement guide

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** Important!**

This replacement procedure can be used for:

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The steps may slightly vary depending on the car design.

**REPLACEMENT: WHEEL BEARING – VW PASSAT B5  
VARIANT. TOOLS YOU MIGHT NEED:**



- Wire brush
- WD-40 spray
- Brake cleaner
- Copper grease
- Combination spanner #16
- Combination spanner #18
- Drive socket # 13
- Drive socket # 16
- Drive socket # 18
- Drive socket # 27
- Wheel impact socket #17
- Ratchet wrench
- Torque wrench
- Ball joint puller
- Bush and bearing driver set
- Flat Screwdriver
- Crow bar
- Pin punch
- Tap wrench
- Hammer
- Rubber mallet
- Wheel chock

**BUY TOOLS**

**Replacement: wheel bearing – VW Passat B5 Variant. AUTODOC recommends:**

- Do not re-use the bearing assembly of your VOLKSWAGEN PASSAT B5 car.
- The wheel hub bearing replacement procedure is identical for both wheels on the same axle.
- Please note: all work on the car – VW Passat B5 Variant – should be done with the engine switched off.

**CARRY OUT REPLACEMENT IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:**

**1** Secure the wheels with chocks.

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



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

**4** Unscrew the wheel bolts.

**Replacement: wheel bearing – VW Passat B5 Variant. Tip from AUTODOC experts:**

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

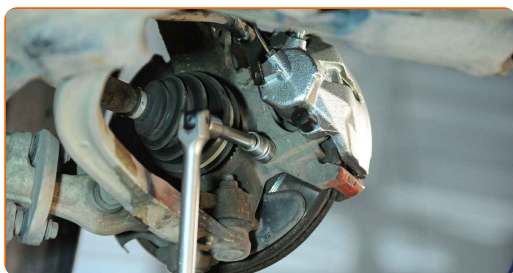
**5** Remove the wheel.



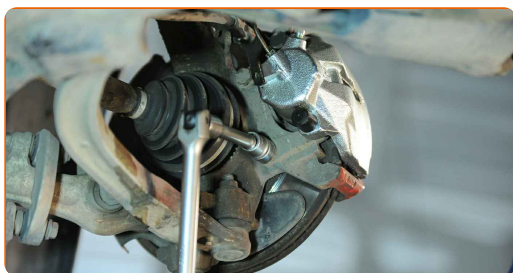
**6** Unscrew the wheel hub axle nut. Use a drive socket #27.



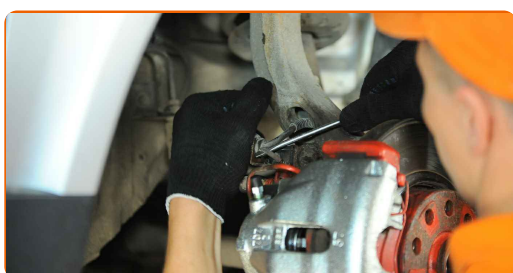
**7** Spread the brake pads. Use a flat screwdriver.



**8** Unscrew the caliper bracket fastening. Use a drive socket #18. Use a ratchet wrench. Use a tap wrench.

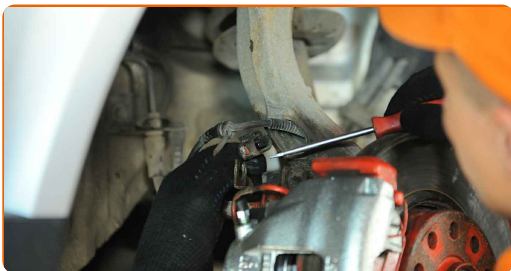


**9** Disconnect the ABS sensor electric socket. Use a flat screwdriver.



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Disconnect the brake pad wear sensor plug. Use a flat screwdriver.



Please note!

- Some cars are not equipped with the brake pad wear sensor.

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Remove the brake caliper together with its bracket.



Replacement: wheel bearing – VW Passat B5 Variant. Professionals recommend:

- Tie the caliper to the suspension or to the body with a wire without disconnecting from the brake hose to prevent depressurization of the brake system.
- Make sure that the brake caliper is not hanging on the brake hose.
- Don't press the brake pedal after the brake caliper has been removed. As a result, the piston can fall out from the brake cylinder, and brake fluid leakage and depressurization of the system may occur.
- Check the brake caliper bracket, brake caliper guide pins and boots. Clean them. Replace, if necessary.

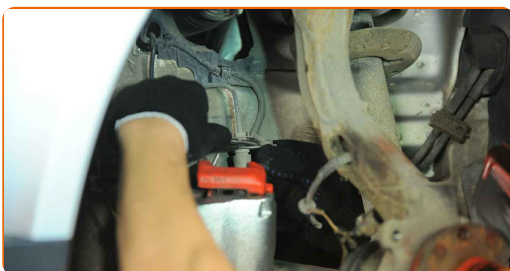
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Remove the brake disc. Use a rubber mallet.



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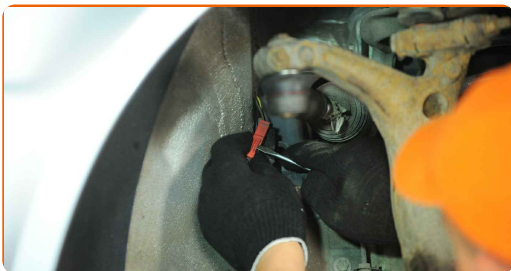
Disconnect the ABS sensor wiring.





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Use a flat screwdriver.

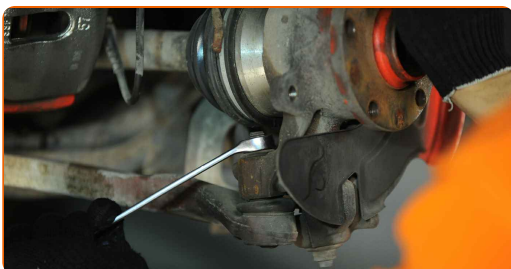


**14**

Clean the fastener connecting the ball joint to the steering knuckle. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.

**15**

Unscrew the ball joint fastening to the steering knuckle. Use a combination spanner #18.



**16**

Disconnect the ball joint from the steering knuckle. Use a ball joint puller. Use a hammer.



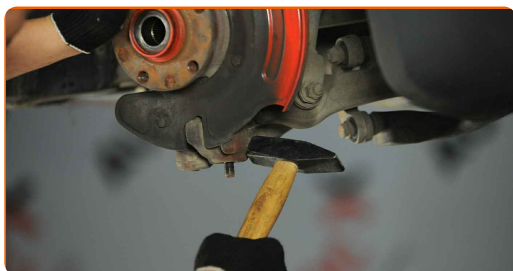
**17**

Unscrew the ball joint fastening to the steering knuckle. Use a drive socket #18. Use a ratchet wrench.



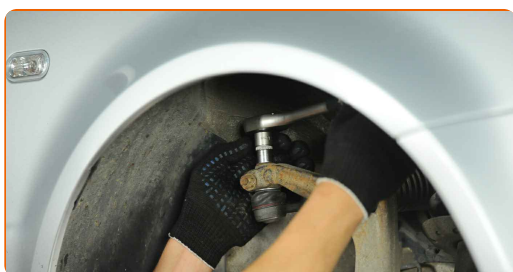


**18** Disconnect the ball joint from the steering knuckle. Use a crowbar. Use a hammer.



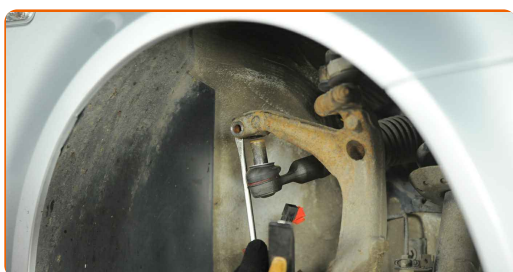
**19** Clean the fastener connecting the tie rod end to the steering knuckle. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.

**20** Unscrew the end fastening nut to the steering knuckle. Use a drive socket #13. Use a ratchet wrench.



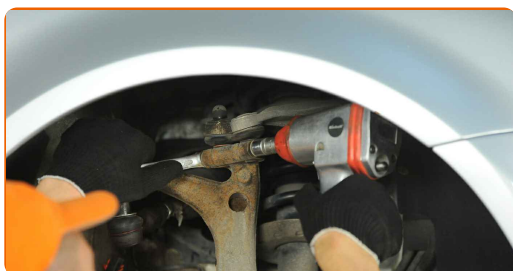
**21** Unscrew the end fastening nut to the steering knuckle. Use a drive socket #16. Use a ratchet wrench.

**22** Disconnect the tie rod end from the steering knuckle. Use a flat screwdriver. Use a hammer.



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

- 24 Unscrew the upper arm fastenings. Use a combination spanner #16. Use a drive socket #16. Use a ratchet wrench.



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

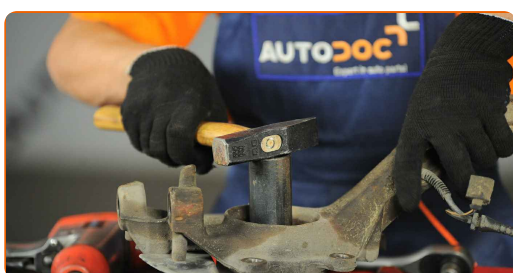
- 26 Release the fastener that connects the control arm ball joint to the steering knuckle. Use a flat screwdriver. Use a pin punch. Use a hammer.

- 27 Detach the upper control arm from the steering knuckle.

- 28 Remove the steering knuckle together with the hub.



- 29 Press the wheel hub out from the tapered roller bearing. Use a bush and bearing driver set. Use a hammer.



- 30 Press out the wheel hub bearing. Use a bush and bearing driver set.

Replacement: wheel bearing – VW Passat B5 Variant. AUTODOC recommends:

- Apply special grease to the bearing assembly mounting seat.

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Press the new bearing in the steering knuckle. Use a bush and bearing driver set.



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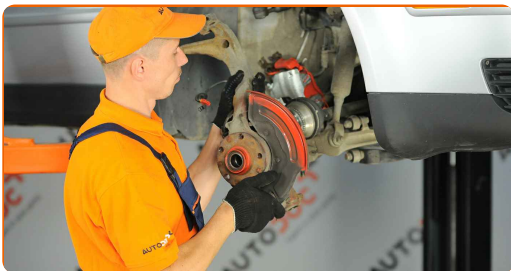
- Check to make sure the wheel hub bearing is positioned correctly. Avoid its misalignment.
- Stop pressing on the surface of the bearing immediately after it has been fitted into its mounting seat.

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Press the wheel hub into the bearing inner race. Use a bush and bearing driver set.

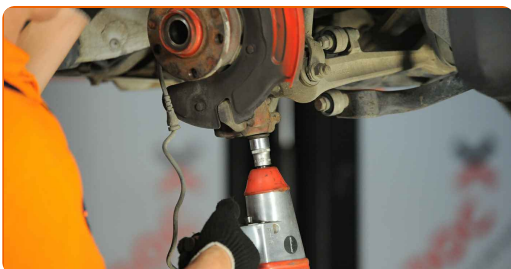


**33** Install the steering knuckle with a hub in assembly.

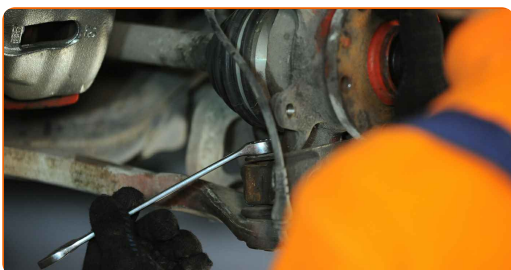


**34** Clean the ball joint mounting seat. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.

**35** Connect the ball joint to the steering knuckle.



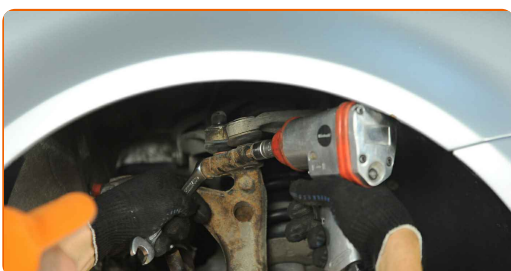
**36** Tighten the ball joint fastener. Use a drive socket #18. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 100 Nm torque.



**37** Install the fastening bolt. Use a hammer.

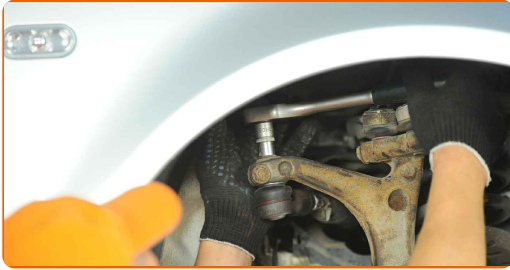
**38** Attach the upper control arm to the steering knuckle. Use a flat screwdriver.

**39** Tighten the upper arm fastenings. Use a combination spanner #16. Use a drive socket #16. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 40 Nm torque.



**40**

Connect the tie rod end to the steering knuckle. Use a hammer.



**41**

Tighten the fastening nut connecting the tie rod end to the steering knuckle. Use a drive socket #13. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 7 nm torque.

**42**

Tighten the fastening nut connecting the tie rod end to the steering knuckle. Use a drive socket #16. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 45 nm torque.

**43**

Tighten the hub. Use a drive socket #27. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 115 Nm torque.+180°



**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Important! Be sure to use new fasteners.

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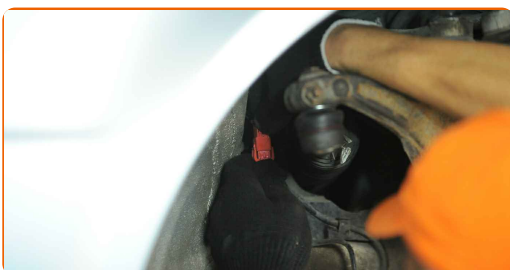
Connect the ball joint to the steering knuckle.

**45**

Tighten the ball joint fastener. Use a combination spanner #18. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 100 Nm torque.

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Secure the wiring in the wheel arch with clips. Use a flat screwdriver.

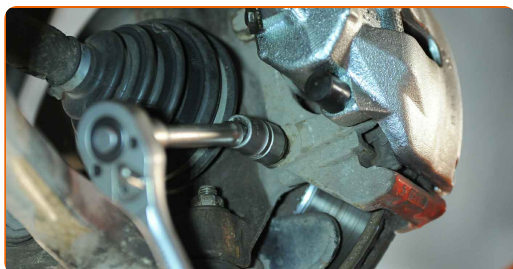


**47** Install the brake disc.

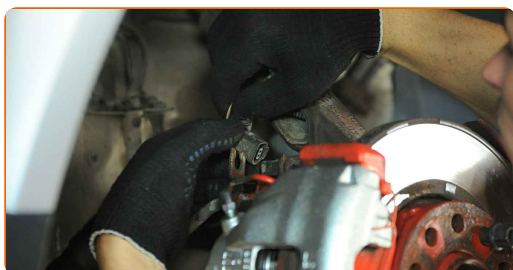


**48** Install the brake caliper together with its bracket.

**49** Tighten the brake caliper bracket. Use a drive socket #18. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 120 Nm torque.



**50** Connect the ABS sensor cable fastener.



**51** Connect the brake pads wear sensor.

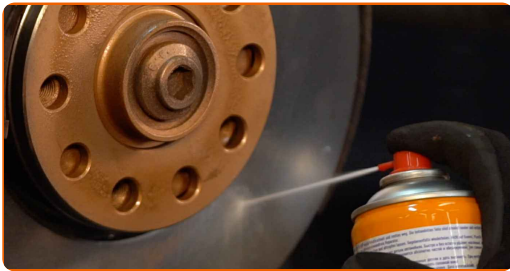


**52** Treat the surface where the brake disc contacts the wheel rim. Use copper grease.



**53**

Clean the brake disk surface. Use a brake cleaner.



**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Replacement: wheel bearing – VW Passat B5 Variant. After applying the spray, wait a few minutes.

**54**

Install the wheel.



**Replacement: wheel bearing – VW Passat B5 Variant. Tip from AUTODOC:**

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

**55**

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



**56**

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

**57**

Remove the jacks and chocks.

**WELL DONE!** 

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