



# How to change rear lower arm on **BMW E60** – replacement guide

## VIDEO TUTORIAL



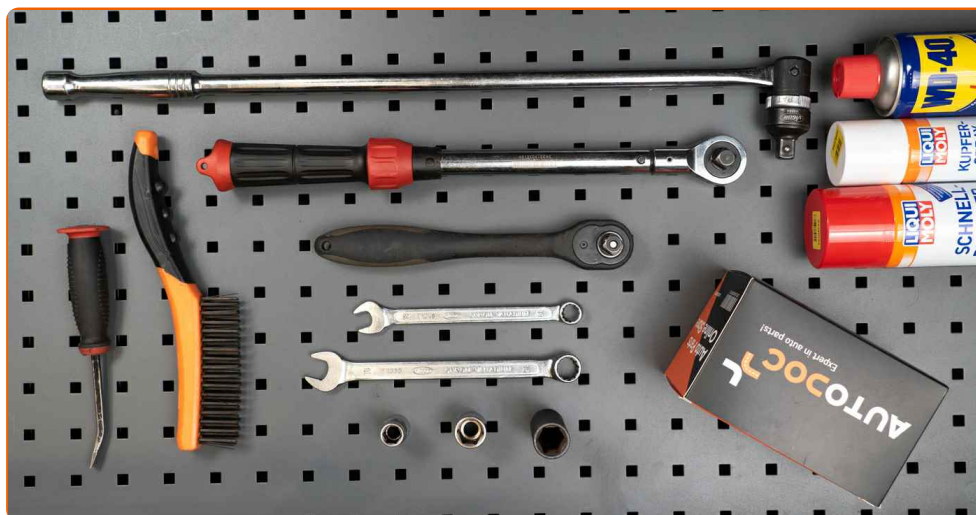
### **ⓘ Important!**

This replacement procedure can be used for:

BMW 7 (E65, E66, E67) 730d 3.0, BMW 7 (E65, E66, E67) 735i / Li 3.6, BMW 7 (E65, E66, E67) 745i / Li 4.4, BMW 7 (E65, E66, E67) 740d 3.9, BMW 7 (E65, E66, E67) 760i / Li 6.0, BMW 5 Saloon (E60) 520i 2.2, BMW 5 Saloon (E60) 530i 3.0, BMW 5 Saloon (E60) 530d 3.0, BMW 5 Saloon (E60) 525i 2.5, BMW 5 Saloon (E60) 545i 4.4, BMW 5 Touring (E61) 525i 2.5, BMW 5 Touring (E61) 545i 4.4, BMW 5 Touring (E61) 530d 3.0, BMW 6 Coupe (E63) 645Ci 4.4, BMW 6 Convertible (E64) 645Ci 4.4, (+ 52)

The steps may slightly vary depending on the car design.

## REPLACEMENT: REAR LOWER ARM – BMW E60. TOOLS YOU MIGHT NEED:



- Wire brush
- WD-40 spray
- Brake cleaner
- Copper grease
- Combination spanner #18
- Combination spanner #21
- Drive socket # 10
- Wheel impact socket #17
- Ratchet wrench
- Torque wrench
- Flat Screwdriver
- Crow bar
- Hydraulic transmission jack
- Wheel chock

**BUY TOOLS**

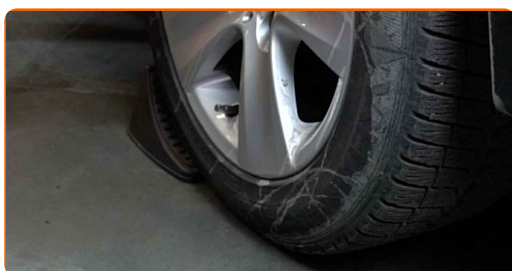
### Replacement: rear lower arm – BMW E60. Tip from AUTODOC experts:

- The replacement procedure is identical for the right and left upper control arms.
- Please note: all work on the car – BMW E60 – should be done with the engine switched off.

## CARRY OUT REPLACEMENT IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

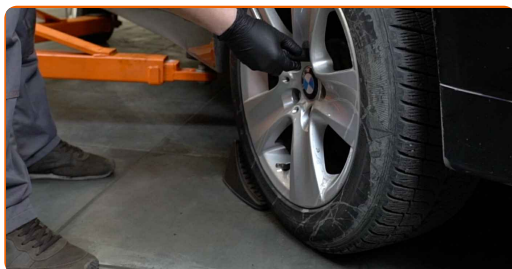
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Secure the wheels with chocks.



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



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Raise the rear of the car and secure on supports.

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Unscrew the wheel bolts.



## Replacement: rear lower arm – BMW E60. Tip:

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

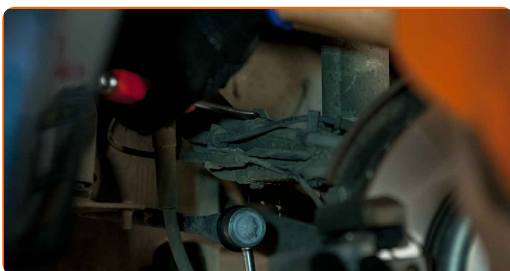
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Remove the wheel.



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Disconnect the ABS sensor wiring. Use a flat screwdriver.



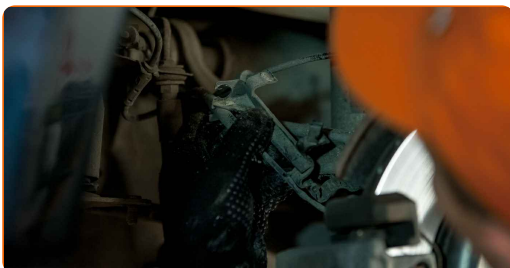
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Disconnect the brake pad wear sensor cable. Use a flat screwdriver.



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Remove the mounting bracket of the ABS sensor wiring from the upper arm. Use a flat screwdriver.

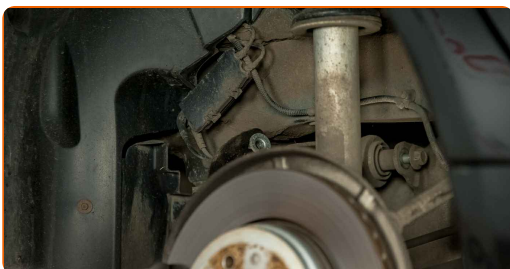


**9** Clean all joints of the arm. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.

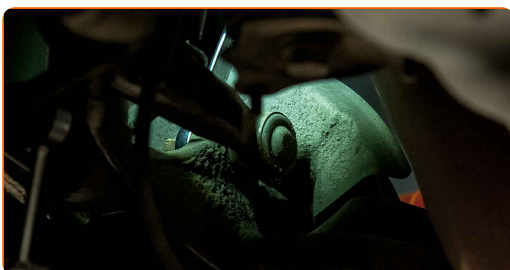
**10** Unscrew the front arm fastener. Use a combination spanner #18 (2 pieces).



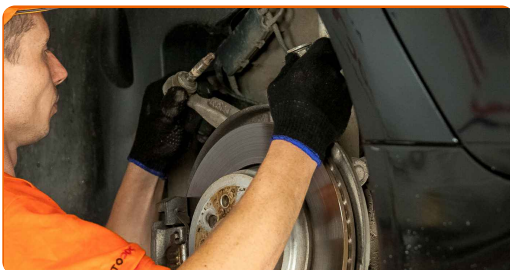
**11** Remove the front fastener of the control arm. Use a crowbar. Use a flat screwdriver.



**12** Unscrew the fastener connecting the control arm to the rear knuckle. Use a combination spanner #21. Use a drive socket #10. Use a ratchet wrench.



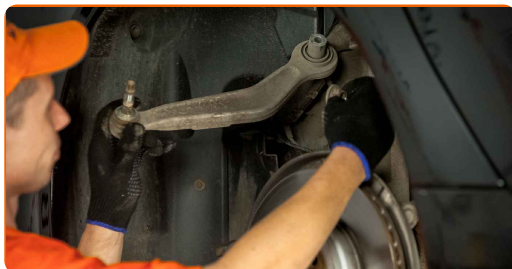
**13** Detach the suspension arm from the rear knuckle.





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Remove the arm.

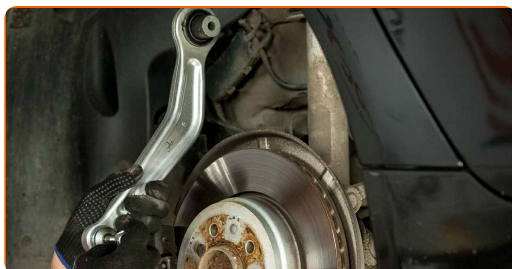


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Clean the mounting seats and the thread of the suspension arm. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.

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Install a new arm.



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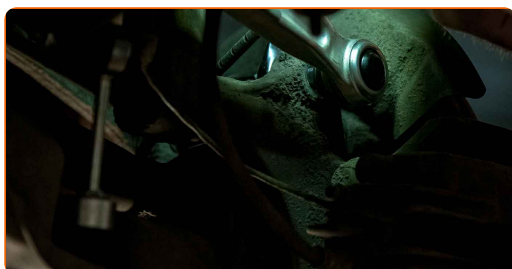
- During the installation process, use only new bolts and nuts.
- Do not damage the ball joint cover.

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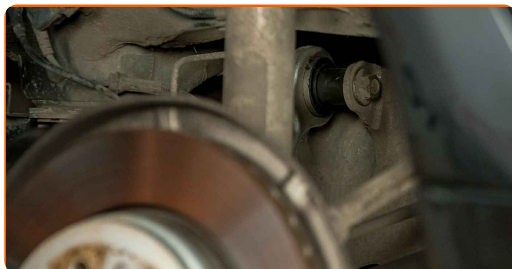
Attach the suspension arm to the rear knuckle.

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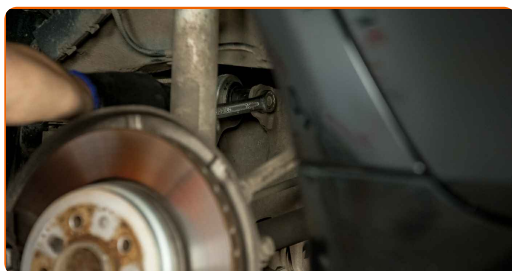
Tighten the fastener connecting the suspension arm to the rear knuckle. Use a combination spanner #21. Use a drive socket #10. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 165 Nm torque.



- 19 Install the front fastener of the arm.



- 20 Screw the front arm fastener. Use a combination spanner #18 (2 pieces).



- 21 Support the stub axle. Use a hydraulic transmission jack.



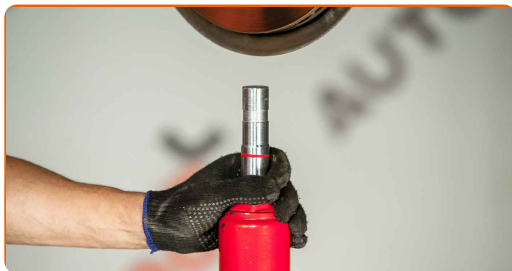
- 22 Tighten the front fastener connecting the control arm to the subframe. Use a combination spanner #18 (2 pieces). Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 100 Nm torque.





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Remove the support from under the stub axle.

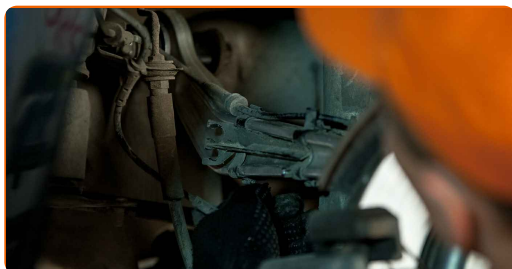


### AUTODOC recommends:

- Replacement: rear lower arm – BMW E60. Lower the transmission jack smoothly, without jerks, to avoid damaging components and mechanisms.

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Install the mounting bracket of the ABS sensor wiring onto the upper arm.

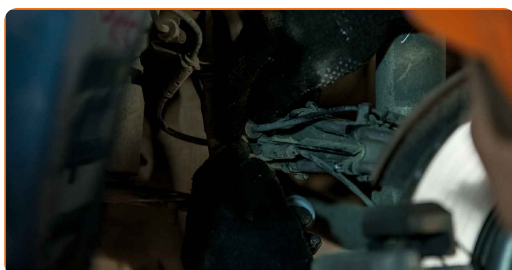


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Connect the brake pad wear sensor cable.

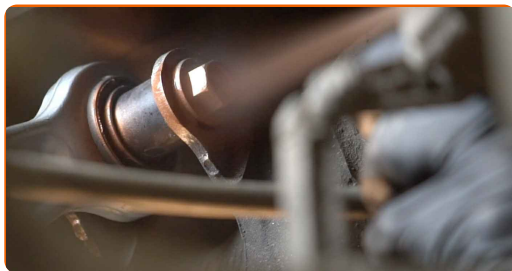
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Connect the ABS sensor wiring.



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Treat all joints of the arm. Use copper grease.



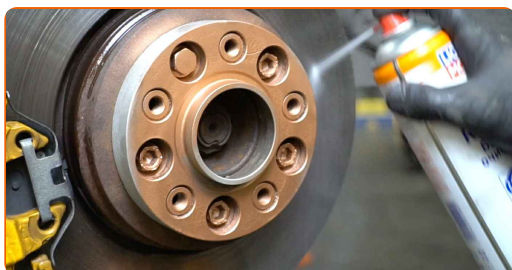
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Treat the surface where the brake disc contacts the wheel rim. Use copper grease.



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Clean the brake disk surface. Use a brake cleaner.



Replacement: rear lower arm – BMW E60. AUTODOC experts recommend:

- After applying the spray, wait a few minutes.

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Install the wheel.



### AUTODOC recommends:

- Warning! To avoid injury, hold the wheel while screwing in the fastening bolts on the car. BMW E60

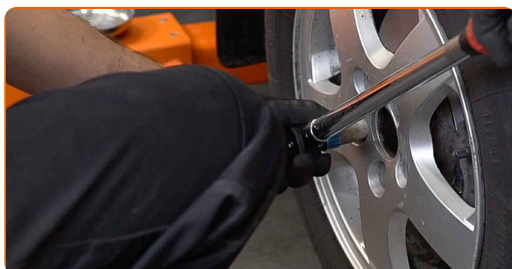
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Screw in the wheel bolts. Use wheel impact socket #17.



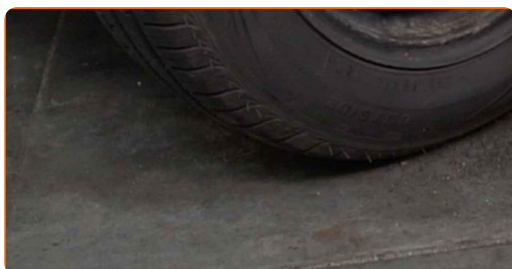
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Lower the car and working in a cross order, tighten the wheel bolts. Use wheel impact socket #17. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 120 Nm torque.



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Remove the jacks and chocks.



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