



How to change front  
suspension strut on  
**Honda Accord VIII CU** –  
replacement guide

## VIDEO TUTORIAL

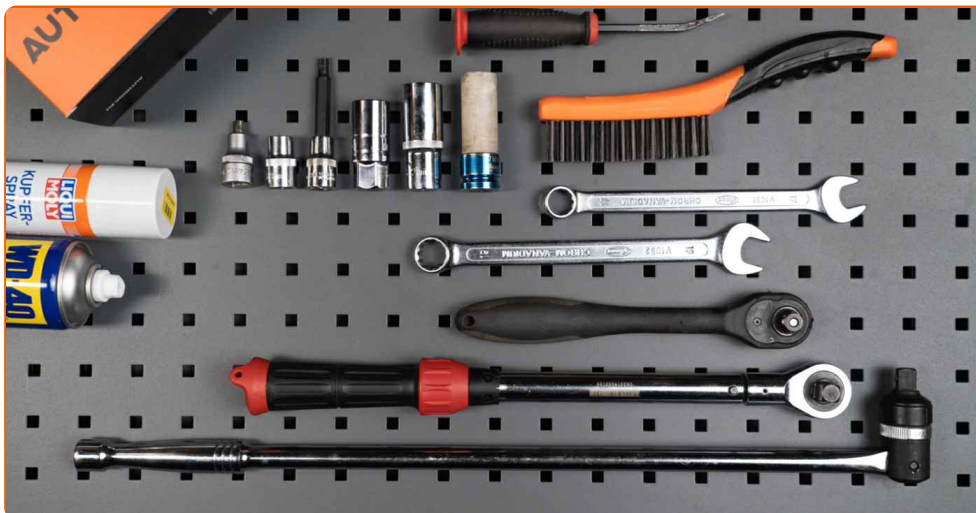
** Important!**

This replacement procedure can be used for:

HONDA ACCORD VIII (CU) 2.0 i (CU1), HONDA ACCORD VIII (CU) 2.2 i-DTEC (CU3),  
HONDA ACCORD VIII Estate 2.0 i (CW1), HONDA ACCORD VIII Estate 2.4 i (CW2),  
HONDA ACCORD VIII Estate 2.2 i-DTEC (CW3)

The steps may slightly vary depending on the car design.

**REPLACEMENT: SUSPENSION STRUT – HONDA ACCORD VIII CU. TOOLS YOU MIGHT NEED:**



- Wire brush
- WD-40 spray
- Copper grease
- Combination spanner #14
- Combination spanner #17
- Drive socket # 12
- Drive socket # 14
- Drive socket # 17
- HEX bit No.H6.
- Wheel impact socket #19
- Ratchet wrench
- Torque wrench
- Pin punch
- Tap wrench
- Hammer
- Flat chisel
- Rubber mallet
- Crow bar
- Hydraulic strut spring compressor
- Hydraulic transmission jack
- Fender cover
- Wheel chock

**BUY TOOLS**

### Replacement: suspension strut – Honda Accord VIII CU. 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 – HONDA ACCORD VIII CU. USE THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURE:

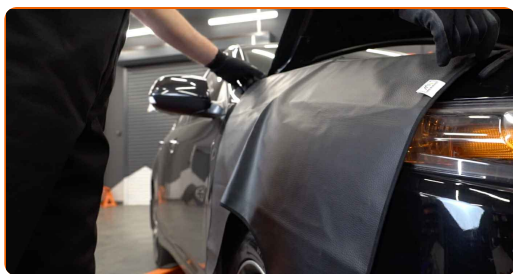
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Open the bonnet.



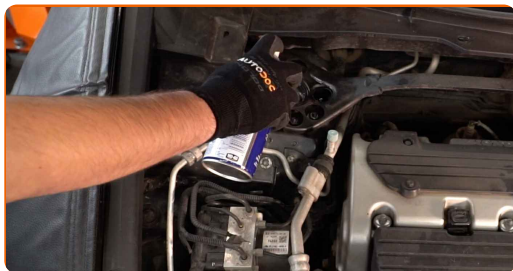
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Use a fender protection cover to prevent damaging paintwork and plastic parts of the car.



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



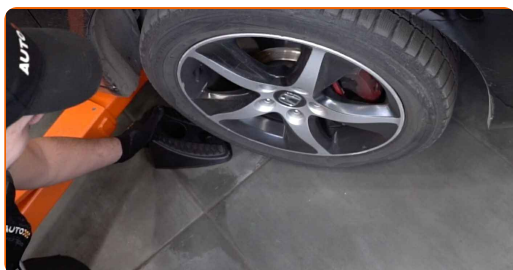
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Loosen the upper fastener of the shock strut mount. Use a drive socket #14. Use a ratchet wrench.



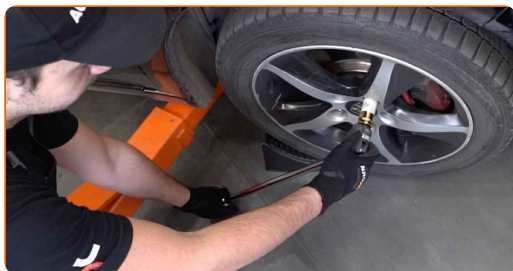
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Secure the wheels with chocks.

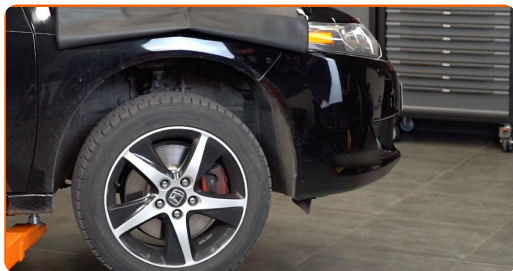


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Loosen the wheel mounting bolts. Use wheel impact socket #19.



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



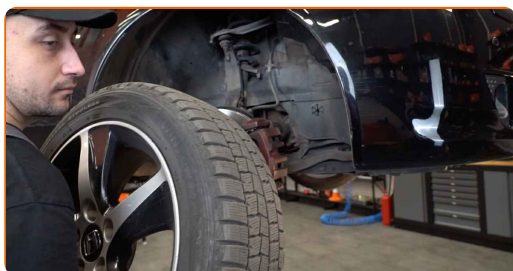
**8** Unscrew the wheel bolts.



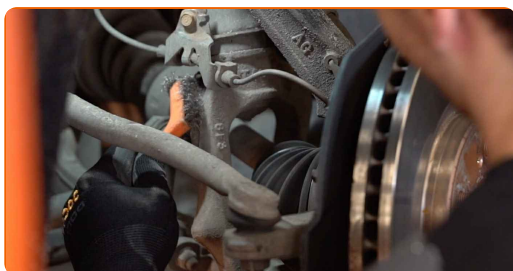
**Replacement: suspension strut – Honda Accord VIII CU. Tip:**

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

**9** Remove the wheel.



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



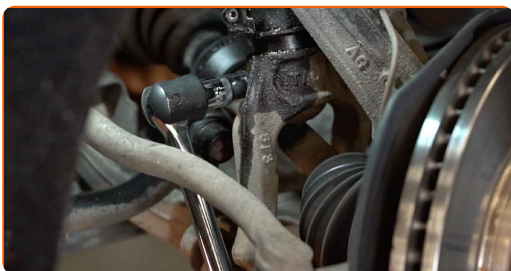
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Unscrew the ABS cable holder. Use a drive socket #12. Use a ratchet wrench.



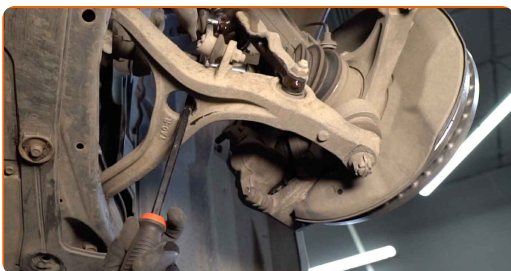
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Unscrew the fastening bolt that connects the shock strut with the shock absorber fork. Use a drive socket #14. Use a tap wrench.



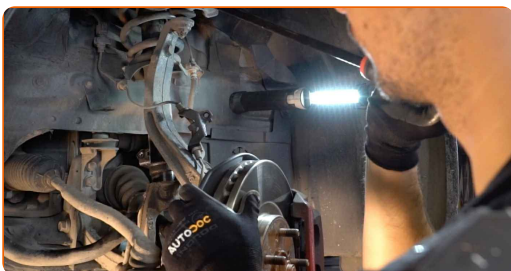
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Undo the fastener that connects the shock strut with the shock absorber fork. Use a crowbar. Use a hammer.



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Pull aside the shock strut from its mounting seat.



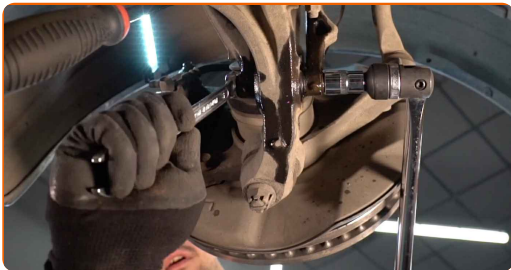
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Clean the fastening bolt that connects the shock absorber fork with the lower control arm. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.



**16**

Unscrew the fastening bolt that connects the shock absorber fork with the lower control arm. Use a combination spanner #17. Use a drive socket #17. Use a tap wrench.



**17**

Remove the fastening bolt. Use a pin punch. Use a rubber mallet.



**18**

Detach the shock absorber fork from the shock strut. Use a flat metal-working chisel. Use a hammer.





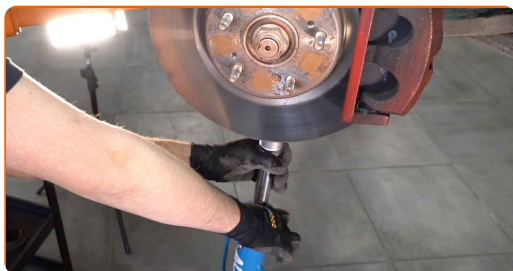
**19** Unscrew the top fastening of the shock strut mount. Use a drive socket #14. Use a ratchet wrench.



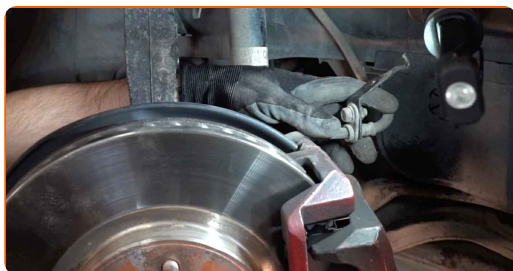
**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Important! Hold the suspension strut while unscrewing the fastening bolts.  
Honda Accord VIII CU

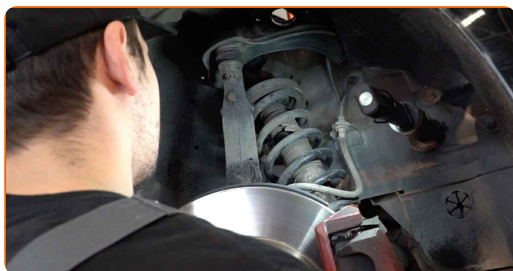
**20** Support the arm. Use a hydraulic transmission jack.



**21** Disconnect the brake hose mounting bracket. Use a drive socket #12. Use a ratchet wrench.



**22** Remove the suspension strut.



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Set the shock absorber strut on the spring compressor tool.

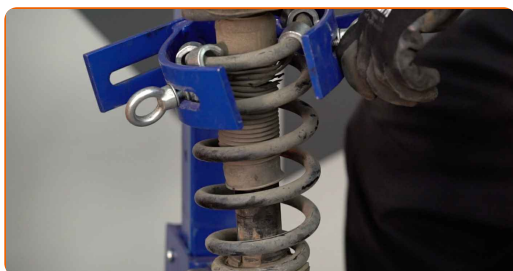


Replacement: suspension strut – Honda Accord VIII CU. Tip from AUTODOC experts:

- 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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Compress the spring.

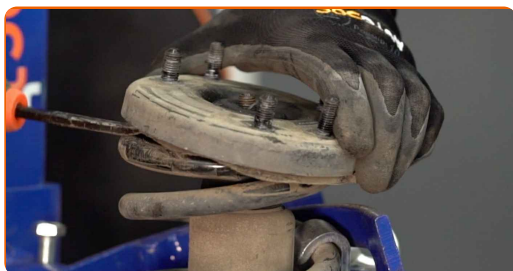


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Remove the strut piston rod nut. Use a combination spanner #14. Use HEX No.H6. Use a ratchet wrench.



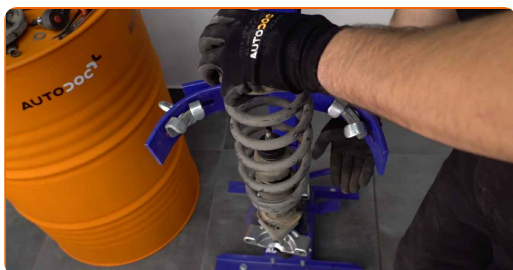
**26** Remove the top strut mount. Use a crowbar.



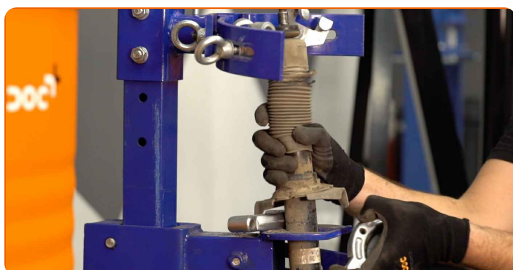
**27** Release the coil spring.



**28** Remove the spring.



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



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

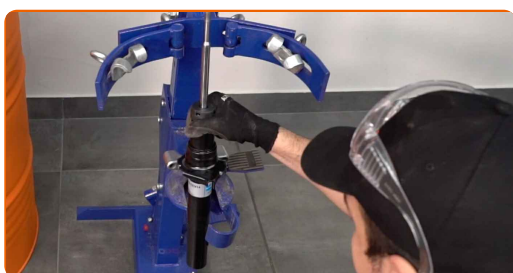


Replacement: suspension strut – Honda Accord VIII CU. Tip from AUTODOC:

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



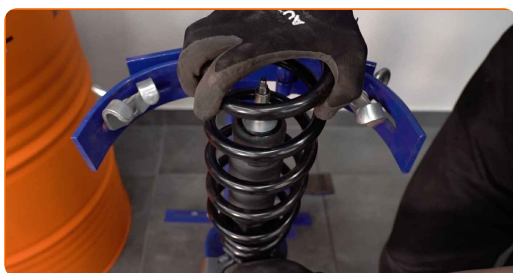
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Install the dust sleeve and the bump stop on the new shock absorber.



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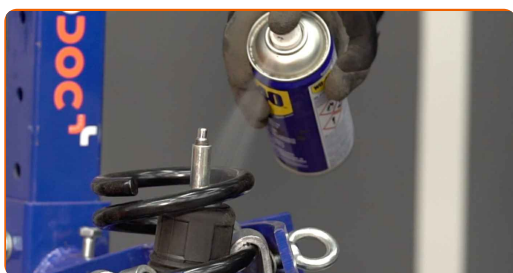
Install the spring on the shock absorber.



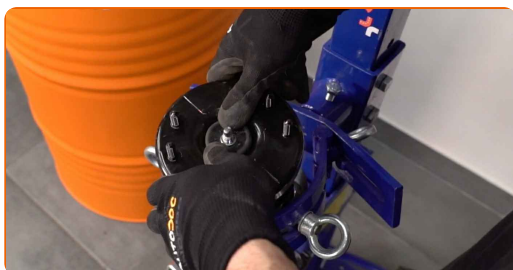
**34** Compress the spring.



**35** Treat the fasteners of the shock strut mount. Use WD-40 spray.



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



**37** Tighten the shock strut piston rod nut. Use a combination spanner #17. Use HEX No.H6. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 29 Nm torque.



**AUTODOC recommends:**

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

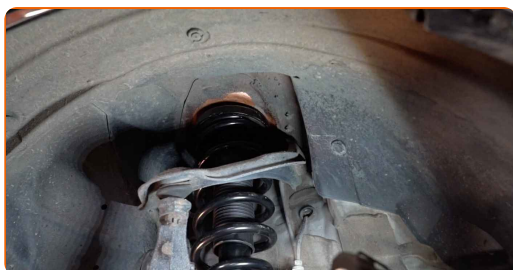
**38** Decompress the spring.



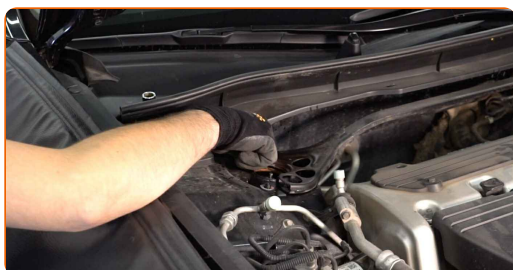
**39** Remove the assembled shock strut.



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



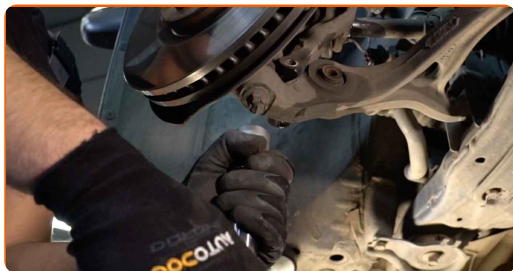
**41** Screw the top fastening of the shock strut mount. Do not tighten it.



**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Warning! To avoid injury, hold the wheel while screwing in the fastening bolts on the car. Honda Accord VIII CU

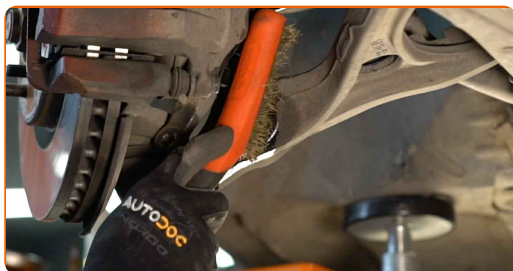
**42** Remove the support from under the arm.



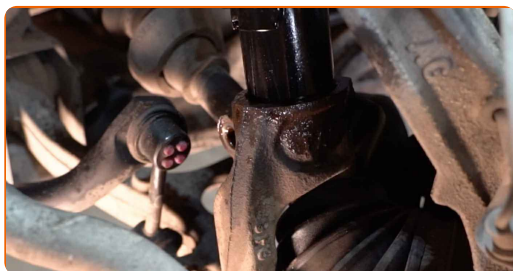
**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Replacement: suspension strut – Honda Accord VIII CU. Lower the transmission jack smoothly, without jerks, to avoid damaging components and mechanisms.

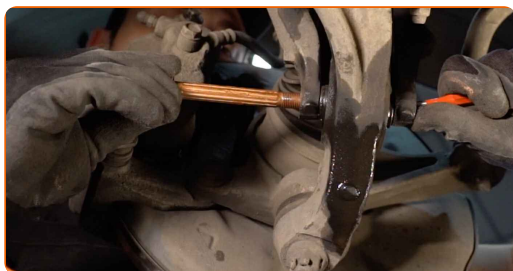
**43** Clean the mounting seats of the shock absorber fork. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.



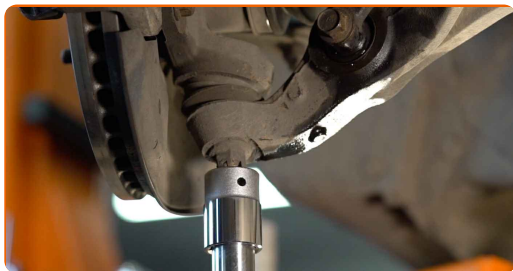
**44** Attach the shock absorber fork to the shock strut.



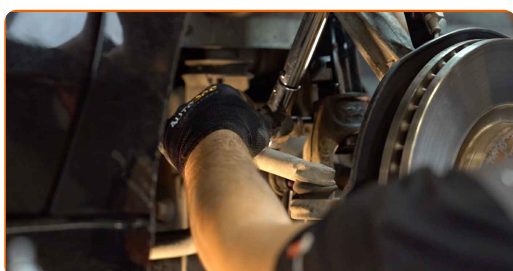
**45** Install the fastening bolt. Use a rubber mallet.



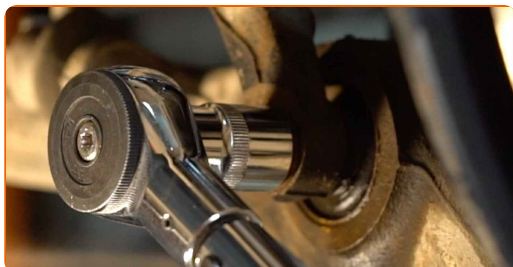
**46** Support the arm. Use a hydraulic transmission jack.



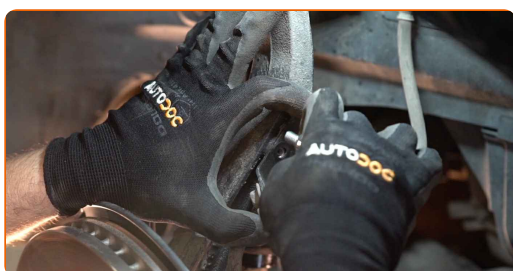
**47** Tighten the fastening bolt that connects the shock strut with the shock absorber fork. Use a drive socket #14. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 49 Nm torque.



**48** Tighten the fastening bolt that connects the shock absorber fork to the lower control arm. Use a combination spanner #17. Use a drive socket #17. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 64 Nm torque.



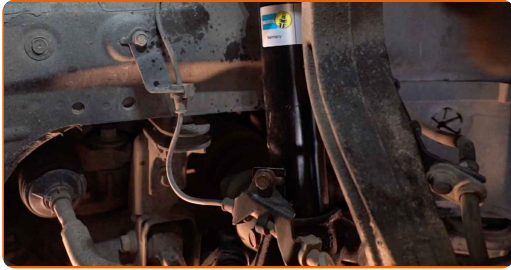
**49** Secure the brake hose fastening bracket. Use a drive socket #12. Use a ratchet wrench.





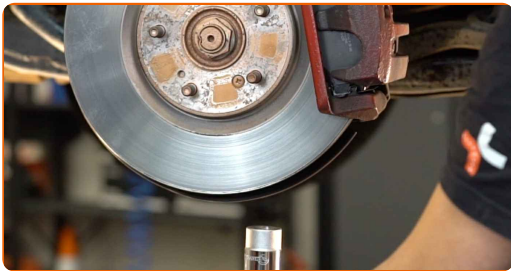
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Tighten the ABS cable holder. Use a drive socket #12. Use a ratchet wrench.



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Remove the support from under the arm.

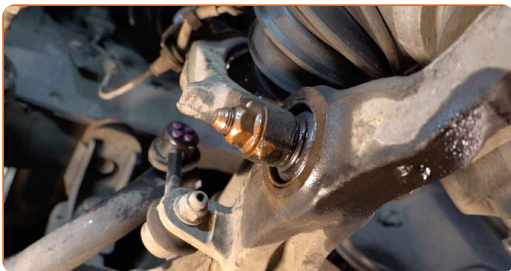


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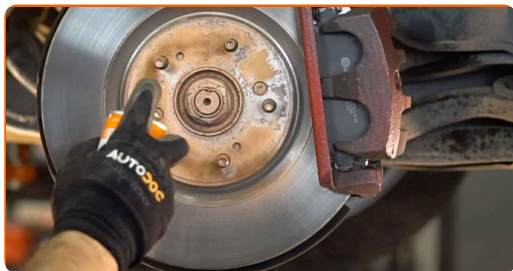
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Treat the shock strut fasteners. Use copper grease.



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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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Install the wheel.

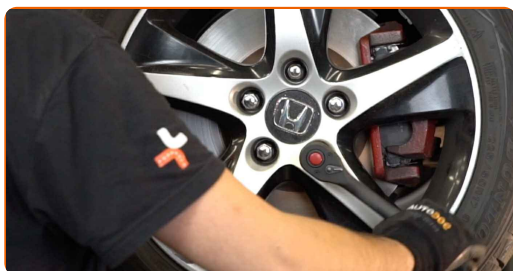


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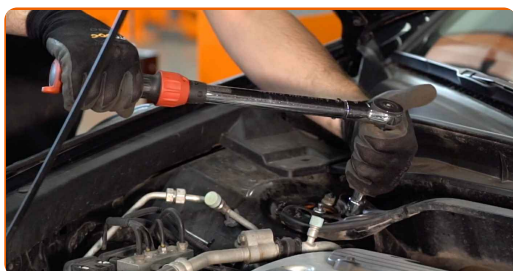
- To avoid injury, hold up the wheel when screwing in the fastening bolts.

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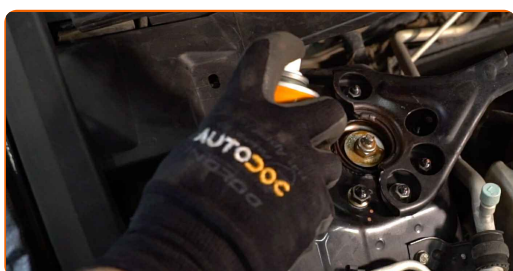
Screw in the wheel bolts. Use wheel impact socket #19.



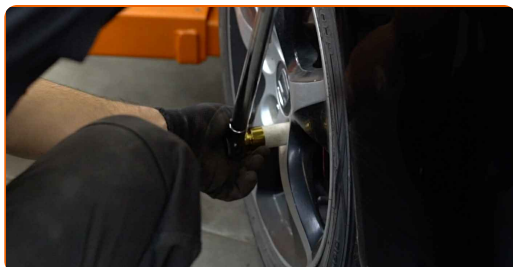
- 56 Tighten the upper fastener of the shock absorber strut mount. Use a drive socket #14. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 22 Nm torque.



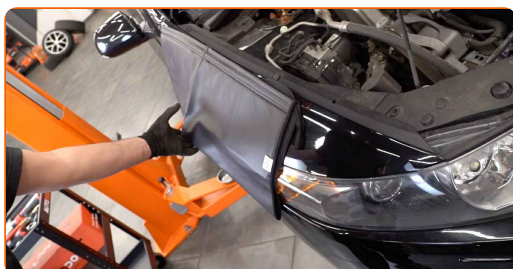
- 57 Treat the fasteners of the shock strut mount. Use copper grease.



- 58 Lower the car and working in a cross order, tighten the wheel bolts. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 108 Nm torque.



- 59 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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