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How to change rear coil springs on **Mercedes W168** – replacement guide







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### (i) Important!

This replacement procedure can be used for:

MERCEDES-BENZ A-Class (W168) A 140 (168.031, 168.131), MERCEDES-BENZ A-Class (W168) A 160 (168.033, 168.133), MERCEDES-BENZ A-Class (W168) A 160 CDI (168.007), MERCEDES-BENZ A-Class (W168) A 170 CDI (168.008), MERCEDES-BENZ A-Class (W168) A 190 (168.032, 168.132), MERCEDES-BENZ A-Class (W168) A 160 CDI (168.006), MERCEDES-BENZ A-Class (W168) A 170 CDI (168.009, 168.109), MERCEDES-BENZ A-Class (W168) A 210 (168.035, 168.135), MERCEDES-BENZ A-Class (W168) A 190 Twin Engine

The steps may slightly vary depending on the car design.

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### REPLACEMENT: COIL SPRINGS – MERCEDES W168. TOOLS YOU MIGHT NEED:



- Wire brush
- WD-40 spray
- Brake cleaner
- Copper grease
- Torque wrench
- Combination spanner #18
- Drive socket #8

- Drive socket # 18
- Wheel impact socket #17
- Ratchet wrench
- Tap wrench
- Hydraulic transmission jack
- Wheel chock

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#### Replacement: coil springs – Mercedes W168. Tip from AUTODOC:

- Both coil springs of the rear suspension should be replaced simultaneously.
- The replacement procedure is identical for the left and right coil springs of the rear suspension.
- Please note: all work on the car Mercedes W168 should be done with the engine switched off.

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

Secure the wheels with chocks.

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



Raise the rear of the car and secure on supports.



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4 Unscrew the wheel bolts.



#### AUTODOC recommends:

• Important! Hold the wheel while unscrewing the fastening bolts. Mercedes W168

Remove the wheel.



6 Unscrew and remove the wheel arch cover fasteners. Use a drive socket #8. Use a ratchet wrench.



Remove the wheel arch cover.



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8 Clean the shock absorber fasteners. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.



Support the rear suspension beam. Use a hydraulic transmission jack.



Unscrew the lower fastener of the shock absorber. Use a combination spanner #18. Use a drive socket #18. Use a tap wrench.



11 Remove the fastening bolt.

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Detach the lower part of the shock absorber.



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Remove the mounting from under the rear axle beam.



#### **AUTODOC** recommends:

• Replacement: coil springs – Mercedes W168. Lower the transmission jack smoothly, without jerks, to avoid damaging components and mechanisms.

14 Remove the spring.

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Clean the coil spring mounting seats. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.



Install the spring on the shock absorber.



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Support the rear suspension beam. Use a hydraulic transmission jack.



Clean the shock absorber mounting seats. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.



19 Attach the lower part of the shock absorber.



20 Install the fastening bolt.

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Raise the hydraulic transmission jack by 10-15 cm.



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Screw in the lower fastener of the shock absorber. Use a combination spanner #18. Use a drive socket #18. Use a tap wrench.



Tighten the lower fastener of the shock absorber. Use a drive socket #18. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 80 Nm torque.+90°



#### **AUTODOC** recommends:

• Important! Be sure to use new fasteners.

Remove the mounting from under the rear axle beam.



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#### Replacement: coil springs - Mercedes W168. Tip:

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

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Treat the shock absorber fasteners. Use copper grease.



Install the wheel arch cover to its mounting seat. Screw in the fasteners. Use a drive socket #8. Use a ratchet wrench.



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



Clean the brake disk surface. Use a brake cleaner.

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#### AUTODOC recommends:

After applying the spray, wait a few minutes.

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29 Install the wheel.



#### **AUTODOC** recommends:

- Warning! To avoid injury, hold the wheel while screwing in the fastening bolts on the car. Mercedes W168
- Screw in the wheel bolts. Use wheel impact socket #17.



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 110 Nm torque.



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Remove the jacks and chocks.





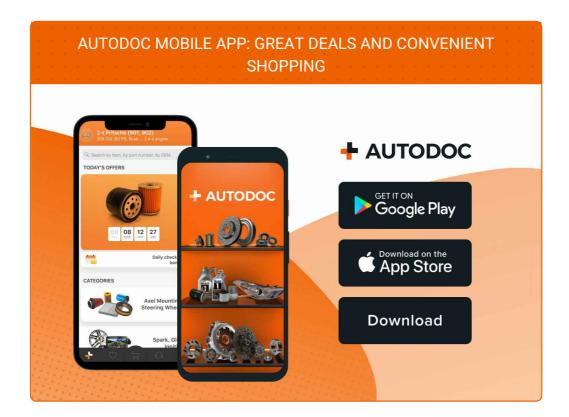
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