



How to change front  
suspension strut on **ALFA  
ROMEO 156 Sportwagon  
(932)** – replacement  
guide

### SIMILAR VIDEO TUTORIAL



This video shows the replacement procedure of a similar car part on another vehicle

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This replacement procedure can be used for:

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The steps may slightly vary depending on the car design.

This tutorial was created based on the replacement procedure for a similar car part on: ALFA ROMEO 147 (937) 1.6 16V T.SPARK

**REPLACEMENT: SUSPENSION STRUT – ALFA ROMEO 156 SPORTWAGON (932). LIST OF THE TOOLS YOU'LL NEED:**



- Wire brush
- WD-40 spray
- Brake cleaner
- Copper grease
- Torque wrench
- Combination spanner #19
- Drive socket # E14
- Drive socket # 16
- Drive socket # 17
- Drive socket # 18
- Drive socket # 19
- Wheel impact socket #17
- Ratchet wrench
- Shock absorber socket # DD6
- Ball joint puller
- Hammer
- Tap wrench
- Hydraulic strut spring compressor
- Hydraulic transmission jack
- Crow bar
- Fender cover
- Wheel chock

**Buy tools**

Replacement: suspension strut – ALFA ROMEO 156 Sportwagon (932).  
AUTODOC experts recommend:

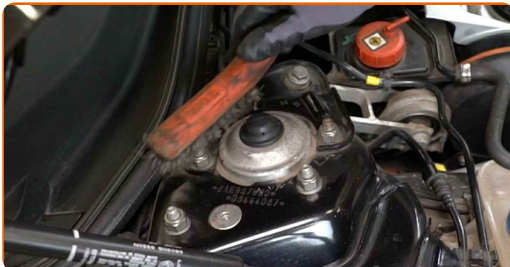
- Both shock struts of the front suspension should be replaced simultaneously.
- The replacement procedure is identical for the left and right shock struts of the front suspension.
- Please note: all work on the car – ALFA ROMEO 156 Sportwagon (932) – should be done with the engine switched off.

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

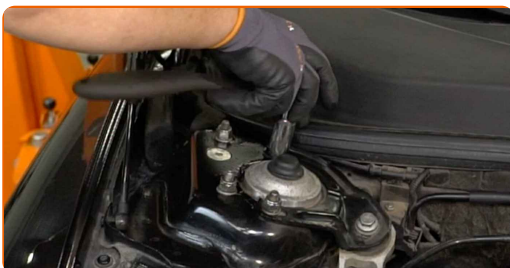
**1** Open the bonnet.

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

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



**4** Unscrew the upper fasteners of the shock strut. Use a drive socket #17. Use a ratchet wrench.



**5** Secure the wheels with chocks.

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



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

**8** Unscrew the wheel bolts.



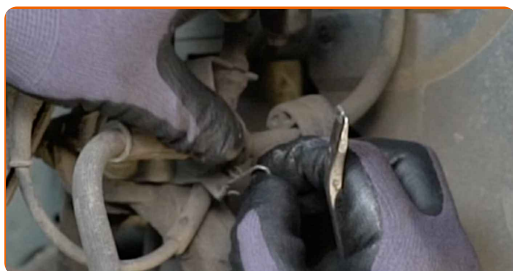
**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Important! Hold the wheel while unscrewing the fastening bolts. ALFA ROMEO 156 Sportwagon (932)

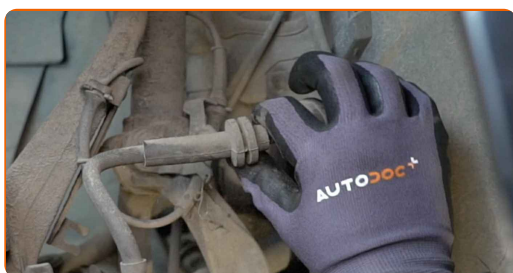
**9** Remove the wheel.



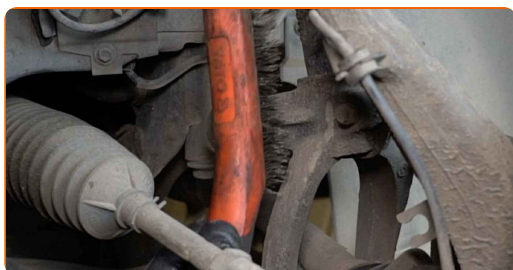
**10** Remove the fastener attaching the brake hose to the shock strut. Use a crowbar.



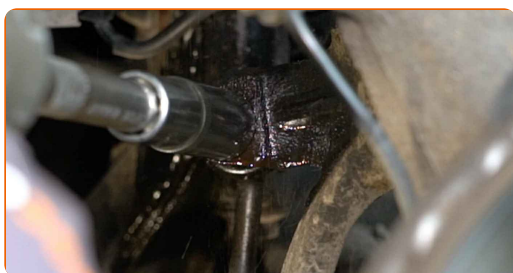
**11** Detach the brake hose from the shock strut.



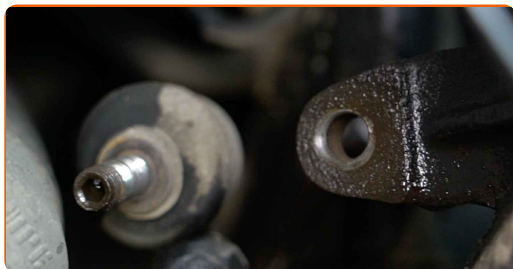
**12** Clean the stabiliser link fasteners. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.



**13** Undo the fastening nut that attaches the stabilizer link to the shock absorber fork. Use a drive socket #17. Use a ratchet wrench.



**14** Remove the stabilizer rod.



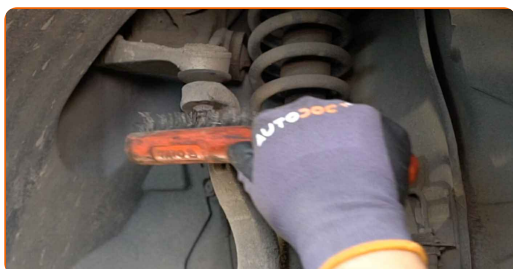
**15** Clean the fastening bolt that connects the shock absorber fork with the lower control arm. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.



**16** Unscrew the fastening bolt that connects the shock absorber fork with the lower control arm. Use a combination spanner #19. Use a drive socket #19. Use a ratchet wrench.



**17** Clean the control arm fasteners. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.



- 18 Unscrew the fastener that connects the suspension arm to the steering knuckle. Use a drive socket #17. Use a ratchet wrench.



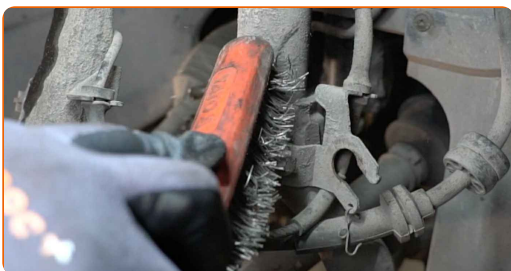
- 19 Disconnect the ball joint from the steering knuckle. Use a ball joint puller.



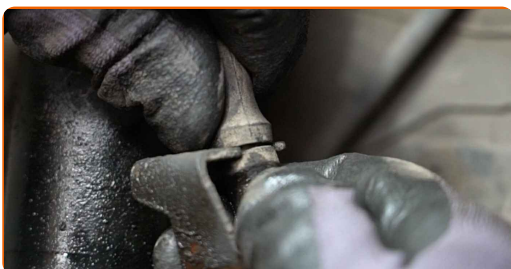
- 20 Remove the fastening bolt.



- 21 Clean the fastener that attaches the shock absorber fork to the shock strut. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.



- 22 Disconnect the ABS sensor wiring.





- 23 Unscrew the fastening bolt that connects the shock strut with the shock absorber fork. Use a drive socket #E14. Use a ratchet wrench. Use a tap wrench.



- 24 Remove the fastening bolt.



- 25 Detach the shock absorber fork from the shock strut. Use a hammer.



- 26 Remove the assembled shock strut.



- 27 Set the shock absorber strut on the spring compressor tool.



Replacement: suspension strut – ALFA ROMEO 156 Sportwagon (932).  
Professionals 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.

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Treat the shock strut rod. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.



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Compress the spring.



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Remove the strut piston rod nut. Use a shock absorber socket DDN#6 Use a drive socket #17. Use a ratchet wrench.



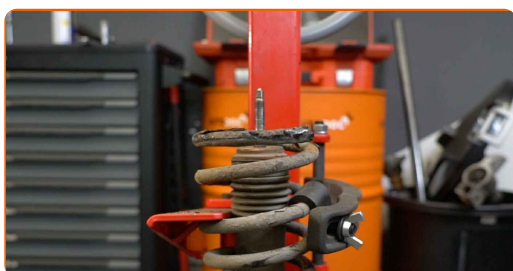
**31** Remove the top strut mount.



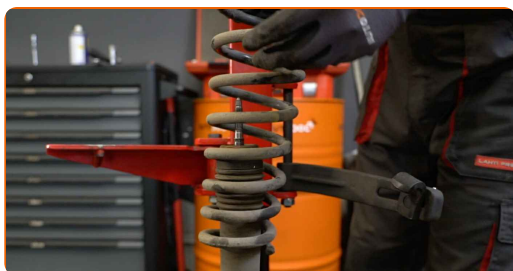
**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Replacement: suspension strut – ALFA ROMEO 156 Sportwagon (932). Carefully inspect the mount, the boot, and the bump stop of the shock absorber. Replace if necessary.

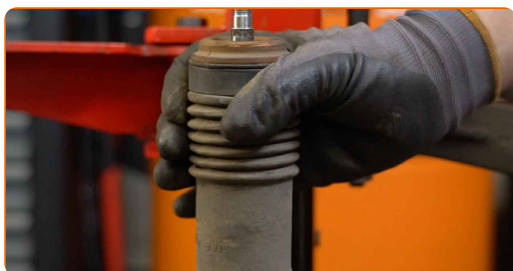
**32** Release the coil spring.



**33** Remove the spring.



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



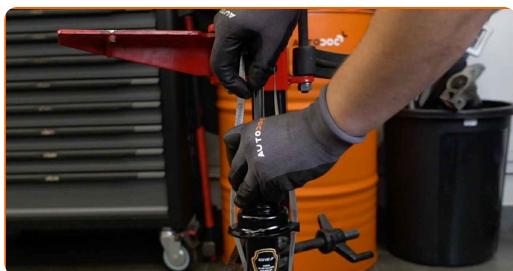
**35** Remove the old shock absorber from the hydraulic coil spring compressor.



Replacement: suspension strut – ALFA ROMEO 156 Sportwagon (932).  
AUTODOC experts recommend:

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

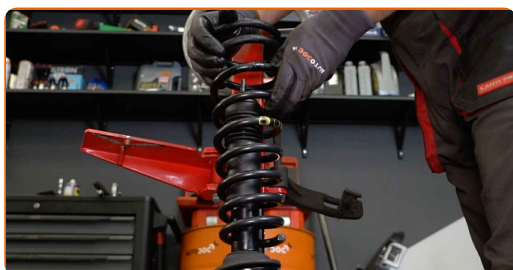
**36** Install the new shock absorber on the hydraulic coil spring compressor.



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



**38** Install the spring on the shock absorber.



**39** Compress the spring.

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



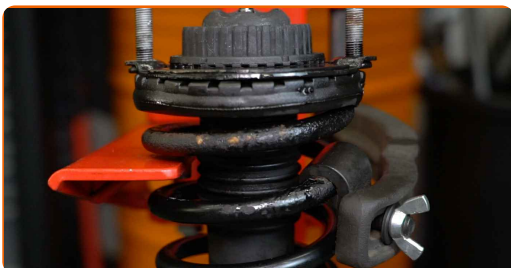
**41** Tighten the shock strut piston rod nut. Use a shock absorber socket DDN#6 Use a drive socket #16. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 35 Nm torque.



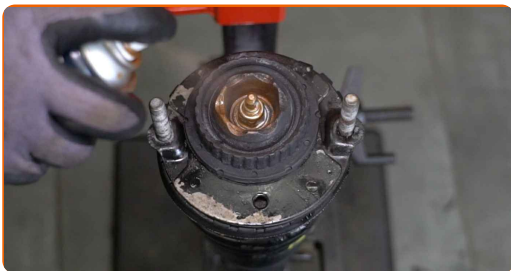
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- Check to make sure the spring is positioned correctly. Avoid its misalignment.

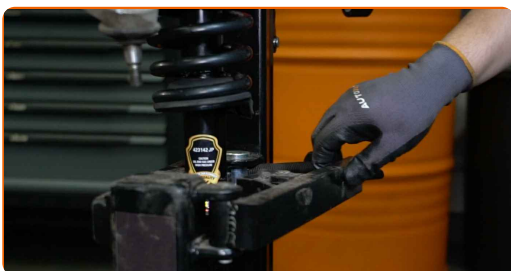
**42** Decompress the spring.



**43** Treat the shock strut rod. Use copper grease.



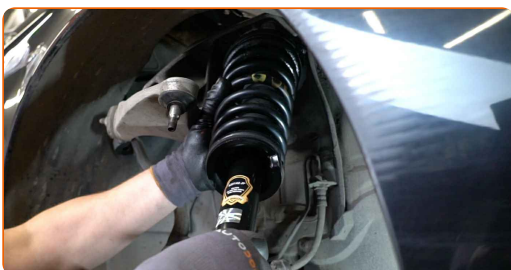
**44** Remove the assembled shock strut.



**45** Clean the mounting seats of the shock strut. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.



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

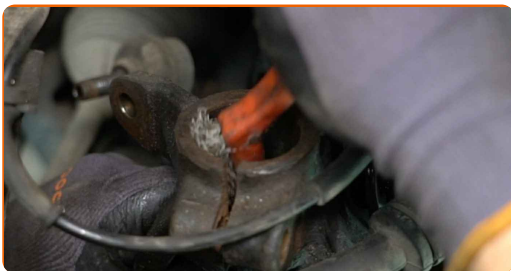


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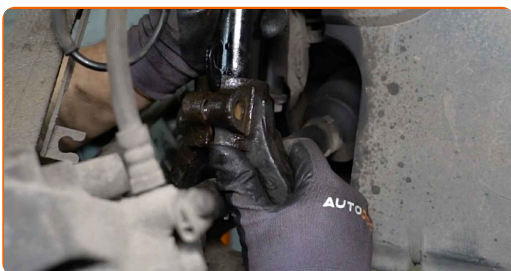
- Important! Hold the suspension strut while screwing in the fastening bolts. ALFA ROMEO 156 Sportwagon (932)

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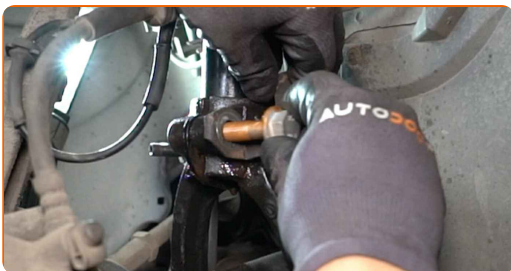
Clean the mounting seats of the shock strut. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.

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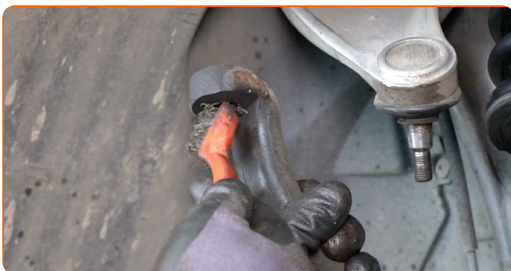
Attach the shock absorber fork to the shock strut.

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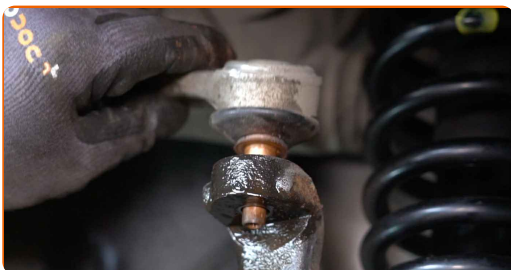
Install the fastening bolts.

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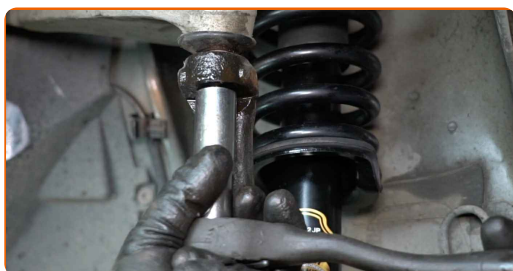
Clean the mounting seats and the thread of the suspension arm. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.

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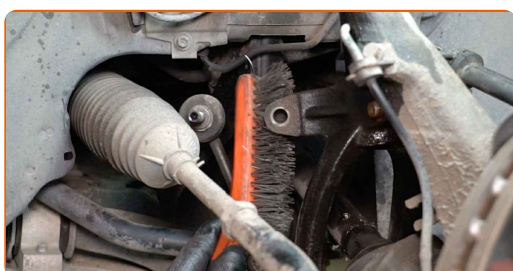
Connect the ball joint to the steering knuckle.



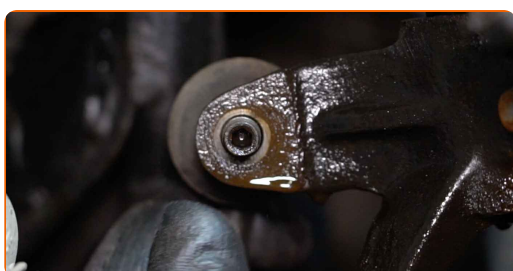
- 52** Screw in the fastener that connects the suspension arm to the steering knuckle. Use a drive socket #17. Use a ratchet wrench.



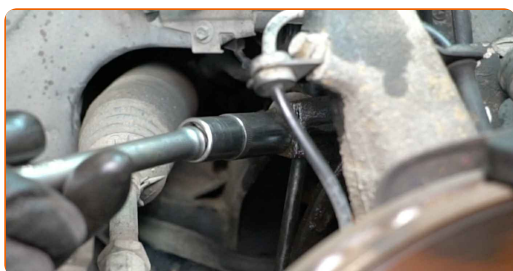
- 53** Clean the mounting seats of the stabiliser link. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.



- 54** Install the transverse stabilizer link.

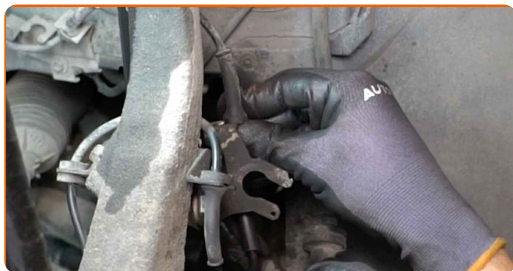


- 55** Tighten the stabiliser link fastener. Use a drive socket #17. Use a ratchet wrench.

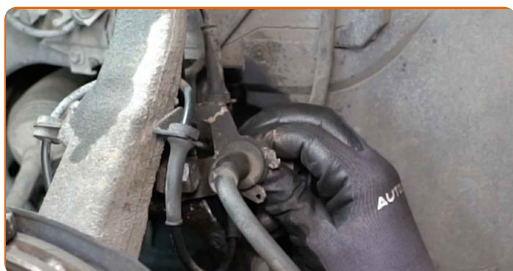




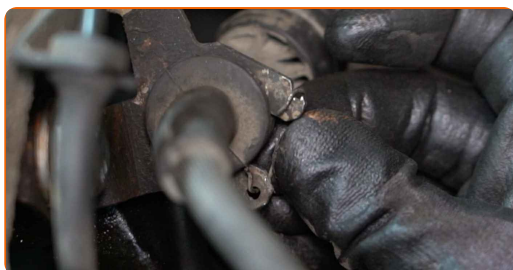
**56** Connect the ABS sensor wiring.



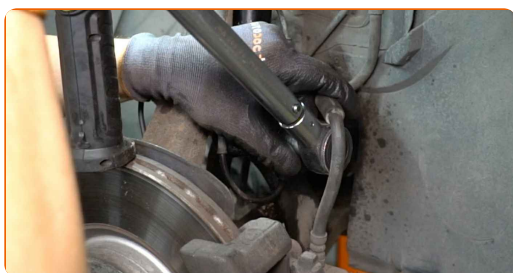
**57** Fasten the brake hose on the strut.



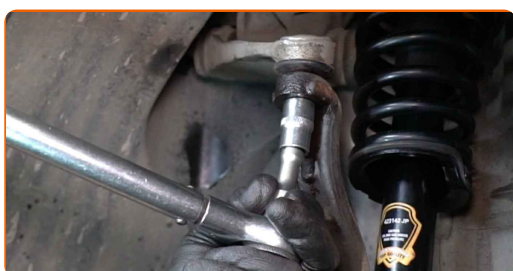
**58** Install the brake hose retaining clip.



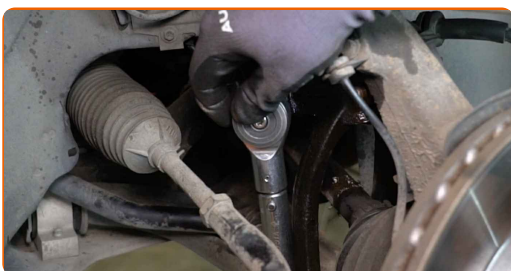
**59** Tighten the fastening bolt that connects the shock strut with the shock absorber fork. Use a drive socket #18. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 85 Nm torque.



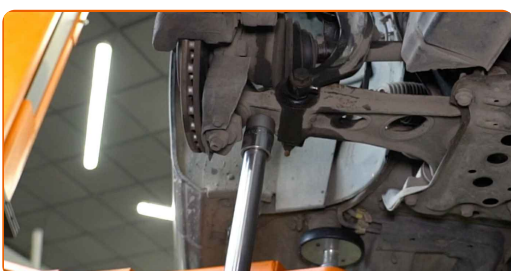
**60** Tighten the fastener that connects the suspension arm to the steering knuckle. Use a drive socket #17. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 50 Nm torque.



- 61 Tighten the fastener connecting the stabilizer link with the shock absorber fork. Use a drive socket #17. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 55 Nm torque.



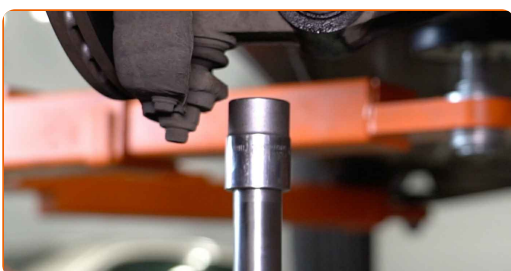
- 62 Support the arm. Use a hydraulic transmission jack.



- 63 Tighten the fastening bolt that connects the shock absorber fork to the lower control arm. Use a combination spanner #19. Use a drive socket #19. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 110 Nm torque.



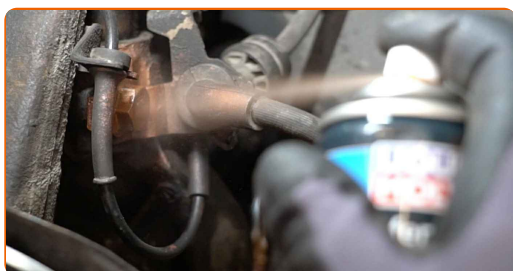
- 64 Remove the support from under the arm.



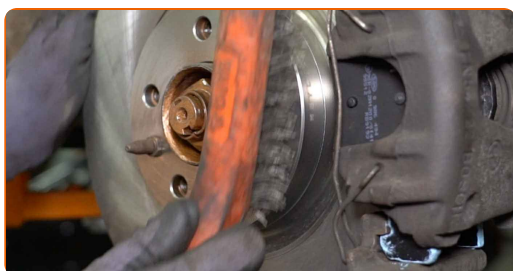
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- Replacement: suspension strut – ALFA ROMEO 156 Sportwagon (932). Lower the transmission jack smoothly, without jerks, to avoid damaging components and mechanisms.

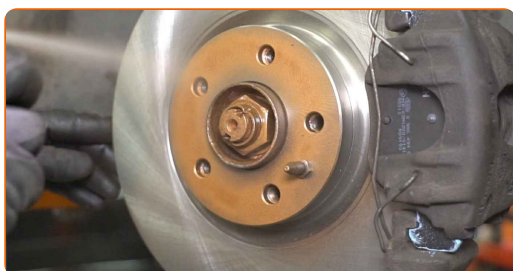
**65** Treat the steering knuckle fasteners. Treat the shock strut fasteners. Treat all joints of the stabiliser link. Treat all joints of the arm. Use copper grease.



**66** Clean the wheel rim mounting seat. Use a wire brush.

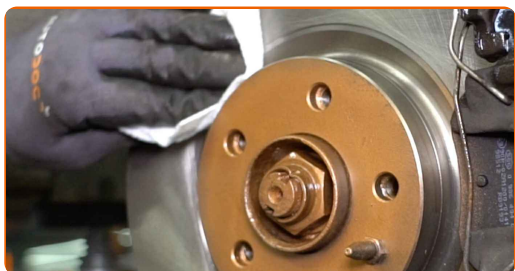


**67** Treat the surface where the brake disc contacts the wheel rim. Use copper grease.



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Clean the brake disk surface. Use a brake cleaner.



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Install the wheel.



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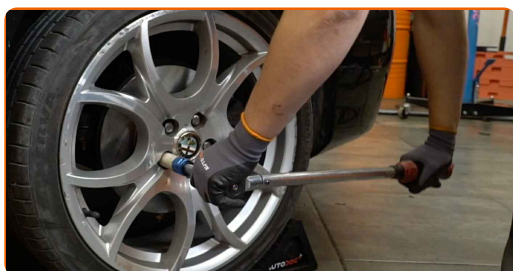
- Warning! To avoid injury, hold the wheel while screwing in the fastening bolts on the car. ALFA ROMEO 156 Sportwagon (932)

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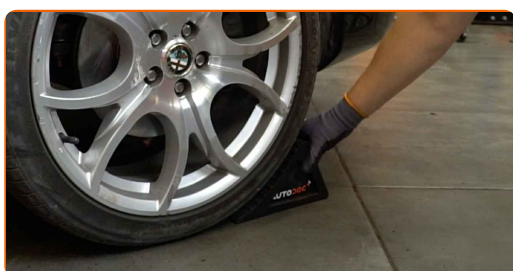
Screw in the wheel bolts. Use wheel impact socket #17.



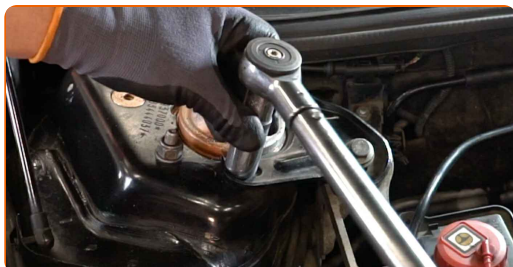
- 71 Lower the car and working in a cross order, tighten the wheel bolts. Use wheel impact socket #17. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 108 Nm torque.



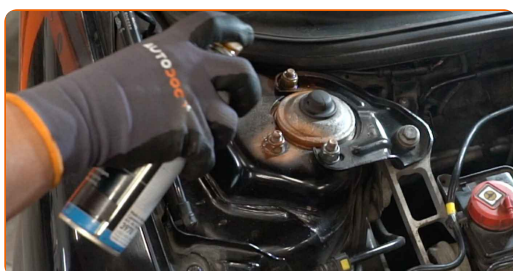
- 72 Remove the jacks and chocks.



- 73 Tighten the upper fasteners of the shock strut. Use a drive socket #17. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 50 Nm torque.



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



- 75 Remove the fender protection cover.

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Close the hood.

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