



How to change front  
strut mount on **AUDI A4  
Convertible (8H7, B6,  
8HE, B7)** – replacement  
guide

### SIMILAR VIDEO TUTORIAL



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

#### **Important!**

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: AUDI A4 Avant (8D5, B5) 1.8 T

**REPLACEMENT: STRUT MOUNT – AUDI A4 CONVERTIBLE (8H7, B6, 8HE, B7). LIST OF THE TOOLS YOU'LL NEED:**



- Wire brush
- WD-40 spray
- Brake cleaner
- Copper grease
- Drive socket # 16
- Drive socket # 18
- Combination spanner #16
- Combination spanner #18
- Wheel impact socket #17
- Ratchet wrench
- Torque wrench
- Hammer
- Pin punch
- Flat chisel
- Rubber mallet
- Flat Screwdriver
- Crow bar
- Hydraulic transmission jack
- Hydraulic strut spring compressor
- Fender cover
- Wheel chock

**Buy tools**

Replacement: strut mount – AUDI A4 Convertible (8H7, B6, 8HE, B7).  
AUTODOC recommends:

- The replacement procedure is identical for the mounts of the left and right shock struts of the front suspension.
- All mounts of the front shock struts should be replaced simultaneously.
- Warning! Shut down the engine before starting any work – AUDI A4 Convertible (8H7, B6, 8HE, B7).

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

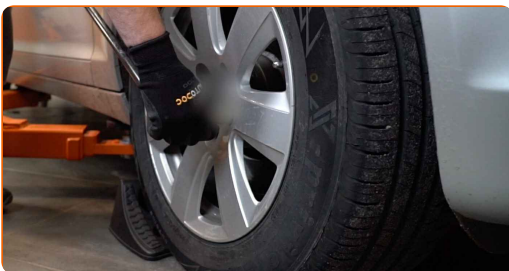
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Secure the wheels with chocks.



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



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Raise the front of the car and secure on supports.

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Unscrew the wheel bolts.



Replacement: strut mount – AUDI A4 Convertible (8H7, B6, 8HE, B7). Tip:

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

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Remove the wheel.



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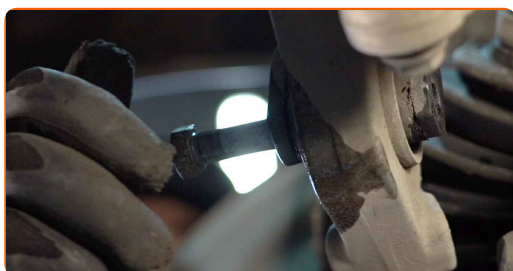
Clean the shock strut fasteners. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.



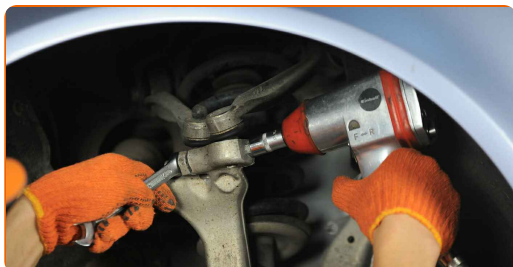
- 7 Unscrew the lower fastener of the shock absorber strut. Use a combination spanner #18. Use a drive socket #18. Use a ratchet wrench.



- 8 Remove the fastening bolt.



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



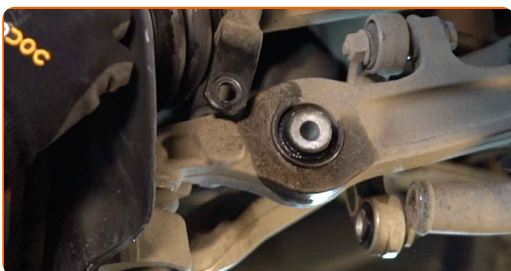
- 10 Remove the fastening bolt.



**11** Detach the upper control arm from the steering knuckle. Use a flat metal-working chisel. Use a hammer.



**12** Detach the bottom part of the shock strut.

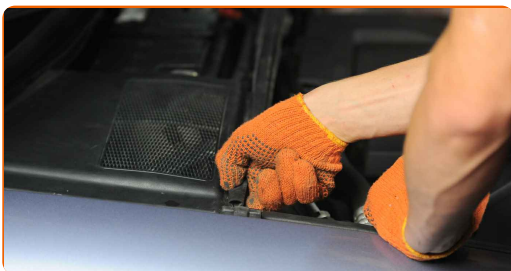


**13** Lower the car.

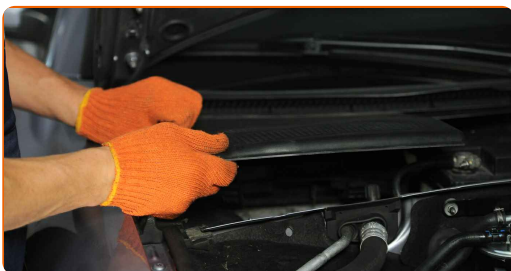
**14** Open the bonnet.

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

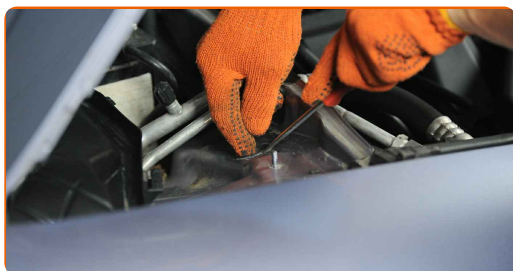
**16** Remove the cowl grille seal.



**17** Remove the wiper cowl grille located on the right side.



**18** Remove the protective cap of the shock absorber mount. Use a flat screwdriver.



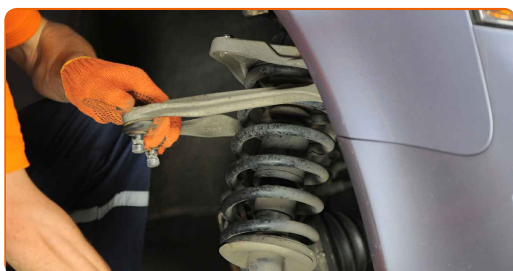
**19** Unscrew the upper fasteners of the shock strut. Use a drive socket #16. Use a ratchet wrench.



**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Important! Hold the suspension strut while unscrewing the fastening bolts. AUDI A4 Convertible (8H7, B6, 8HE, B7)

**20** Remove the suspension strut.



**21** Set the shock absorber strut on the spring compressor tool.





Replacement: strut mount – AUDI A4 Convertible (8H7, B6, 8HE, B7). 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.



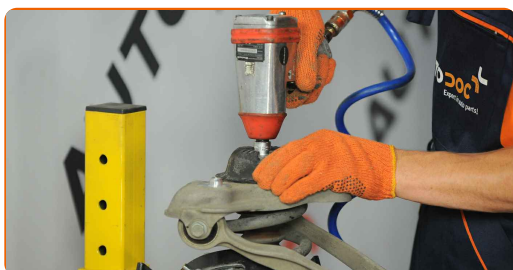
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Treat the shock strut rod. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.

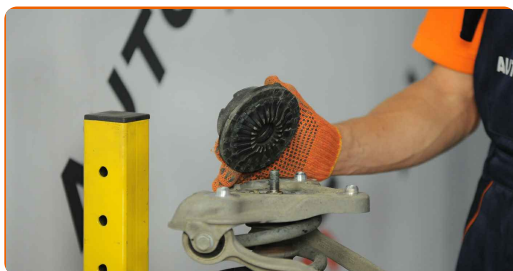


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Remove the strut piston rod nut. Use a drive socket #18. Use a ratchet wrench.



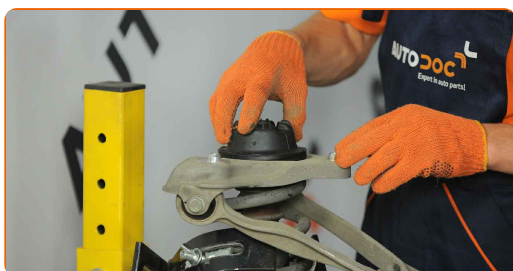
**25** Remove the top strut mount.



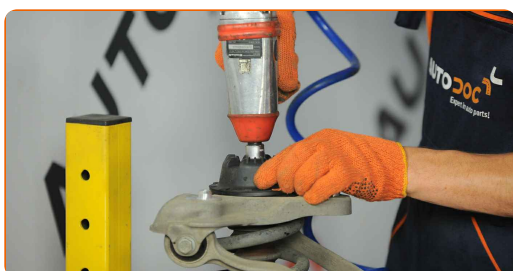
Replacement: strut mount – AUDI A4 Convertible (8H7, B6, 8HE, B7). Tip from AUTODOC:

- Examine the shock absorber dust cap and the bump stop. Replace them if necessary.

**26** Install a new top shock strut mount.



**27** Tighten the shock strut piston rod nut. Use a drive socket #18. Use a ratchet wrench. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 50 Nm torque.

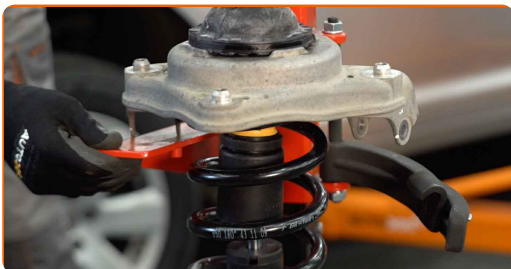


**AUTODOC recommends:**

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

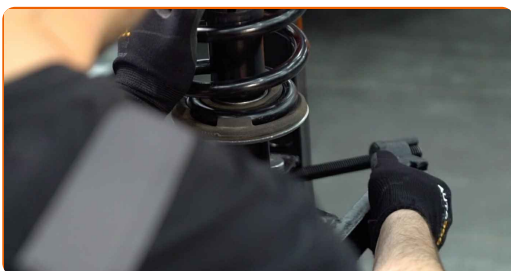
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Decompress the spring.



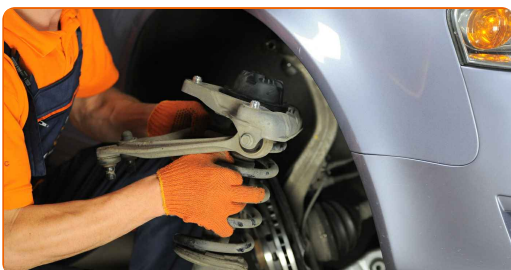
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Remove the assembled shock strut.



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Install the shock strut into the wheel arch.



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Secure the upper fasteners of the shock strut.

**AUTODOC recommends:**

- AUDI A4 Convertible (8H7, B6, 8HE, B7) – To avoid injury, hold the suspension strut while screwing in the fastening bolts.

- 32** Tighten the upper fasteners of the shock strut. Use a drive socket #16. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 75 Nm torque.



- 33** Install the protective cap of the shock absorber mount.



- 34** Install and secure the wiper cowl grille located on the right side.



- 35** Install the cowl grille seal.



- 36** Remove the fender protection cover.

- 37** Close the hood.

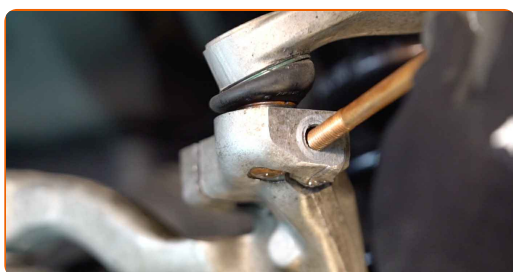
- 38** Raise the front of the car and secure on supports.

**39** Attach the bottom part of the shock strut.

**40** Attach the upper control arm to the steering knuckle. Use a rubber mallet. Use a flat metal-working chisel. Use a hammer. Use a crowbar.



**41** Install the fastening bolt. Use a hammer. Use a pin punch.



**42** 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.



**43** Install the fastening bolt.



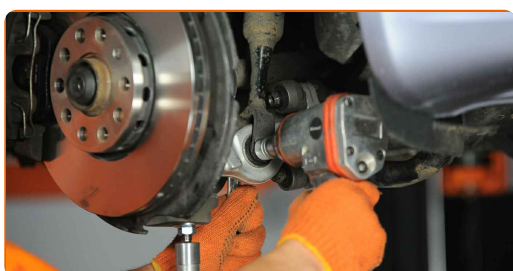
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Prop up the steering knuckle. Use a hydraulic transmission jack.



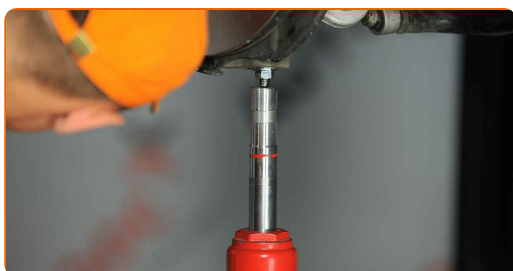
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Tighten the lower fastening of the shock absorber. Use a combination spanner #18. Use a drive socket #18. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 90 Nm torque.



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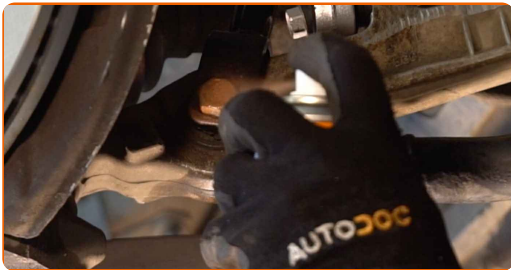
Remove the support from under the steering knuckle.



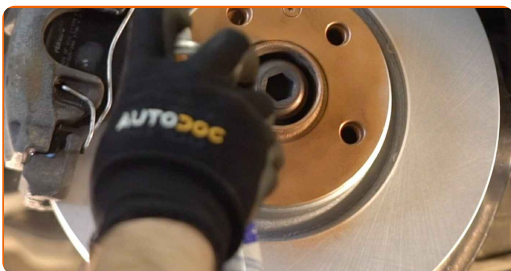
Replacement: strut mount – AUDI A4 Convertible (8H7, B6, 8HE, B7).  
AUTODOC experts recommend:

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

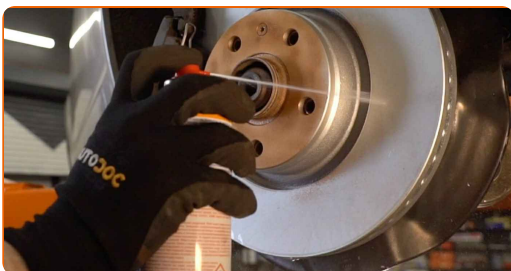
- 47** Treat the shock strut fasteners. Treat the fasteners connecting the control arm to the steering knuckle. Use copper grease.



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



- 49** Clean the brake disk surface. Use a brake cleaner.



**AUTODOC recommends:**

- After applying the spray, wait a few minutes.

- 50** Install the wheel.



Replacement: strut mount – AUDI A4 Convertible (8H7, B6, 8HE, B7).  
AUTODOC recommends:

- 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 #17.



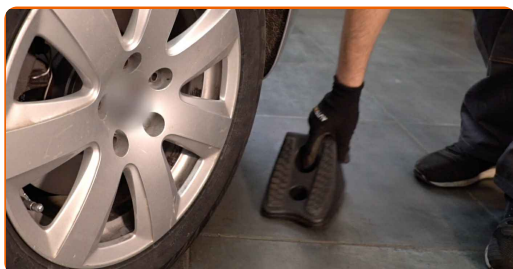
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Lower the car and working in a cross order, tighten the wheel bolts. Use wheel impact socket #17. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 120 nm torque.



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Remove the jacks and chocks.



**WELL DONE!** 

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