How to change front brake pads on **Audi A4 B6** – replacement guide



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(i) Important!

This replacement procedure can be used for:

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The steps may slightly vary depending on the car design.



REPLACEMENT: BRAKE PADS – AUDI A4 B6. TOOLS YOU MIGHT NEED:



- Wire brush
- WD-40 spray
- Brake cleaner
- Anti-squeal paste
- Copper grease
- HEX bit No.H7.
- Wheel impact socket #17

- Brake caliper wind back tool
- Ratchet wrench
- Torque wrench
- Flat Screwdriver
- Crow bar
- Pliers
- Wheel chock

BUY TOOLS



Replacement: brake pads - Audi A4 B6. Tip from AUTODOC:

- Perform the replacement of brake pads in complete set for each axis. This provides effective braking.
- The replacement procedure is identical for all brake pads on the same axle.
- Please note: all work on the car Audi A4 B6 should be done with the engine switched off.

CARRY OUT REPLACEMENT IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:



Open the bonnet. Unscrew the brake fluid reservoir cap.





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.

Unscrew the wheel bolts.



AUTODOC recommends:

- Warning! To avoid injury, hold the wheel while unscrewing the fastening bolts. Audi A4 B6
- Remove the wheel.





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Detach the brake caliper retaining spring. Use a flat screwdriver.





Remove the dust boot caps of the brake caliper guide pins. Use a flat screwdriver.



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Disconnect the wiring from the brake pad wear indicator.



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



Please note!

• Some cars are not equipped with the brake pad wear sensor.



Clean the brake caliper fasteners. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.



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Unscrew the brake caliper fastening.



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Use HEX No.H7. Use a ratchet wrench.

Spread the brake pads. Use a crowbar.

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Remove the brake caliper.



Replacement: brake pads - Audi A4 B6. Tip:

- Tie the caliper to the suspension or to the body with a wire without disconnecting from the brake hose to prevent depressurization of the brake system.
- Make sure that the brake caliper is not hanging on the brake hose.
- Don't press the brake pedal after the brake caliper has been removed. As a result, the piston can fall out from the brake cylinder, and brake fluid leakage and depressurization of the system may occur.
- Check the brake caliper bracket, brake caliper guide pins and boots. Clean them. Replace, if necessary.





Remove the brake pads.



Replacement: brake pads - Audi A4 B6. Tip from AUTODOC experts:

• Measure the brake disc thickness. Upon reaching the wear limit the part must be replaced.

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Clean the brake caliper bracket from dirt and dust. Use a wire brush. Use a brake cleaner.



AUTODOC recommends:

 Replacement: brake pads – Audi A4 B6. After applying the spray, wait a few minutes.

Treat the brake caliper piston. Use a brake cleaner.

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Replacement: brake pads – Audi A4 B6. Tip from AUTODOC:

• After applying the spray, wait a few minutes.

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Press in the brake caliper piston. Use brake caliper wind back tool.



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Treat the brake pads in the area where their surface comes into contact with the brake caliper bracket. Use antisqueal paste.



Replacement: brake pads - Audi A4 B6. Tip:

• Make sure the disc surface is clean before installing the pads.



Install new brake pads.





Replacement: brake pads – Audi A4 B6. AUTODOC recommends:

• Make sure the pads are installed with linings facing the disc.

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Install the brake caliper and fix it. Use HEX No.H7. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 30 Nm torque.



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Connect the brake pad wear sensor plug.



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Install the dust boot caps of the brake caliper guide pins.



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Install the brake caliper retaining spring. Use pliers.





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.



AUTODOC recommends:

• Warning! To avoid injury, hold the wheel while screwing in the fastening bolts on the car. Audi A4 B6



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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.



Replacement: brake pads - Audi A4 B6. Tip from AUTODOC:

• Check the brake fluid level in the expansion tank and refill if necessary.



Tighten the brake fluid reservoir cap.



Replacement: brake pads – Audi A4 B6. AUTODOC experts recommend:

• Without starting the engine, press the brake pedal several times until you feel significant resistance.

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Close the hood.



Replacement: brake pads – Audi A4 B6. Tip from AUTODOC experts:

• Slow down smoothly for first 150-200 km after the brake pads replacement. Avoid unneccessary and sharp braking to a stop.





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