



How to change front
brake discs on **BMW 1
Hatchback (E81)** –
replacement guide

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

Important!

This replacement procedure can be used for:

BMW 1 Hatchback (E81) 116i 1.6, BMW 1 Hatchback (E81) 120d 2.0, BMW 1 Hatchback (E81) 130i 3.0, BMW 1 Hatchback (E81) 118i 2.0, BMW 1 Hatchback (E81) 120i 2.0, BMW 1 Hatchback (E81) 118d 2.0, BMW 1 Hatchback (E81) 123d 2.0, BMW 1 Hatchback (E81) 116i 2.0, BMW 1 Hatchback (E81) 116d 2.0

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: BMW 3 Saloon (E90) 318i 2.0

REPLACEMENT: BRAKE DISCS – BMW 1 HATCHBACK (E81). TOOLS YOU NEED:



- Wire brush
- WD-40 spray
- Brake cleaner
- Copper grease
- Sealant
- Drive socket # 18
- HEX bit no.H6.
- HEX bit no.H7.
- Wheel impact socket #17
- Ratchet wrench
- Torque wrench
- Brake caliper wind back tool
- Flat Screwdriver
- Crow bar
- Wheel chock

Buy tools

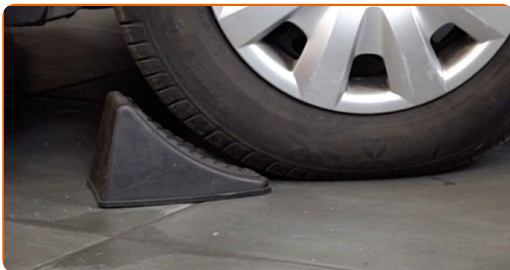
AUTODOC recommends:

- Replace the brake disks on the car BMW 1 Hatchback (E81) in complete set for each axis. Regardless of the state of components. This will ensure even braking.
- The replacement procedure is identical for both brake disks on the same axle.
- When changing the brake discs, always replace the brake pads.
- Please note: all work on the car – BMW 1 Hatchback (E81) – should be done with the engine switched off.

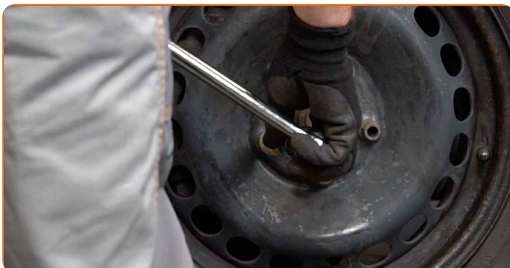
CARRY OUT REPLACEMENT IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

1 Open the bonnet. Unscrew the brake fluid reservoir cap.

2 Secure the wheels with chocks.



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



4 Raise the front of the car and secure on supports.

5 Unscrew the wheel bolts.



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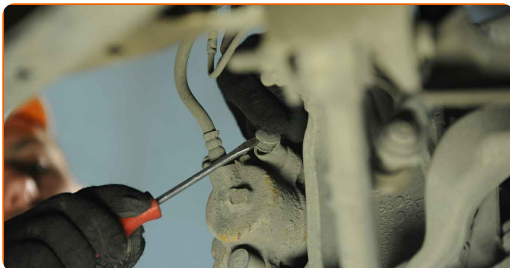
- Warning! To avoid injury, hold the wheel while unscrewing the fastening bolts.
BMW 1 Hatchback (E81)

6 Remove the wheel.



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

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

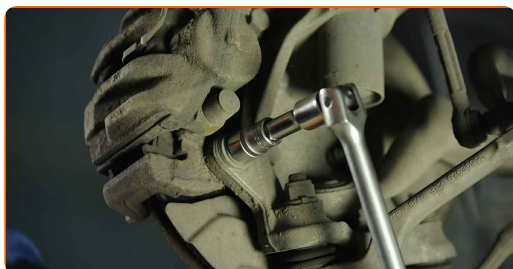


9 Spread the brake pads. Use a crowbar.



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

11 Unscrew the brake caliper fastening. Use HEX No.H7. Use a ratchet wrench.



12 Remove the brake caliper.

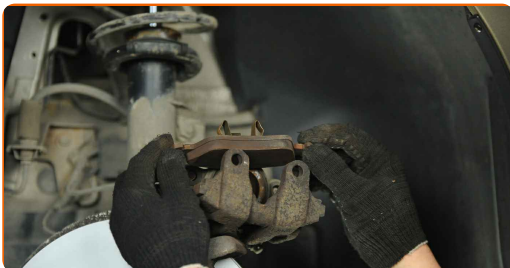


Replacement: brake discs – BMW 1 Hatchback (E81). AUTODOC experts recommend:

- 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.

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Remove the brake pads.

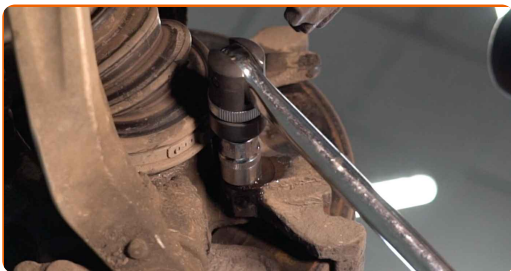


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Clean the brake caliper bracket fasteners. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.

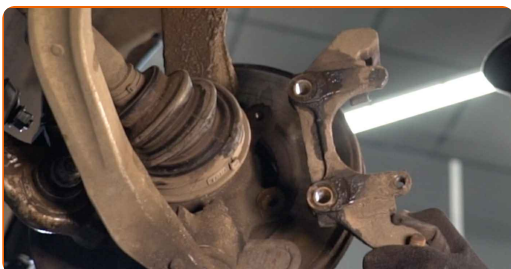


15 Unscrew the caliper bracket fastening. Use a drive socket #18. Use a ratchet wrench.



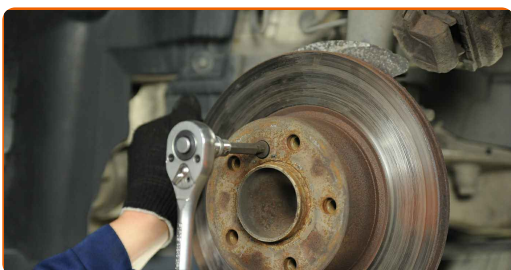
16 Remove the fastening bolts (2 pieces).

17 Remove the caliper bracket.

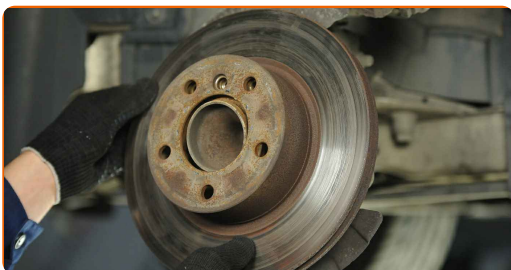


18 Clean the brake disc fasteners. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.

19 Unscrew the brake disc fastening. Use HEX No.H6. Use a ratchet wrench.



20 Remove the brake disc.



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Clean the hub. Use a wire brush. Treat the contacting surface. Use copper grease.



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Install the brake disc.



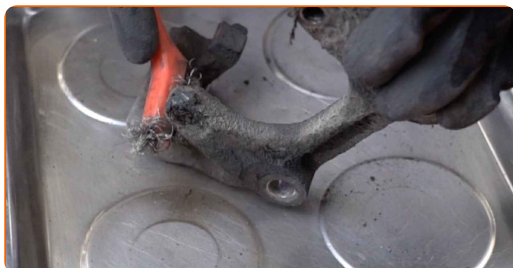
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Tighten the brake disc fastening. Use HEX No.H6. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 16 Nm torque.



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



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25 Treat the fastening bolts. Use a sealant.

26 Install the brake caliper bracket.



27 Install the fastening bolts (2 pieces).

28 Tighten the brake caliper bracket. Use a drive socket #18. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 110 Nm torque.



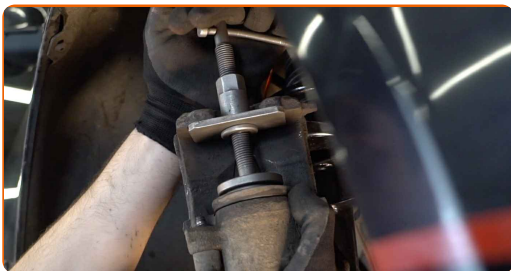
29 Treat the brake caliper piston. Use a brake cleaner.



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- After applying the spray, wait a few minutes.

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



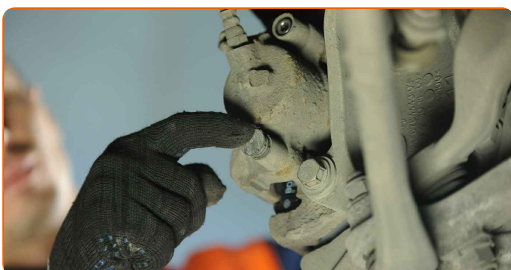
31 Install the brake pads.



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



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



34 Install the brake caliper retaining spring. Use a flat screwdriver.



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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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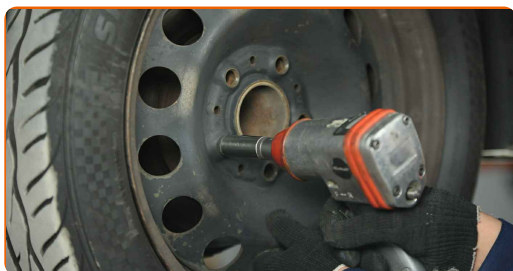
Install the wheel.



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



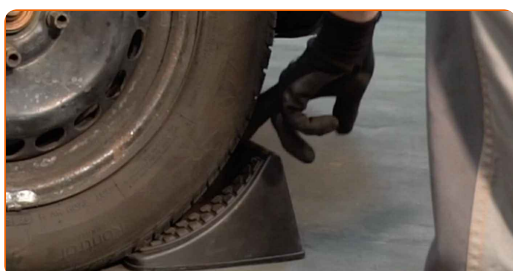
39 Lower the car and working in a cross order, tighten the wheel bolts. Use wheel impact socket #17. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 120 nm torque.



Replacement: brake discs – BMW 1 Hatchback (E81). Professionals recommend:

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

40 Remove the jacks and chocks.



Replacement: brake discs – BMW 1 Hatchback (E81). AUTODOC recommends:

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

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Tighten the brake fluid reservoir cap. Close the hood.

WELL DONE! 

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