



How to change  
serpentine belt on **BMW**  
**X5 (E53)** – 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:

BMW X5 (E53) 3.0 i

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 5 Saloon (E39) 520i 2.0

REPLACEMENT: SERPENTINE BELT – BMW X5 (E53).  
 TOOLS YOU'LL NEED:



- Combination spanner #13
- Combination spanner #32
- Drive socket # 16
- Ratchet wrench
- Torque wrench
- Fender cover

**Buy tools**

Replacement: serpentine belt – BMW X5 (E53). AUTODOC recommends:

- All work should be done with the engine stopped.

## REPLACEMENT: SERPENTINE BELT – BMW X5 (E53). USE THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURE:

**1** Open the bonnet.

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

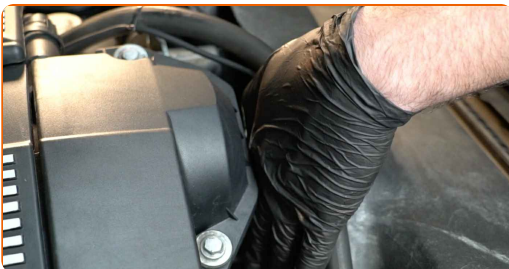
**3** Unscrew the fastener of the viscous fan clutch. Use a combination spanner #32.



**4** Remove the fan shroud seal.



**5** Unscrew and remove the viscous fan clutch.



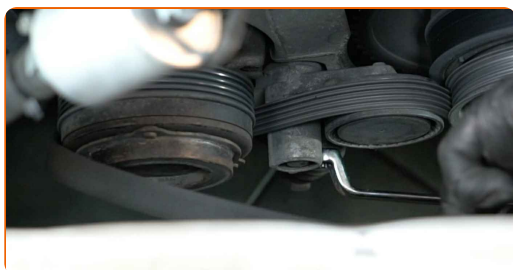
**6** Remove the fan shroud.



**7** Pull aside the AC compressor belt tensioner pulley. Use a combination spanner #13.



**8** Remove the AC compressor belt.



**9** Remove the tensioner pulley cap.



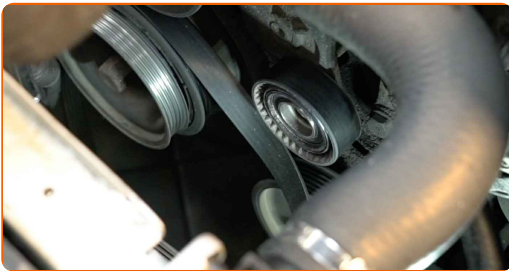
**10** Pull aside the V-ribbed belt tensioner pulley. Use a drive socket #16. Use a ratchet wrench.



**11** Remove the V-ribbed belt.



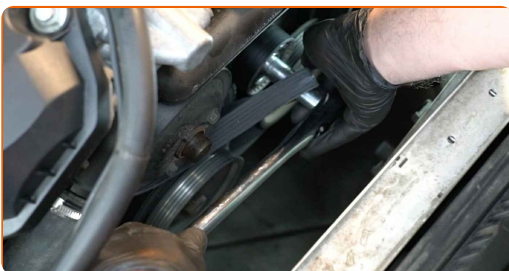
**12** Return the tensioner pulley to its initial position. Use a drive socket #16. Use a ratchet wrench.



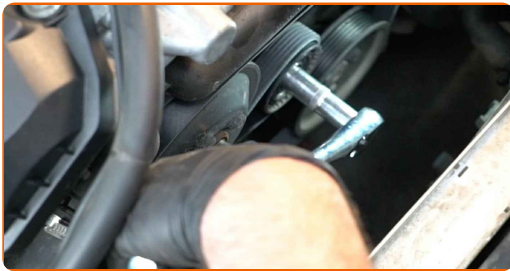
Replacement: serpentine belt – BMW X5 (E53). Professionals recommend:

- Check the condition of the tensioner pulley and idler pulley. Replace them if necessary.

**13** Pull aside the V-ribbed belt tensioner pulley. Use a drive socket #16. Use a ratchet wrench.



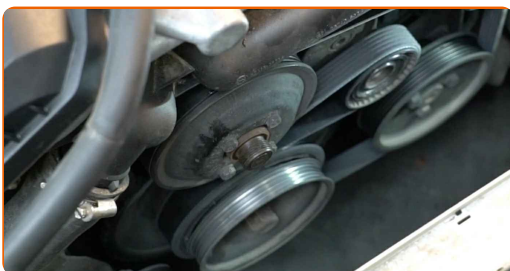
**14** Install the V-ribbed belt.



Replacement: serpentine belt – BMW X5 (E53). Tip from AUTODOC:

- Make sure that the V-ribbed belt fits all pulleys snugly.

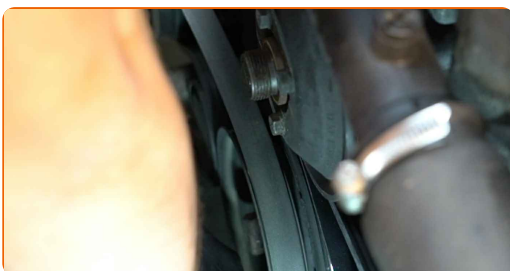
**15** Return the tensioner pulley to its initial position. Use a drive socket #16. Use a ratchet wrench.



**16** Reinstall the tensioner pulley cap.



**17** Install the AC compressor belt.

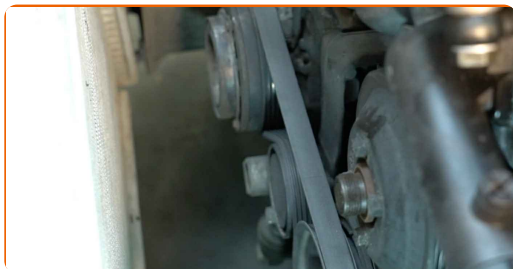


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Return the tensioner pulley to its initial position. Use a combination spanner #13.



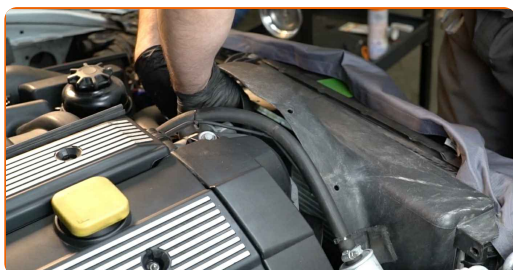
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Install the fan shroud.



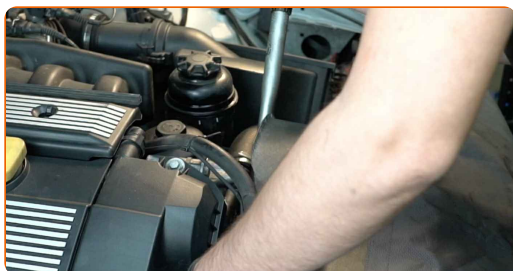
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Install and screw in the viscous fan clutch.



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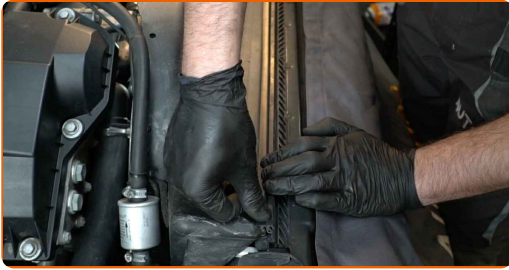
Tighten the fastener of the viscous fan clutch. Use a combination spanner #32. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 40 nm torque.





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Reinstall the fan shroud seal.



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Remove the fender protection cover.

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Close the hood.

**WELL DONE!** 

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