



How to change spark  
plugs on **BMW X5 (E70)** –  
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 (E70) 3.0 si, BMW X5 (E70) xDrive 30 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 3 Coupe (E92) 330i 3.0

REPLACEMENT: SPARK PLUGS – BMW X5 (E70). LIST OF THE TOOLS YOU'LL NEED:



- Electronic spray
- High-temperature anti-seize lubricant
- Drive socket # 8
- HEX bit No.H5.
- Spark plug socket # 16
- Ratchet wrench
- Torque wrench
- Flat Screwdriver
- Fender cover

**Buy tools**

Replacement: spark plugs – BMW X5 (E70). Tip from AUTODOC experts:

- The replacement procedure is the same for all spark plugs.
- Please note: all work on the car – BMW X5 (E70) – should be done with the engine switched off.

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

**1** Open the hood.

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

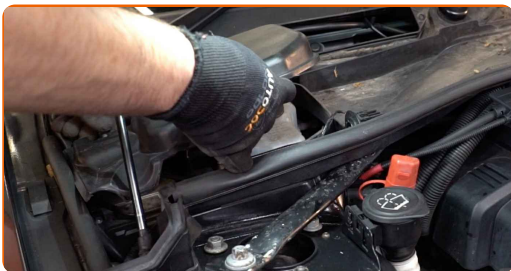
**3** Unscrew the fasteners of the cabin filter housing cover. Use a drive socket #8. Use a ratchet wrench.



**4** Remove the cabin filter housing cover.



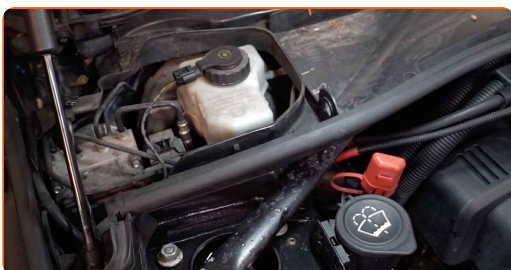
**5** Remove the wiper arm covers.



**6** Detach the connectors from the climate control sensors.



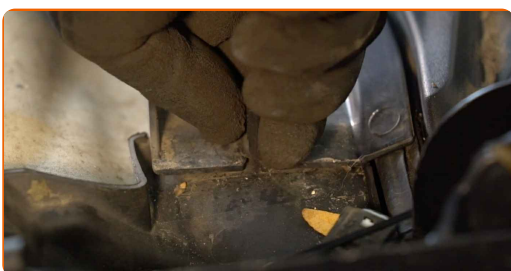
**7** Remove the climate control sensors.



**8** Detach the electrical wiring from the upper part of the microfilter housing.



**9** Detach the retainers of the upper part of the microfilter housing.



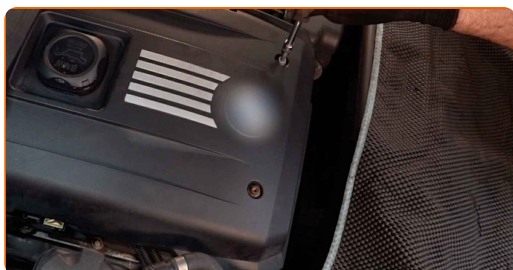
**10** Detach the cable duct from the upper part of the microfilter housing. Use a flat screwdriver.



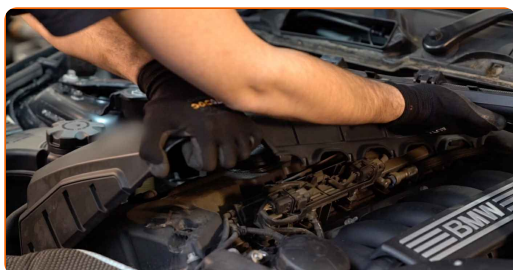
**11** Remove the protective cover.



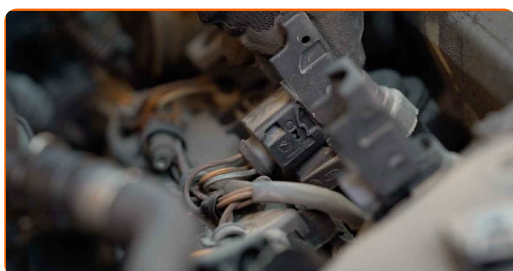
**12** Unscrew the engine cover fastener. Use HEX No.H5. Use a ratchet wrench.



**13** Remove the engine cover.

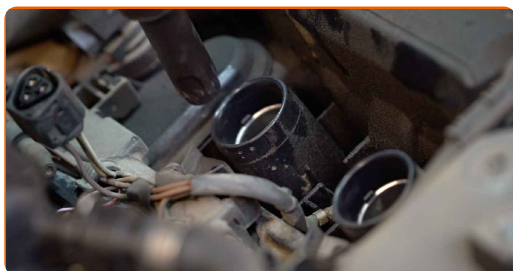


**14** Unplug the connectors from the ignition coils.





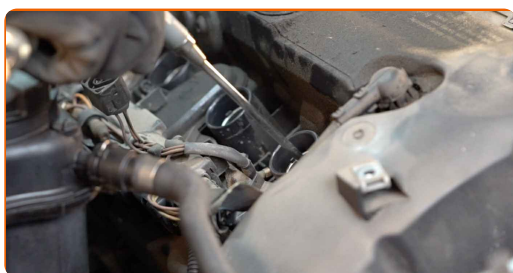
**15** Take out the ignition coils from the spark plug wells.



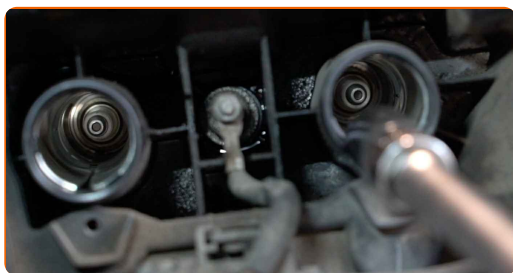
Replacement: spark plugs – BMW X5 (E70). AUTODOC recommends:

- Remember the sequence of steps for ignition coil demounting.

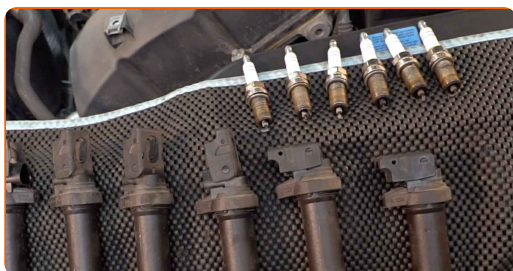
**16** Clean dirt, dust and debris from inside the spark plug wells.



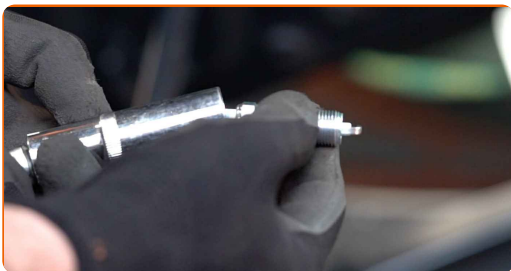
**17** Unscrew the spark plugs. Use the spark plug socket #16. Use a ratchet wrench.



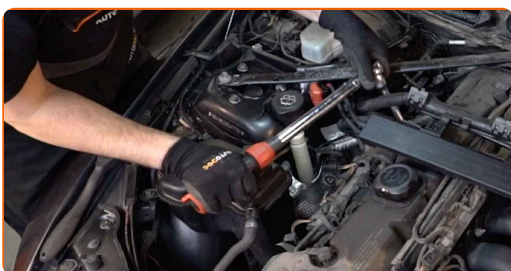
**18** Take out the spark plugs.



**19** Install the new spark plugs into their mounting seats.



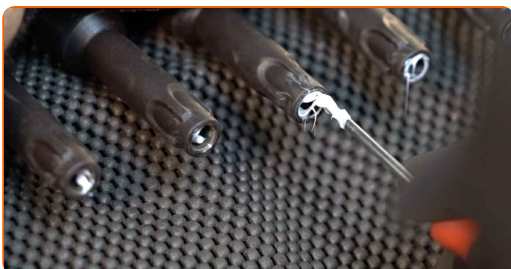
**20** Screw new spark plugs and tighten them. Use the spark plug socket #16. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 27 nm torque.



**Replacement: spark plugs – BMW X5 (E70). AUTODOC experts recommend:**

- Don't tighten the plugs with excessive force. Exceeding tightening torque can damage the thread connection.
- Be careful when working with a spark plug wrench. Its skewing can cause damage to the threaded connection.

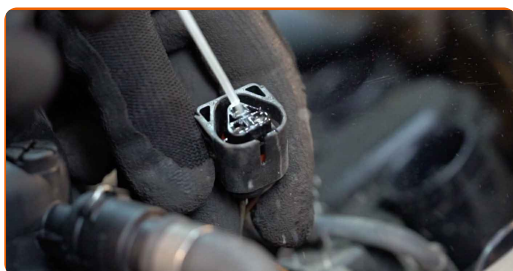
**21** Treat the ignition coil tips. Use high-temperature grease. Use a flat screwdriver.





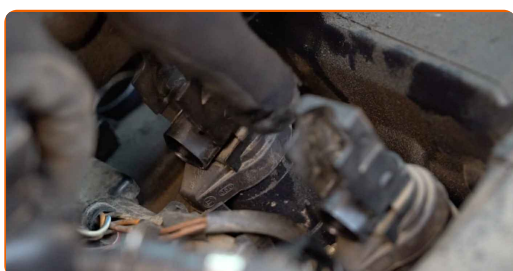
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Treat the ignition coil connector with electronic spray. The spray will protect the electrical contacts from corrosion, oxidation, and will reduce the contact resistance.



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Install the ignition coils to the spark plug wells. Make sure you hear a click indicating that it is locked in place.

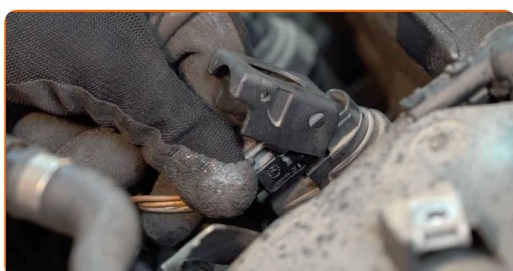


**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Replacement: spark plugs – BMW X5 (E70). Follow the installation steps.

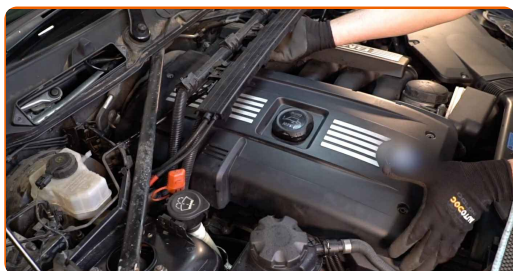
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Plug in the connectors of the ignition coils.



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Install the engine cover and secure it.



Replacement: spark plugs – BMW X5 (E70). Tip:

- Make sure the engine cover is properly seated. It should not be displaced with respect to the guiding fasteners.
- Do not apply excessive force when installing the part. Otherwise you may damage the fasteners.

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Screw in the engine cover fasteners. Use HEX No.H5. Use a ratchet wrench.



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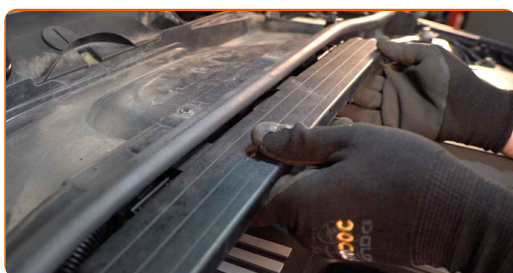
Install the protective cover.



**28** Attach the cable duct to the upper part of the microfilter housing.



**29** Attach the electrical wiring to the upper part of the microfilter housing.

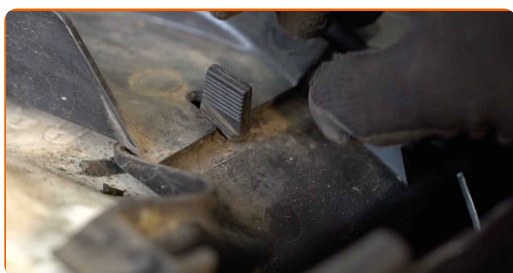


**30** Install the climate control sensors.

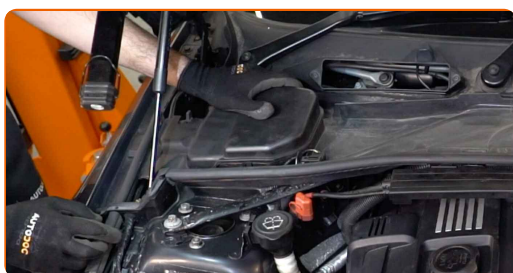
**31** Attach the connectors of the climate control sensors.



**32** Attach the retainers of the upper part of the microfilter housing.



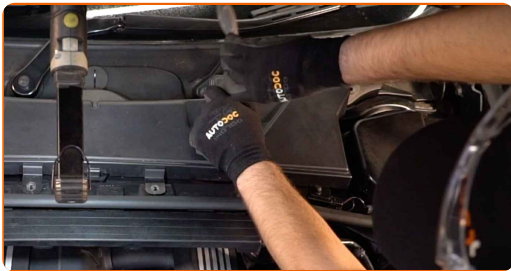
**33** Install the wiper arm covers.



**34** Reinstall the cabin filter housing cover.



**35** Screw in the fasteners of the cabin filter housing cover. Use a drive socket #8. Use a ratchet wrench.



**36** Remove the fender protection cover.

**37** Close the hood.

**38** Run the engine for a few minutes. This is necessary in order to make sure that the component operates properly.

**39** Shut off the engine.

**WELL DONE!** 

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