



How to change front  
lower arm on **FORD**  
**Focus Mk2 Hatchback**  
**(DA\_, HCP, DP) –**  
replacement guide

## SIMILAR VIDEO TUTORIAL



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

### **ⓘ Important!**

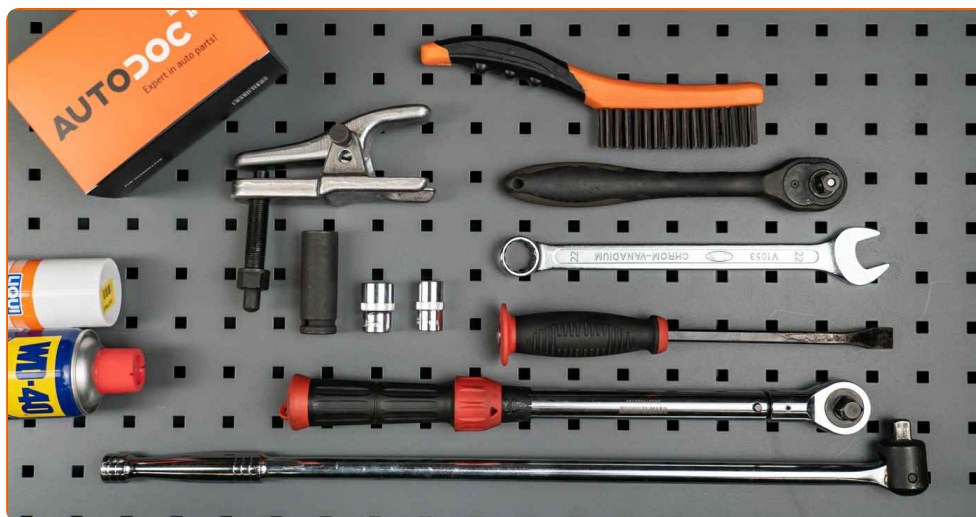
This replacement procedure can be used for:

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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: FORD Focus Mk2 Estate (DA\_, FFS, DS) 1.4

## REPLACEMENT: FRONT LOWER ARM – FORD FOCUS MK2 HATCHBACK (DA\_, HCP, DP). TOOLS YOU MIGHT NEED:



- Wire brush
- WD-40 spray
- Copper grease
- Drive socket # 15
- Drive socket # 18
- Combination spanner #22
- Wheel impact socket #19
- Ratchet wrench
- Torque wrench
- Ball joint puller
- Crow bar
- Hydraulic transmission jack
- Wheel chock

**Buy tools**

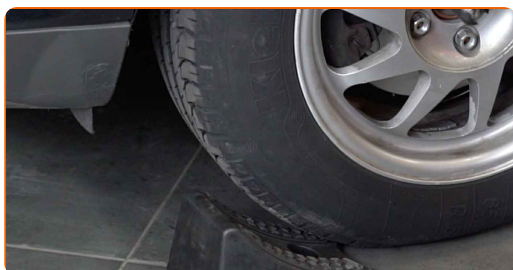
Replacement: front lower arm – FORD Focus Mk2 Hatchback (DA\_, HCP, DP).  
AUTODOC recommends:

- The replacement procedure is identical for the left and right lower control arms.
- Replacement of the independent suspension lower arm in some cars requires a part of the outlet piping of the additional heater to be removed.
- Please note: all work on the car – FORD Focus Mk2 Hatchback (DA\_, HCP, DP) – should be done with the engine switched off.

## CARRY OUT REPLACEMENT IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

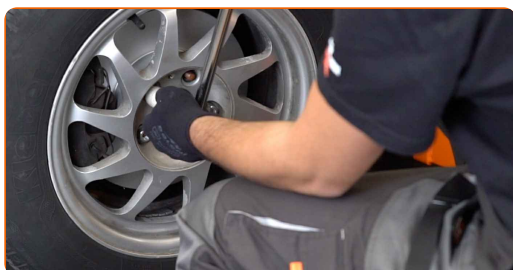
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Secure the wheels with chocks.



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Loosen the wheel mounting bolts. Use wheel impact socket #19.



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Raise the front of the car and secure on supports.

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Unscrew the wheel bolts.



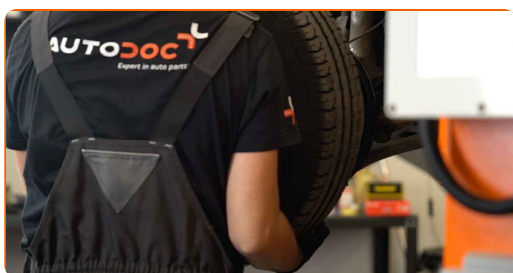
Replacement: front lower arm – FORD Focus Mk2 Hatchback (DA\_, HCP, DP).

Tip:

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

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Remove the wheel.



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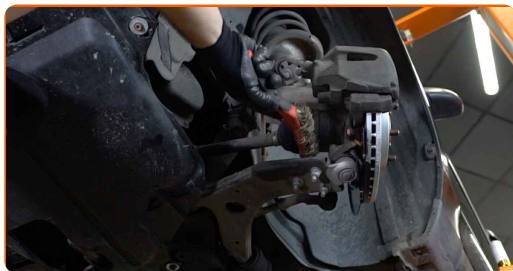
Remove the lower sound insulation.

Please note!

- Some cars are not equipped with the lower sound insulation.

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Clean all joints of the arm. Use a wire brush. Treat all joints of the arm. Use WD-40 spray.

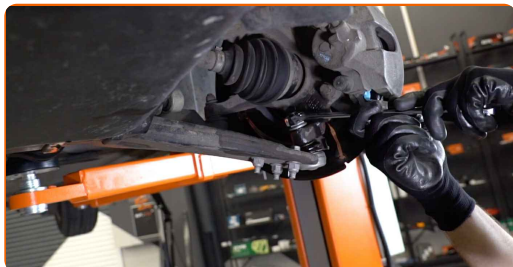


### AUTODOC recommends:

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After applying the spray, wait a few minutes.
- Wear protective goggles.

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Unscrew the ball joint fastening nut. Use a combination spanner #22.



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Unscrew the fastening nut, remove the control arm from the steering knuckle, using a ball joint puller.



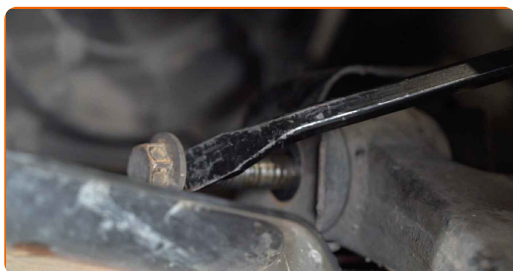
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Unscrew the front arm fastener. Use a drive socket #18. Use a ratchet wrench.



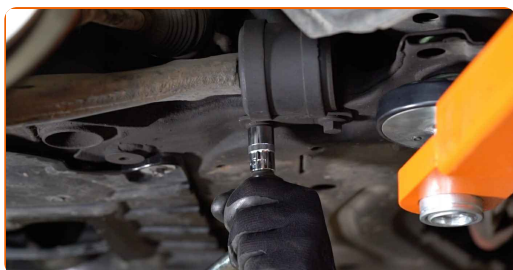
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Remove the front fastener of the control arm. Use a crowbar. Use a hammer.



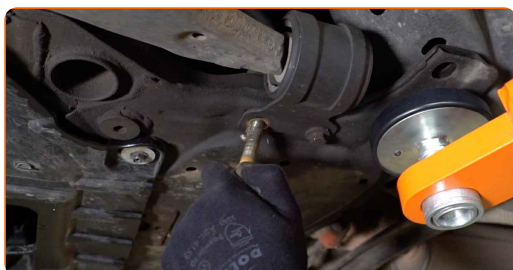
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Unscrew the rear arm fastener. Use a drive socket #15. Use a ratchet wrench.

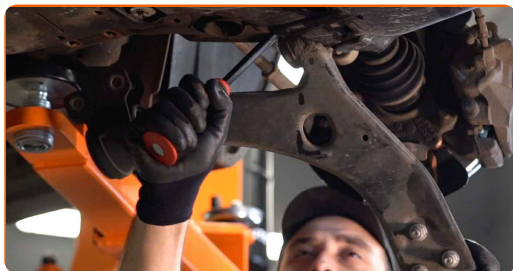


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Remove the rear fastener of the control arm.



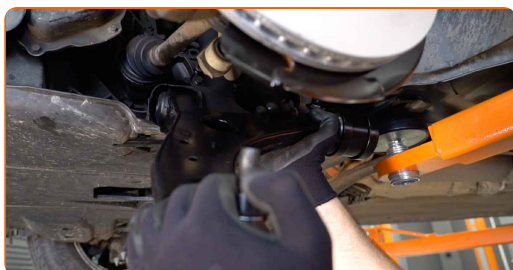
**14** Remove the arm. Use a crowbar.



**15** Clean the mounting seats and the thread of the suspension arm. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.



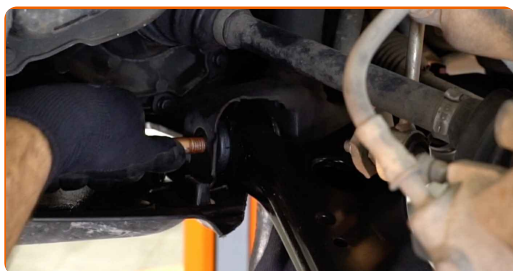
**16** Install a new arm.



Replacement: front lower arm – FORD Focus Mk2 Hatchback (DA\_, HCP, DP).  
AUTODOC experts recommend:

- During the installation process, use only new bolts and nuts.
- Do not damage the ball joint cover.

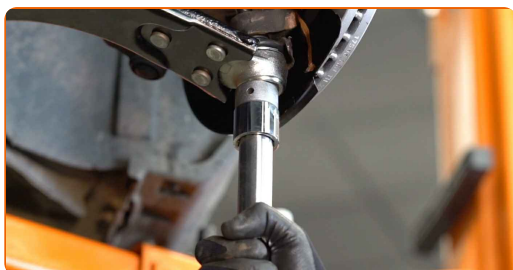
- 17 Install the front fastener of the arm. Do not tighten it.



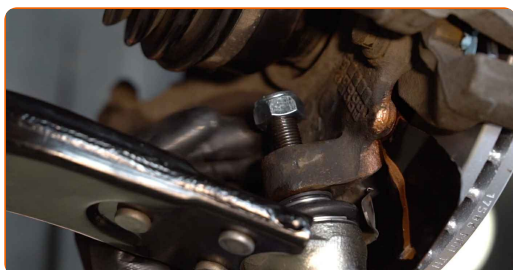
- 18 Connect the ball joint to the steering knuckle.



- 19 Support the arm. Use a hydraulic transmission jack.



- 20 Install the fastening nut of the ball joint.



- 21 Install the rear fastener of the arm.

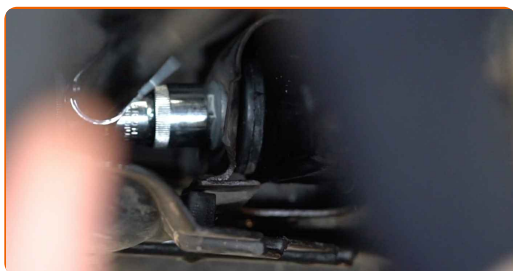
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Screw the rear arm fastener. Use a drive socket #15. Use a ratchet wrench.



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Screw the front arm fastener. Use a drive socket #18. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 175 nm torque.



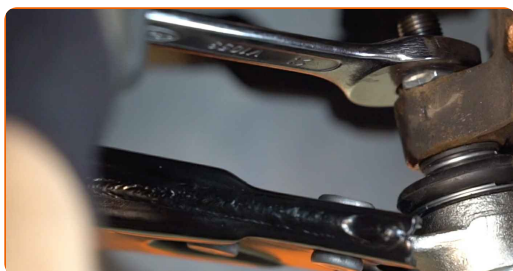
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Tighten the rear fastener connecting the arm to the body subframe. Use a drive socket #15. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 115 nm torque.



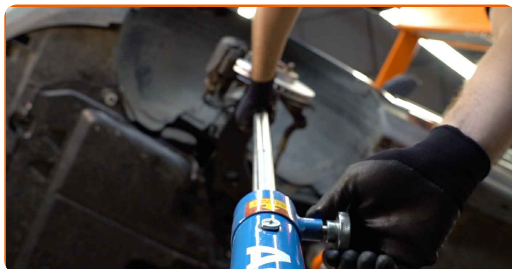
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Tighten the ball joint fastening nut. Use a combination spanner #22. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 70 nm torque.



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Remove the support from under the arm.

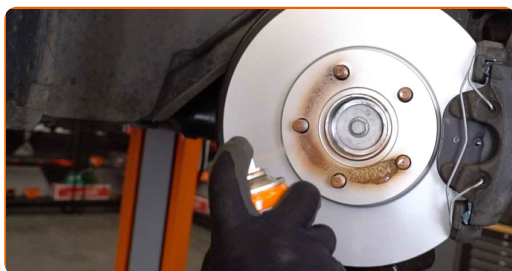


## AUTODOC recommends:

- Replacement: front lower arm – FORD Focus Mk2 Hatchback (DA\_, HCP, DP).  
Lower the transmission jack smoothly, without jerks, to avoid damaging components and mechanisms.

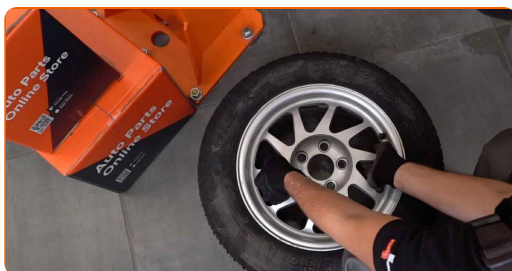
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Clean the wheel rim mounting seat. Use a wire brush. Treat the contacting surface. Use copper grease.



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Install the wheel.



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Tip from AUTODOC experts:

- To avoid injury, hold up the wheel when screwing in the fastening bolts.

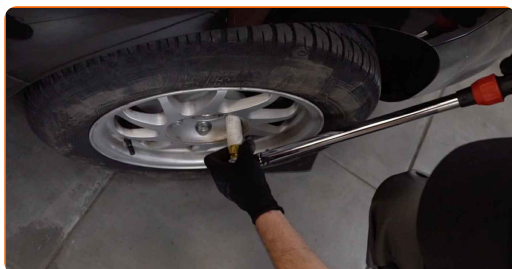
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Screw in the wheel bolts. Use wheel impact socket #19.



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Lower the car and working in a cross order, tighten the wheel bolts. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 110 nm torque.



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Remove the jacks and chocks.



**WELL DONE!** 👍

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