



How to change front
strut mount on **FORD**
Kuga Mk1 (C394) –
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:
FORD Kuga Mk1 (C394) TDCi

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 II Estate (DA_, FFS, DS) 1.4

REPLACEMENT: STRUT MOUNT – FORD KUGA MK1 (C394). TOOLS YOU NEED:



- Wire brush
- WD-40 spray
- Copper grease
- Drive socket # 13
- Drive socket # 15
- Drive socket # 18
- Torx bit T40
- Torx bit T30
- Shock absorber socket
- Wheel impact socket #19
- Combination spanner #19
- Ratchet wrench
- Torque wrench
- Tap wrench
- Hammer
- Flat chisel
- Crow bar
- Hydraulic transmission jack
- Hydraulic strut spring compressor
- Fender cover
- Wheel chock

Buy tools

Replacement: strut mount – FORD Kuga Mk1 (C394). AUTODOC recommends:

- The replacement procedure is identical for the mounts of the left and right shock struts of the front suspension.
- All mounts of the front shock struts should be replaced simultaneously.
- Be sure to replace all self-locking nuts and bolts during installation.
- All work should be done with the engine stopped.

**REPLACEMENT: STRUT MOUNT – FORD KUGA MK1 (C394).
RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE OF STEPS:****1**

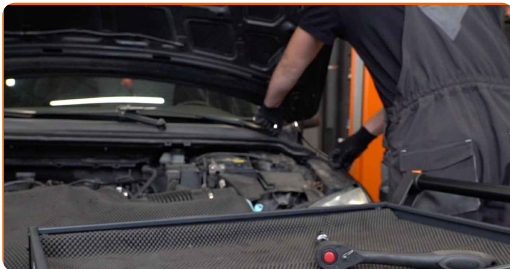
Open the bonnet.

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

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Remove the windscreen wiper arm nut covers.



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Unscrew the fasteners of the windscreen wiper arms. Use a drive socket #15. Use a ratchet wrench.



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Clean the pivots of the windscreen wiper arms. Use WD-40 spray.



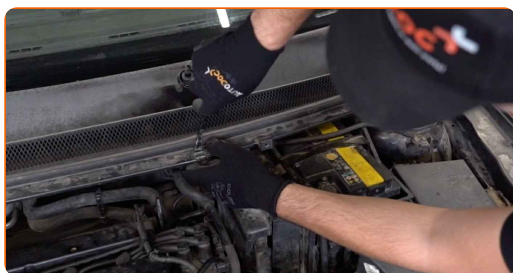
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Remove the wiper arms.



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Remove the clips of the plastic cowl grille. Use a crowbar.



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Raise the wiper plastic cowl grille.



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Unscrew the fastener of the lower wiper plastic cowl grille. Use Torx T30. Use a ratchet wrench.



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Remove the lower wiper plastic cowl grille.



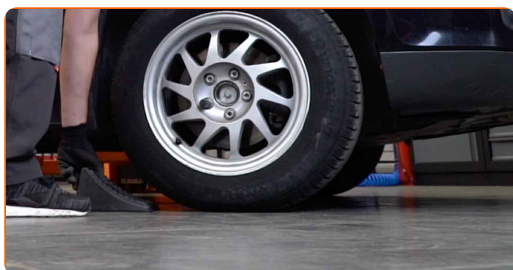
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Loosen the upper fastener of the shock strut mount. Use a drive socket #13. Use a ratchet wrench.



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Secure the wheels with chocks.



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



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

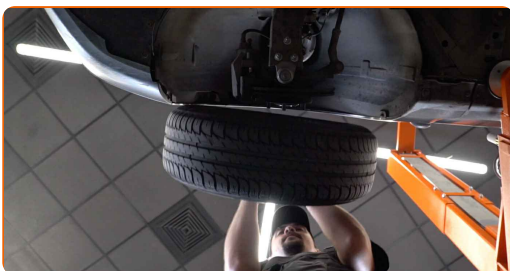
15 Unscrew the wheel bolts.



AUTODOC recommends:

- Important! Hold the wheel while unscrewing the fastening bolts. FORD Kuga Mk1 (C394)

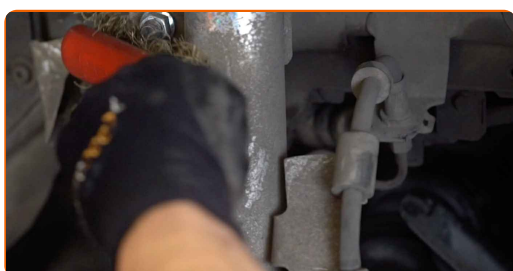
16 Remove the wheel.



17 Disconnect the wiring and the brake hose from the bracket on the shock strut.



18 Clean the fasteners connecting the stabiliser link to the shock strut, and those connecting the shock strut to the steering knuckle. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.



19 Unscrew the nut and remove the stabilizer rod from the shock strut. Use a drive socket #15. Use a ratchet wrench.



20 Unscrew the lower fastener connecting the shock strut to the steering knuckle. Use a drive socket #18. Use a ratchet wrench. Use a tap wrench.



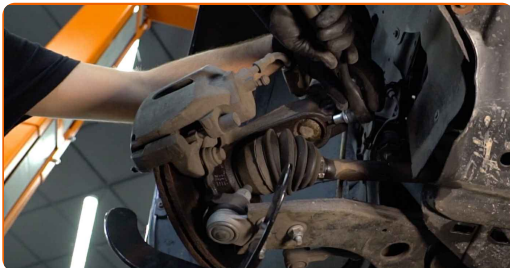
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Prop up the steering knuckle. Use a hydraulic transmission jack.



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Release the lower fastener connecting the shock strut to the steering knuckle. Use a special drive socket to remove the shock absorber. Use a hammer. Use a flat metal-working chisel.



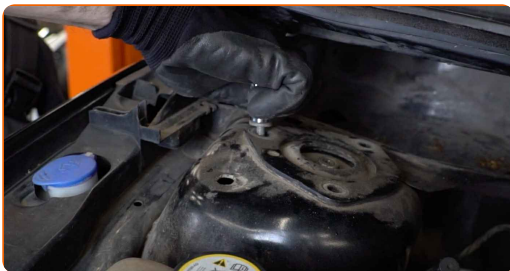
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Disconnect the steering knuckle from the shock absorber strut. Use a crowbar.



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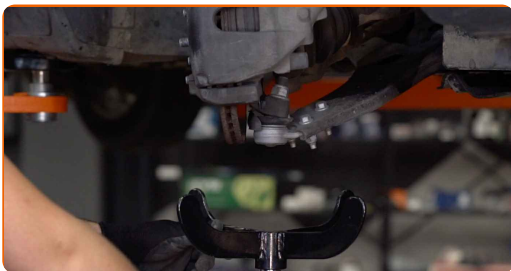
Unscrew the upper fastening of the shock absorber strut.



Replacement: strut mount – FORD Kuga Mk1 (C394). AUTODOC experts recommend:

- To avoid injuries, hold the shock strut when undoing the fastening bolts.

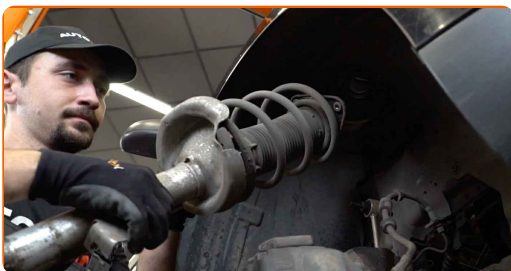
25 Lower the hydraulic transmission jack by 10-15 cm.



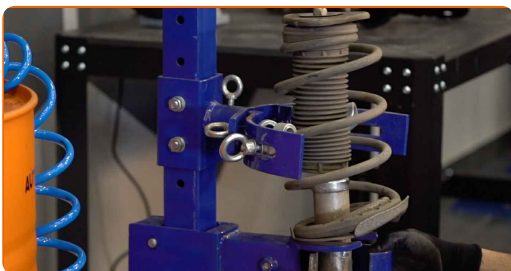
AUTODOC recommends:

- Replacement: strut mount – FORD Kuga Mk1 (C394). Lower the transmission jack smoothly, without jerks, to avoid damaging components and mechanisms.

26 Remove the suspension strut.



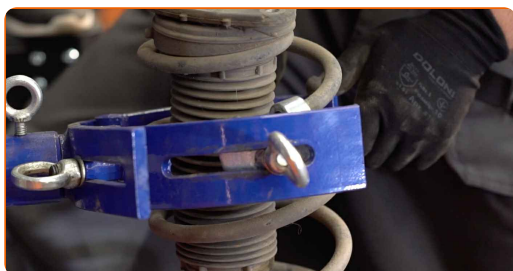
27 Set the shock absorber strut on the spring compressor tool.



Replacement: strut mount – FORD Kuga Mk1 (C394). Professionals recommend:

- Note that when using a spring compressor, spring coils need to be securely gripped, compressing the spring on the opposite sides.
- Ensure the correct position of the spring in the retainer.
- Make sure that the spring coils tightly entered the lock handles.

28 Compress the spring.

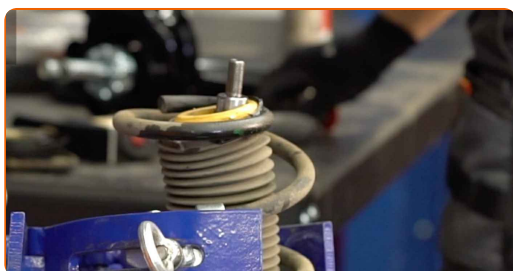


29 Clean the shock absorber rod. Use WD-40 spray.

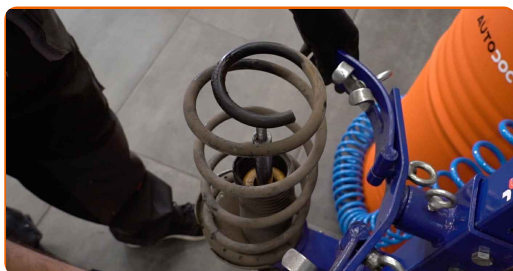
30 Remove the strut piston rod nut. Use Torx T40. Use a combination spanner #19. Use a ratchet wrench.



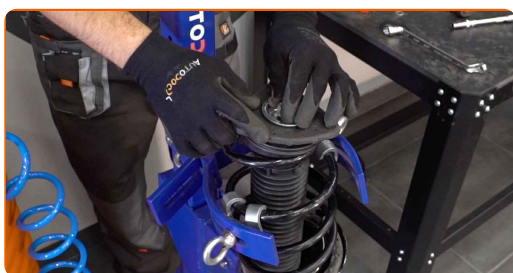
31 Remove the top strut mount. Use a crowbar.



32 Release the coil spring.

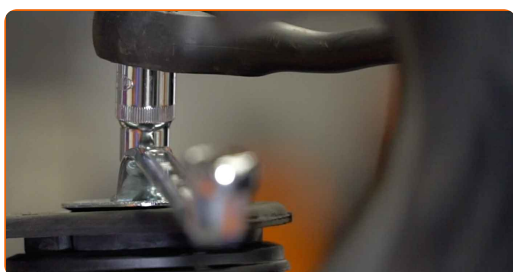


33 Install a new shock strut mount and tighten it.



34 Compress the spring.

35 Tighten the shock strut piston rod nut. Use Torx T30. Use a combination spanner #19. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 50 Nm torque.



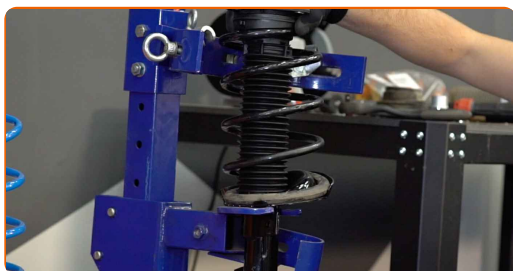
Replacement: strut mount – FORD Kuga Mk1 (C394). Tip from AUTODOC:

- Check to make sure the spring is positioned correctly. Avoid its misalignment.

36 Decompress the spring.



37 Remove the assembled shock strut.



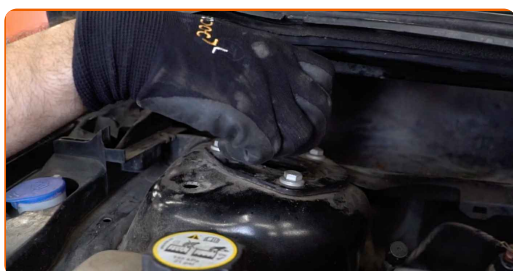
38 Clean the mounting seats of the shock strut. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.



39 Install the shock strut into the wheel arch.



40 Secure the upper fasteners of the shock strut (3 pieces). Do not tighten it.

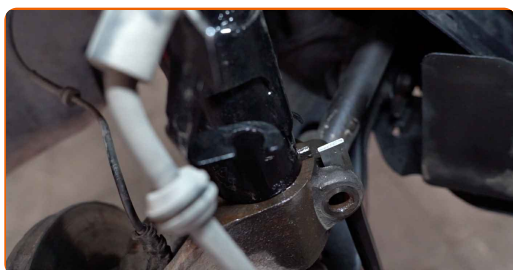


AUTODOC recommends:

- FORD Kuga Mk1 (C394) – To avoid injury, hold the suspension strut while screwing in the fastening bolts.

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Fix the shock absorber strut on the steering knuckle. Use a crowbar.



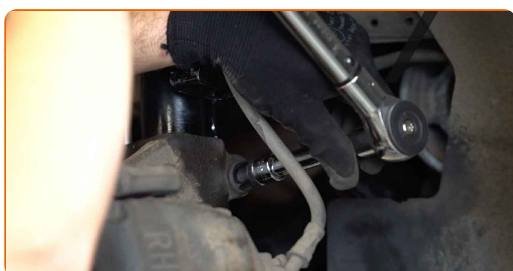
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Prop up the steering knuckle. Use a hydraulic transmission jack.



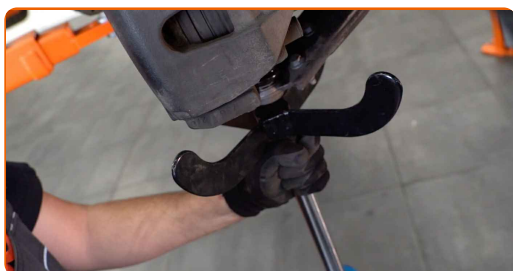
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Install and tighten a new bolt of the steering knuckle. Use a drive socket #18. Use a ratchet wrench. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 90 Nm torque.



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Remove the support from under the steering knuckle.

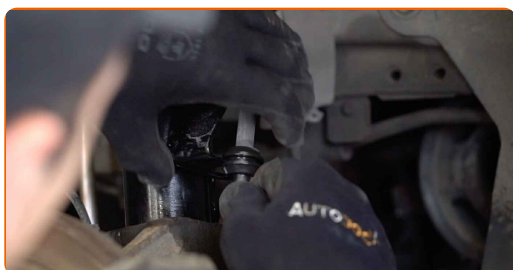


AUTODOC recommends:

- FORD Kuga Mk1 (C394) – Do not lower the transmission jack sharply to avoid damaging components and mechanisms of the car.

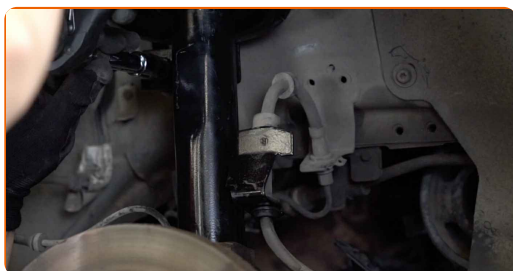
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Connect the fastener of the ABS sensor cable to the shock absorber strut. Fasten the brake hose on the strut.



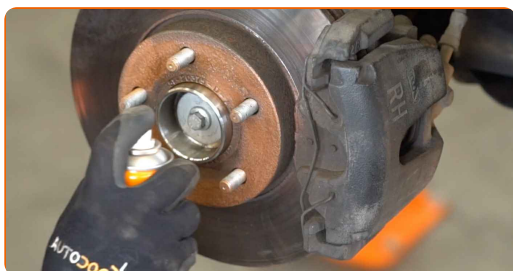
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Secure the stabilizer link on the suspension strut. Use a drive socket #15. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 48 Nm torque.



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



48 Install the wheel.



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

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

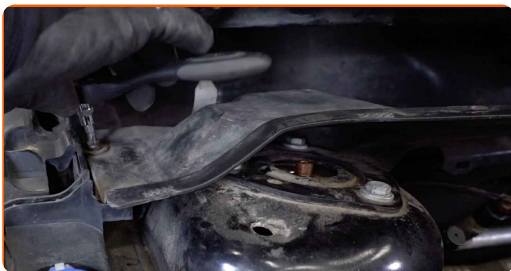


50 Tighten the shock strut top mount (3 pieces). Use a drive socket #13. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 32 Nm torque.

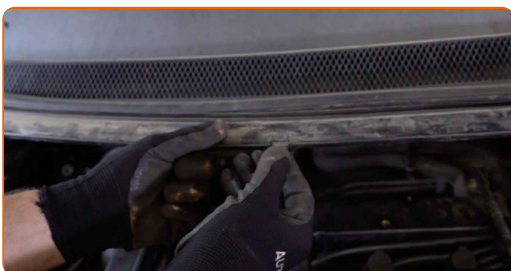


51 Clean the mounting seat of the cowl grille. Use WD-40 spray.

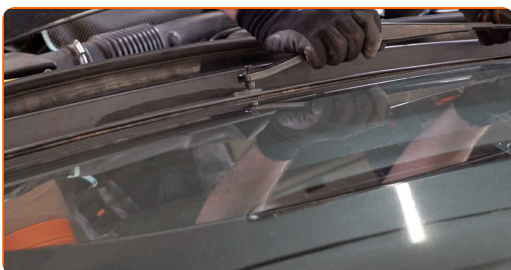
52 Install and secure the cowl grille. Use Torx T30. Use a ratchet wrench.



53 Install the fasteners of the wiper plastic cowl grille.



54 Reinstall the wiper arms.



55 Tighten the fasteners of the wiper arms. Use a drive socket #15. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 10 Nm torque.

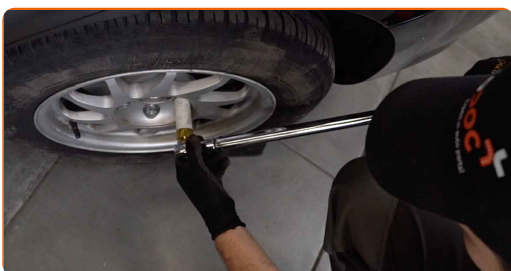


Replacement: strut mount – FORD Kuga Mk1 (C394). Tip:

- Make sure not to mix up the wiper arms on the driver's and passenger's sides.

56 Install the nut covers of the windscreen wiper arms.

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



58 Remove the jacks and chocks.



59 Remove the fender protection cover.

60 Close the hood.

WELL DONE! 

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