



How to change front
brake pads on **VW Golf 4**
– replacement guide

VIDEO TUTORIAL



ⓘ Important!

This replacement procedure can be used for:

VW Caddy III Van (2KA, 2KH, 2CA, 2CH) 1.9 TDI 4motion, VW Golf Plus / Crossgolf (5M1, 521) 1.6 BiFuel, VW Golf VI Hatchback (5K1) 1.6 MultiFuel, VW Golf Plus / Crossgolf (5M1, 521) 1.6 TDI, VW Golf VI Hatchback (5K1) 2.0 R 4motion, VW Jetta Mk6 (162, 163, AV3, AV2) 1.2 TSI, VW Jetta Mk6 (162, 163, AV3, AV2) 1.6 TDI, VW Jetta Mk6 (162, 163, AV3, AV2) 2.0 TDI, VW Golf VI Variant (AJ5) 1.6 MultiFuel, VW Golf Plus / Crossgolf (5M1, 521) 1.2 TSI, VW Golf IV Hatchback (1J1) 1.9 TDI, VW Golf IV Hatchback (1J1) 1.6, VW Golf IV Hatchback (1J1) 1.9 SDI, VW Golf IV Hatchback (1J1) 1.4 16V, VW Golf IV Hatchback (1J1) 1.8, (+ 208)

The steps may slightly vary depending on the car design.

REPLACEMENT: BRAKE PADS – VW GOLF 4. TOOLS YOU NEED:



- Wire brush
- Brake cleaner
- Anti-squeal paste
- Copper grease
- HEX bit No.H7
- Wheel impact socket #17
- Brake caliper wind back tool
- Ratchet wrench
- Torque wrench
- Crow bar
- Wheel chock

BUY TOOLS

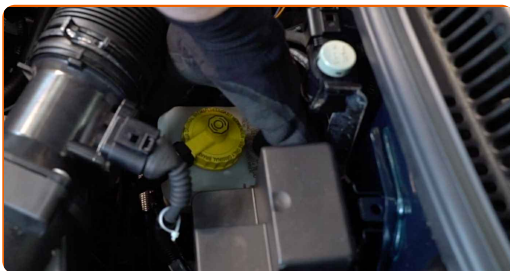
Replacement: brake pads – VW Golf 4. AUTODOC experts recommend:

- Perform the replacement of brake pads in complete set for each axis. This provides effective braking.
- The replacement procedure is identical for all brake pads on the same axle.
- Please note: all work on the car – VW Golf 4 – 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.



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Raise the front of the car and secure on supports.



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Unscrew the wheel bolts.

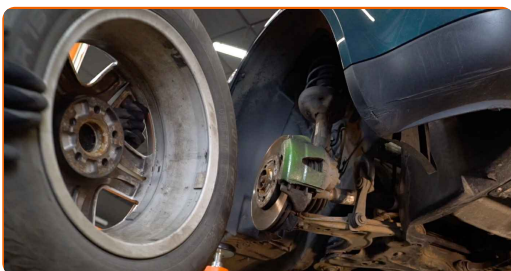


AUTODOC recommends:

- Important! Hold the wheel while unscrewing the fastening bolts. VW Golf 4

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Remove the wheel.



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Spread the brake pads. Use a crowbar.



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Remove the dust boot caps of the brake caliper guide pins. Use a crowbar.



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



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Remove the brake caliper.



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Remove the brake pads. Use a crowbar.



Replacement: brake pads – VW Golf 4. Professionals 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.
- Measure the brake disc thickness. Upon reaching the wear limit the part must be replaced.

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Treat the brake caliper piston. Use a brake cleaner.

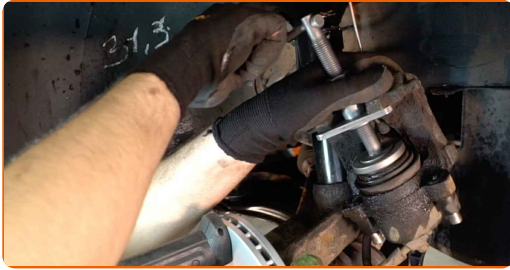


AUTODOC recommends:

- Replacement: brake pads – VW Golf 4. After applying the spray, wait a few minutes.

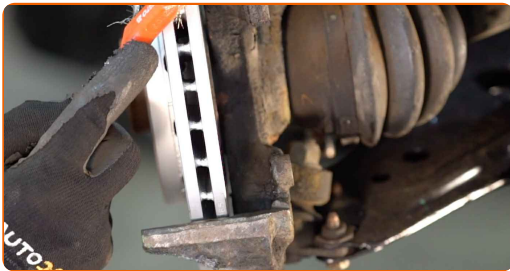
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Press in the brake caliper piston. Use brake caliper wind back tool.



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



Replacement: brake pads – VW Golf 4. Tip from AUTODOC:

- After applying the spray, wait a few minutes.

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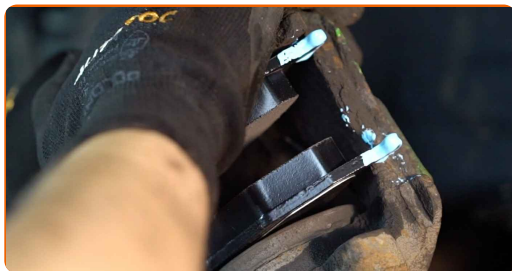
Treat the brake pads in the area where their surface comes into contact with the brake caliper bracket. Use anti-squeal paste.



Replacement: brake pads – VW Golf 4. AUTODOC recommends:

- Make sure the disc surface is clean before installing the pads.

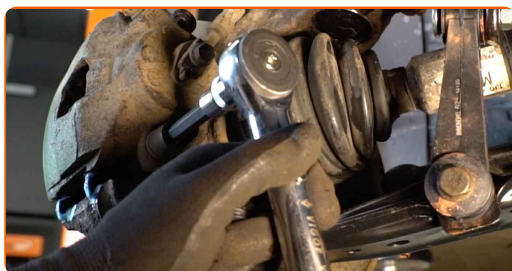
16 Install new brake pads.



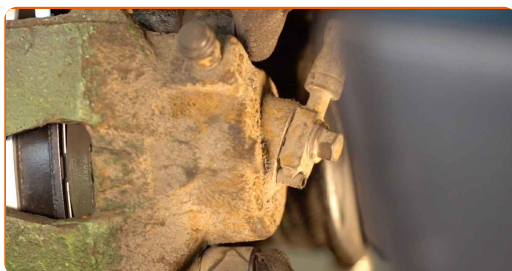
Replacement: brake pads – VW Golf 4. Tip:

- Make sure the pads are installed with linings facing the disc.

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



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



19 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.



AUTODOC recommends:

- Warning! To avoid injury, hold the wheel while screwing in the fastening bolts on the car. VW Golf 4

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



- 23 Lower the car and working in a cross order, tighten the wheel bolts. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 120 Nm torque.



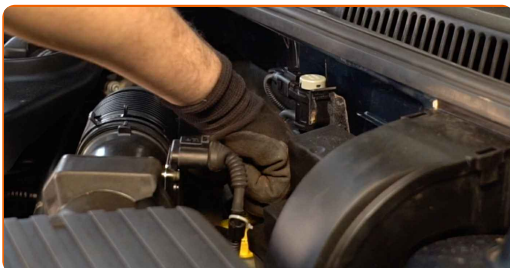
- 24 Remove the jacks and chocks.



Replacement: brake pads – VW Golf 4. Professionals recommend:

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

- 25 Tighten the brake fluid reservoir cap.



Replacement: brake pads – VW Golf 4. AUTODOC recommends:

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

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Close the hood.



Replacement: brake pads – VW Golf 4. Tip:

- Slow down smoothly for first 150-200 km after the brake pads replacement. Avoid unnecessary and sharp braking to a stop.

WELL DONE! 

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