



How to change track rod  
end on **VW Golf 4** –  
replacement guide

## VIDEO TUTORIAL

** Important!**

This replacement procedure can be used for:

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, VW Golf IV Hatchback (1J1) 1.8 T, VW Golf IV Hatchback (1J1) 2.3 V5, VW New Beetle Hatchback (9C1, 1C1) 2.0, VW New Beetle Hatchback (9C1, 1C1) 1.9 TDI, VW Golf IV Hatchback (1J1) 1.9 TDI 4motion, VW Golf IV Hatchback (1J1) 1.8 4motion, VW Bora Saloon (1J2) 1.6, VW Bora Saloon (1J2) 2.0, VW Bora Saloon (1J2) 2.3 V5, VW Bora Saloon (1J2) 1.9 TDI, (+ 67)

The steps may slightly vary depending on the car design.

REPLACEMENT: TRACK ROD END – VW GOLF 4. TOOLS YOU NEED:



- Wire brush
- WD-40 spray
- Brake cleaner
- Copper grease
- Combination spanner #19
- Combination spanner #22
- Drive socket # 17
- Wheel impact socket #17
- Ratchet wrench
- Torque wrench
- Tap wrench
- Vernier caliper
- Wheel chock

**BUY TOOLS**

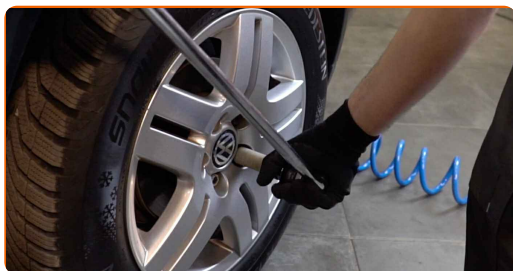
Replacement: track rod end – VW Golf 4. AUTODOC experts recommend:

- Replace tie rod ends in pairs.
- The replacement procedure is identical for the right and left tie rod ends.
- 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** Secure the wheels with chocks.

**2** Loosen the wheel mounting bolts. Use wheel impact socket #17.

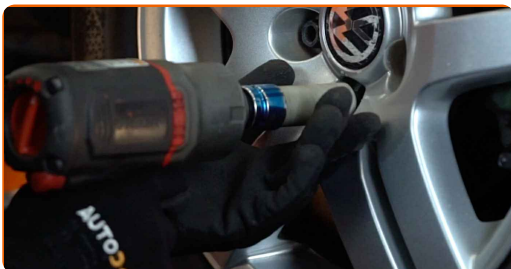


**3** Raise the front of the car and secure on supports.



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Unscrew the wheel bolts.

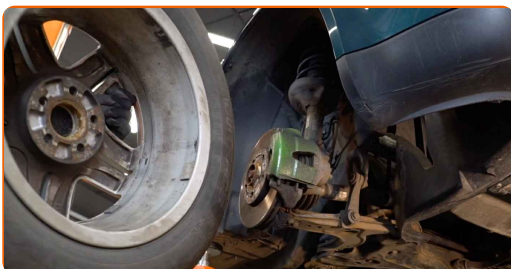


**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Warning! To avoid injury, hold the wheel while unscrewing the fastening bolts. VW Golf 4

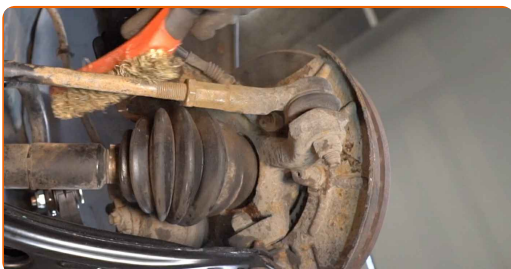
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Remove the wheel.



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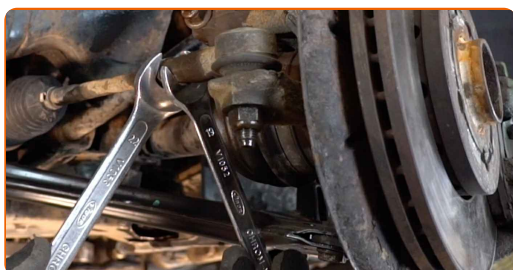
Clean the fastener connecting the tie rod end to the steering knuckle. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.



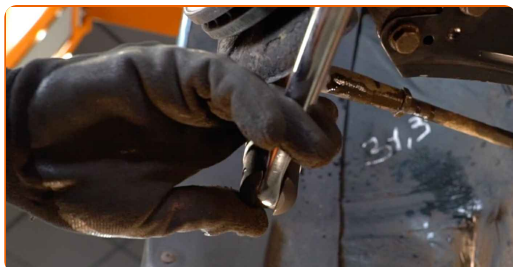
- 7 When deinstalling, mark or measure the precise position of the ball joint on the track rod, or count the number of turns in order to prevent misalignment afterward. Use a vernier caliper.



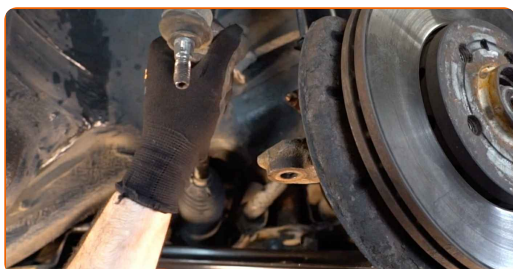
- 8 Loosen the lock nut securing the tie rod end to the tie rod. Use a combination spanner #19. Use a combination spanner #22.



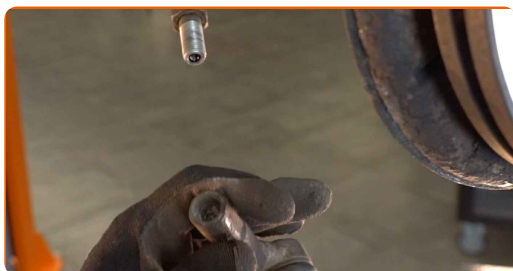
- 9 Unscrew the end fastening nut to the steering knuckle. Use a drive socket #17. Use a tap wrench.



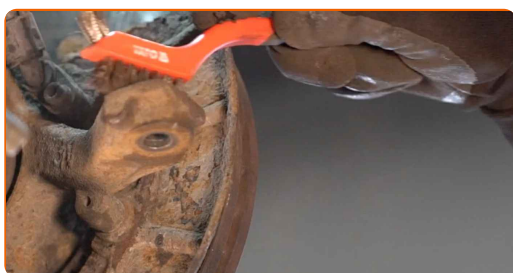
- 10 Disconnect the tie rod end from the steering knuckle.



**11** Screw the end out of the tie rod.



**12** Clean the mounting seats of the tie rod end. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.



**13** Screw on a new tie rod end.

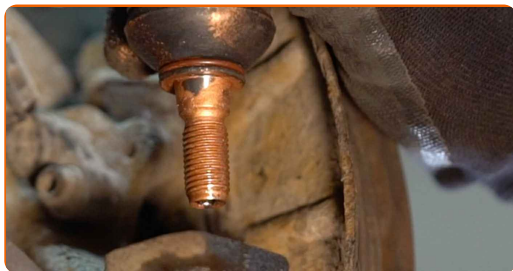


**Replacement: track rod end – VW Golf 4. Tip from AUTODOC experts:**

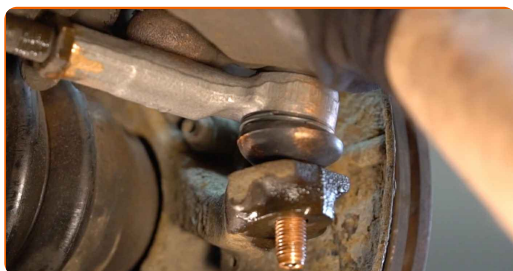
- While installing the steering rod end remember to make the same number of turns or to leave the same length of thread showing as per your measurements.



**14** Treat the threaded part of the tie rod. Use copper grease.



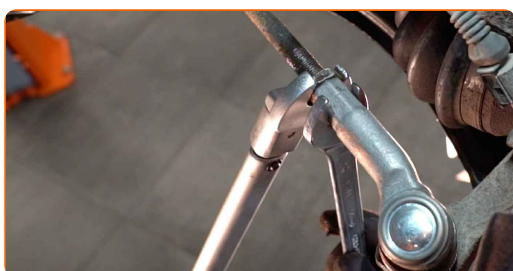
**15** Connect the tie rod end to the steering knuckle.



**16** When deinstalling, mark or measure the precise position of the ball joint on the track rod, or count the number of turns in order to prevent misalignment afterward. Use a vernier caliper.

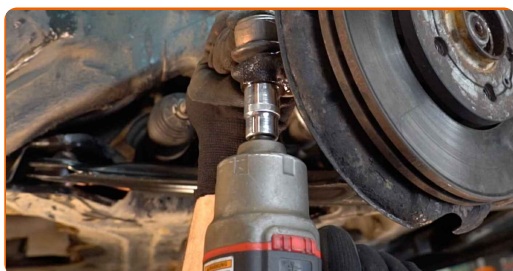


**17** Tighten the tie rod end locknut. Use a combination spanner #19. Use a combination spanner #22. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 50 nm torque.

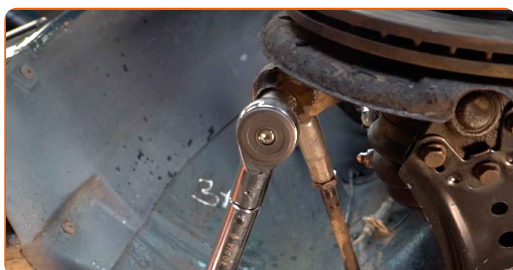




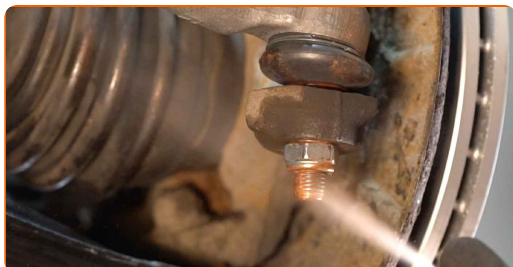
- 18** Screw on the fastening nut that connects the tie rod end to the steering knuckle. Use a drive socket #17. Use a ratchet wrench.



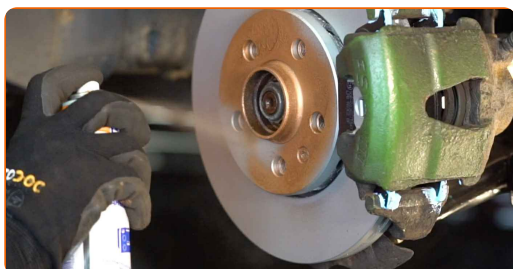
- 19** Tighten the fastening nut connecting the tie rod end to the steering knuckle. Use a drive socket #17. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 45 nm torque.



- 20** Treat the fastener connecting the tie rod end to the steering knuckle. Use copper grease.

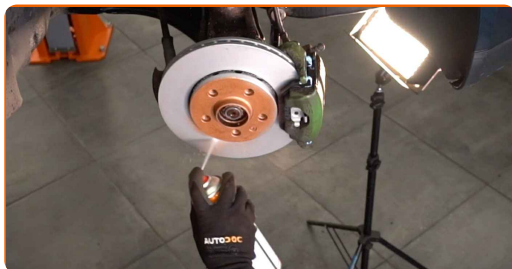


- 21** Treat the surface where the brake disc contacts the wheel rim. Use copper grease.



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Clean the brake disk surface. Use a brake cleaner.



**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Replacement: track rod end – VW Golf 4. After applying the spray, wait a few minutes.

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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.



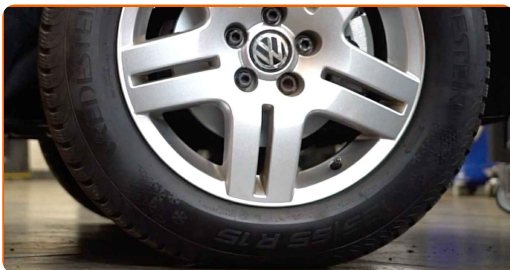
**25** Lower the car and working in a cross order, tighten the wheel bolts. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 120 nm torque.



Replacement: track rod end – VW Golf 4. AUTODOC experts recommend:

- Check and adjust wheel alignment if necessary.

**26** Remove the jacks and chocks.



**WELL DONE!** 

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