



How to change front
brake pads on **Mercedes**
W201 – replacement
guide

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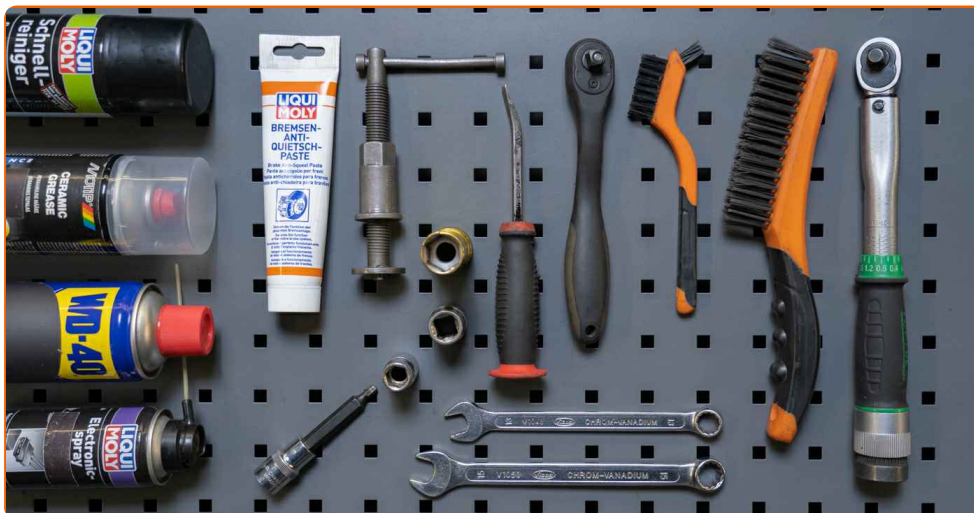
Important!

This replacement procedure can be used for:

MERCEDES-BENZ 190 (W201) E 1.8 (201.018), MERCEDES-BENZ 190 (W201) 2.0 (201.022), MERCEDES-BENZ 190 (W201) E 2.0 (201.024), MERCEDES-BENZ 190 (W201) 2.0 (201.023), MERCEDES-BENZ 190 (W201) E 2.0, MERCEDES-BENZ 190 (W201) D 2.0 (201.122), MERCEDES-BENZ 190 (W201) D 2.5 (201.126), MERCEDES-BENZ 190 (W201) 2.3 E, MERCEDES-BENZ 190 (W201) 2.6

The steps may slightly vary depending on the car design.

REPLACEMENT: BRAKE PADS – MERCEDES W201. LIST OF THE TOOLS YOU'LL NEED:



- Wire brush
- Nylon cleaning brush
- WD-40 spray
- Brake cleaner
- Dielectric grease
- Anti-squeal paste
- Ceramic grease
- Torque wrench
- Combination spanner #13
- Combination spanner #15
- Drive socket # 13
- Drive socket # 19
- HEX bit No.H5
- Wheel impact socket #17
- Ratchet wrench
- Tap wrench
- Crow bar
- Brake caliper wind back tool
- Wheel chock

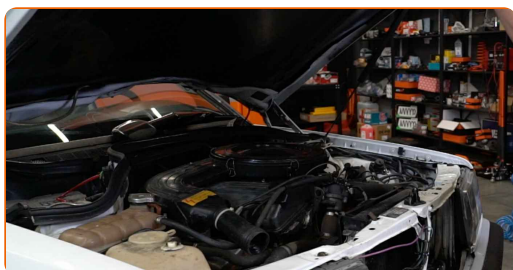
BUY TOOLS

Replacement: brake pads – Mercedes W201. AUTODOC recommends:

- 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.
- All work should be done with the engine stopped.

REPLACEMENT: BRAKE PADS – MERCEDES W201. RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE OF STEPS:

1 Open the bonnet.



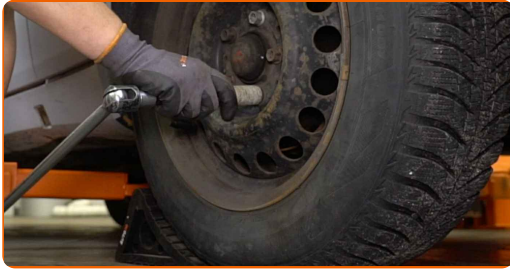
2 Unscrew the brake fluid reservoir cap.



3 Secure the wheels with chocks.

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Loosen the wheel bolts. Use wheel impact socket #17. Use a tap wrench.



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Raise the car.



Replacement: brake pads – Mercedes W201. Tip:

- If you are using a jack, make sure it rests on a flat surface without any unevenness.
- Be sure to additionally secure the car with jack stands.

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Unscrew the wheel bolts.

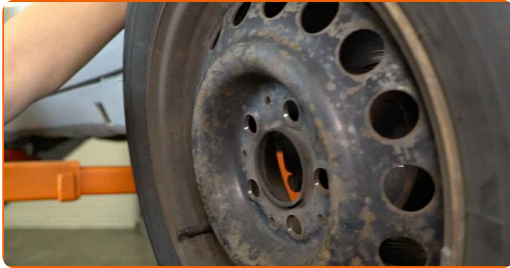


AUTODOC recommends:

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

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Remove the wheel.



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Detach the connector of the brake pad wear sensor.

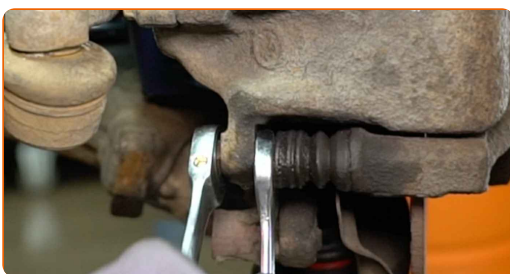
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Clean the brake caliper fasteners. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.



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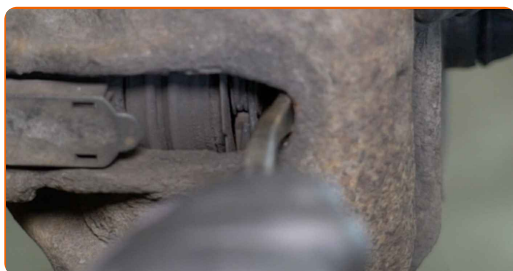
Unscrew the brake caliper fasteners. Use a combination spanner #15. Use a combination spanner #13.



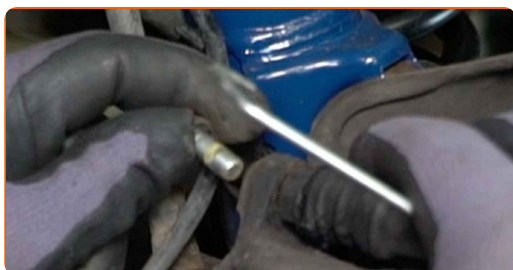
11 Detach the brake pad wear sensor wiring harness.



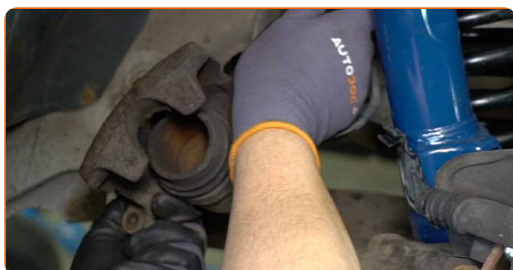
12 Spread the brake pads. Use a crowbar.



13 Remove the fastening bolts.



14 Remove the brake caliper.

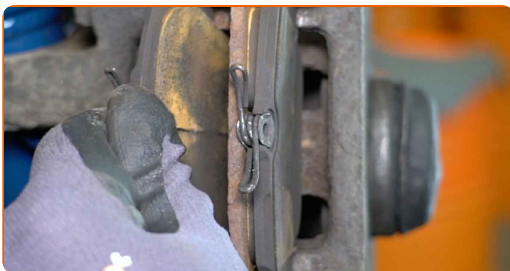


Replacement: brake pads – Mercedes W201. AUTODOC experts recommend:

- 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.

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Remove the brake pads.



AUTODOC recommends:

- Measure the brake disc thickness. Upon reaching the wear limit the part must be replaced.

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

AUTODOC recommends:

- Check the brake caliper bracket, brake caliper guide pins and boots. Clean them. Replace, if necessary.

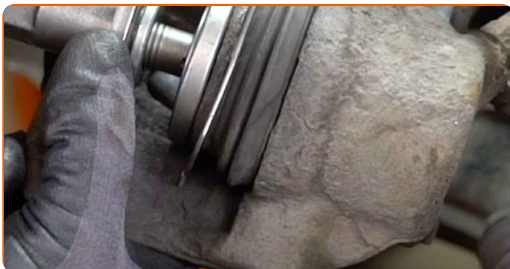
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Treat the brake caliper piston. Use a nylon cleaning brush. Use a brake cleaner.



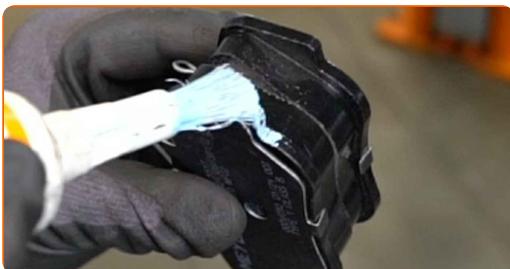
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Press in the brake caliper piston. Use brake caliper wind back tool.



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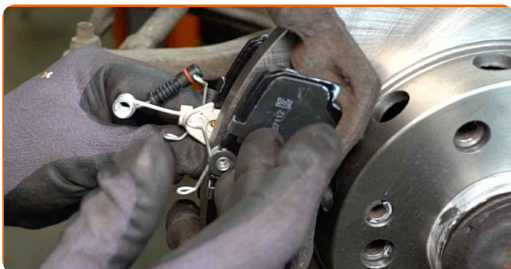
Treat the brake pads in the area where their surface comes into contact with the brake caliper bracket. Use anti-squeal paste.



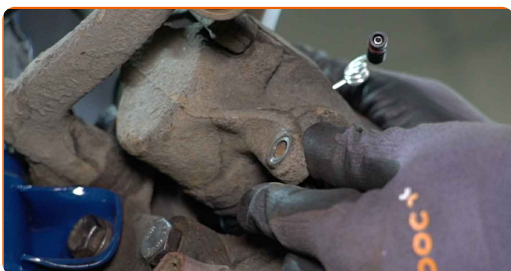
Replacement: brake pads – Mercedes W201. AUTODOC recommends:

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

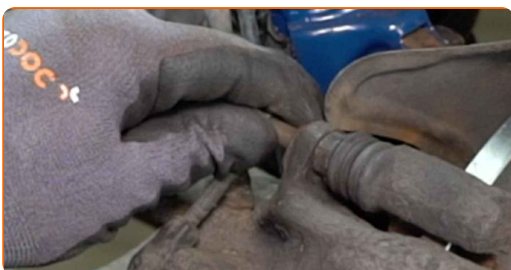
20 Install new brake pads.



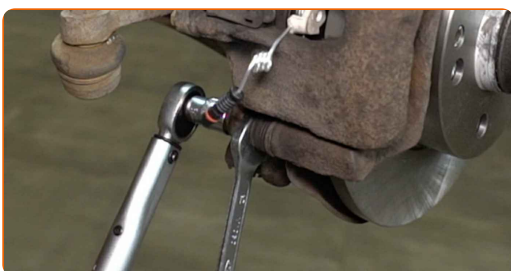
21 Install the brake caliper and fasten it.



22 Install the fastening bolts.



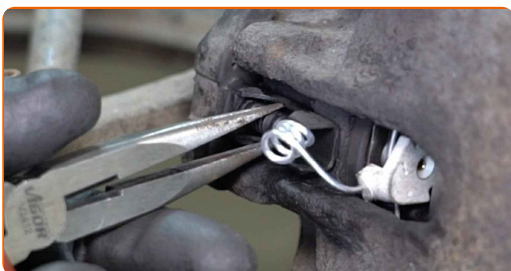
23 Tighten the brake caliper fasteners. Use a combination spanner #15. Use a drive socket #13. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 35 Nm torque.



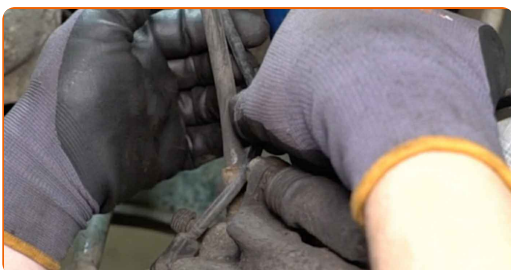
24 Treat the brake pad wear sensor plug. Use dielectric grease.



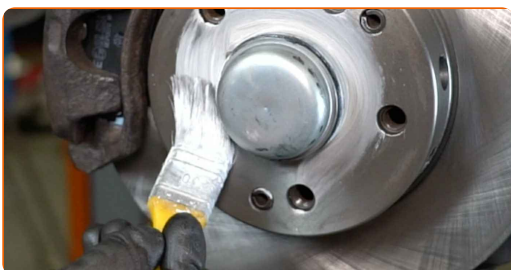
25 Attach the connector of the brake pad wear sensor.



26 Attach the brake pad wear sensor wiring harness.



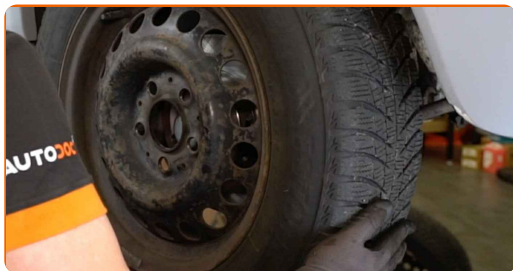
27 Treat the surface where the brake disc contacts the wheel rim. Use ceramic grease.



28 Clean the brake disc surface. Use a brake cleaner.



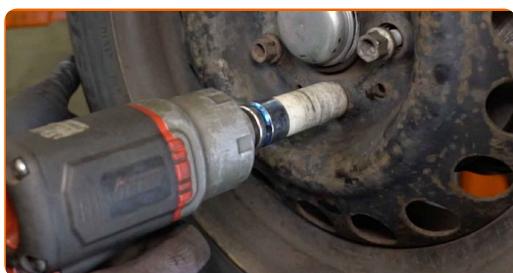
29 Install the wheel.



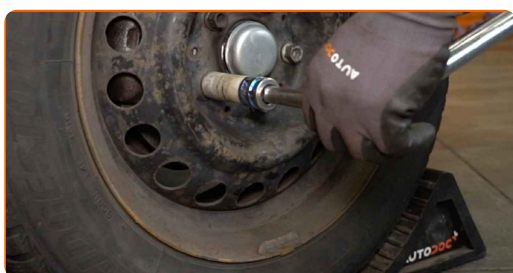
AUTODOC recommends:

- Important! Hold the wheel while screwing in the fastening bolts. Mercedes W201

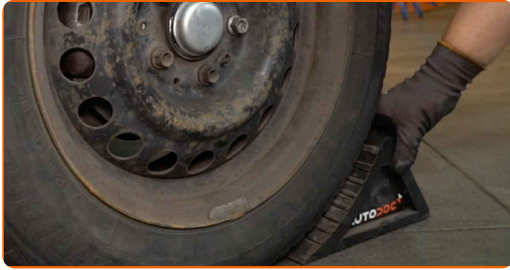
30 Screw in the wheel bolts. Use wheel impact socket #17. Use a ratchet wrench.



31 Lower the car and working in a cross order, tighten the wheel bolts. Use wheel impact socket #17. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 110 Nm torque.



32 Remove the jacks and chocks.



AUTODOC recommends:

- Without starting the engine, press the brake pedal several times until you feel significant resistance.
- Check the brake fluid level in the expansion tank and top up if necessary.

33 Tighten the brake fluid reservoir cap.



34 Close the bonnet.



Replacement: brake pads – Mercedes W201. Tip from AUTODOC experts:

- 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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