



How to change rear
brake caliper on
**MERCEDES-BENZ S-
Class Saloon (W126)** –
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:

MERCEDES-BENZ S-Class Saloon (W126) 260 SE 2.6 (126.020)

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: MERCEDES-BENZ 190 (W201) D 2.0 (201.122)

REPLACEMENT: BRAKE CALIPER – MERCEDES-BENZ S-CLASS SALOON (W126). LIST OF THE TOOLS YOU'LL NEED:



- Wire brush
- WD-40 spray
- Brake cleaner
- High-temperature ceramic grease
- Copper grease
- Torque wrench
- Combination spanner #9
- Combination spanner #17
- Flare nut spanner №14
- Wheel impact socket #17
- Crow bar
- Hammer
- Pin punch
- Brake hose clip
- Brake bleeder kit
- Wheel chock

Buy tools

Replacement: brake caliper – MERCEDES-BENZ S-Class Saloon (W126). Tip from AUTODOC:

- The replacement procedure is identical for the left and right brake calipers on the same axle.
- Please note: all work on the car – MERCEDES-BENZ S-Class Saloon (W126) – should be done with the engine switched off.

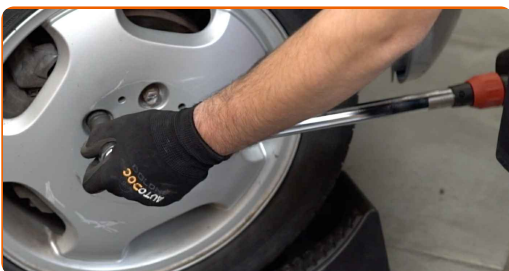
CARRY OUT REPLACEMENT IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

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.



4 Raise the rear of the car and secure on supports.

5 Unscrew the wheel bolts.



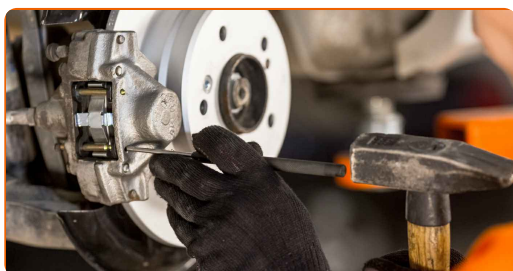
AUTODOC recommends:

- Important! Hold the wheel while unscrewing the fastening bolts. MERCEDES-BENZ S-Class Saloon (W126)

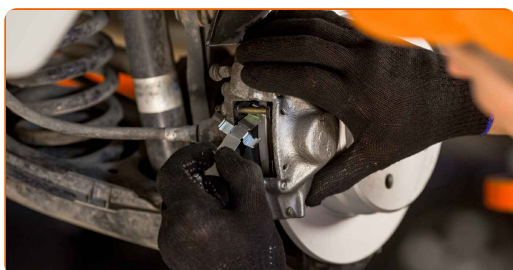
6 Remove the wheel.



7 Remove the brake pads retaining clips. Use a pin punch. Use a hammer.



8 Remove the retaining spring of the brake pads.



9 Spread the brake pads. Use a crowbar.

10 Remove the brake pads. Use a crowbar.



11 Clamp the brake hose off using a brake hose clamp.



12 Loosen the brake hose fastening. Use a flare nut spanner #14.

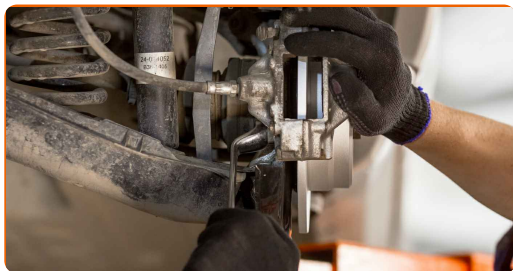


13 Clean the brake caliper fasteners. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.



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Unscrew the brake caliper fasteners. Use a combination spanner #17.

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Remove the brake caliper.

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Disconnect the brake hose. Use a flare nut spanner #14.

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Treat the brake hose. Use a brake cleaner.



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Install and fix the brake hose into a new caliper.



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Install the brake caliper and fix it. Use a combination spanner #17. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 25 Nm torque.



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Install the brake pads.



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Install the retaining spring of the brake pads.



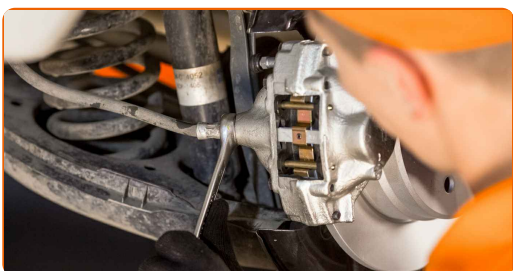
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Install the brake pads retaining clips. Use a pin punch. Use a hammer. Use a crowbar.



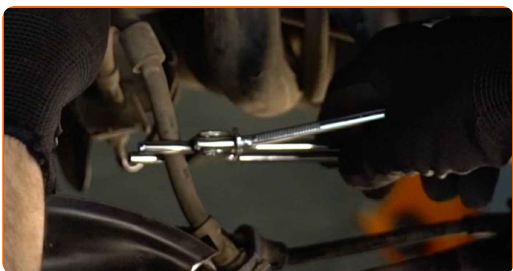
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Tighten the fastener connecting the brake pipe to the brake caliper. Use a flare nut spanner #14. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 18 Nm torque.



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Remove the brake hose clamp.

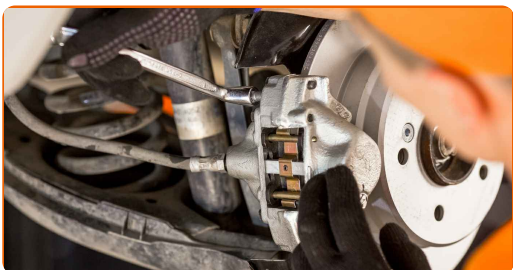


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Connect the brake bleeder kit to the brake bleeder screw.

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Undo the brake bleeder screw. Use a combination spanner #9.



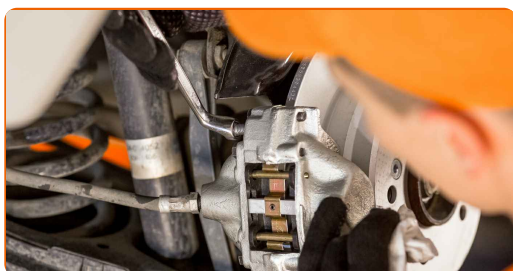
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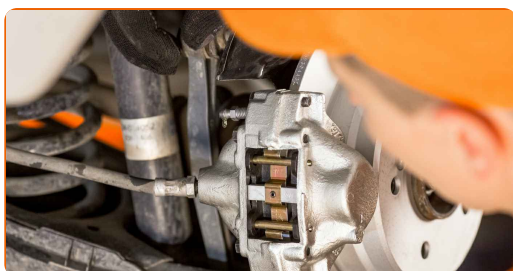
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Tighten the brake caliper bleed screw. Use a combination spanner #9. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 7 Nm torque.



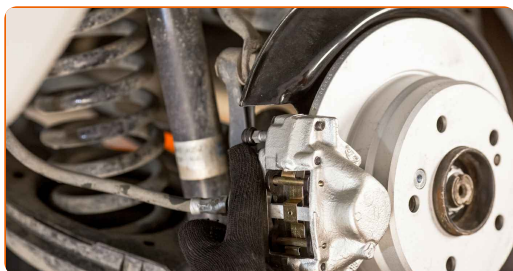
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Disconnect the brake bleeder kit.



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Clean dirt from the brake hose bolt. Use a brake cleaner.

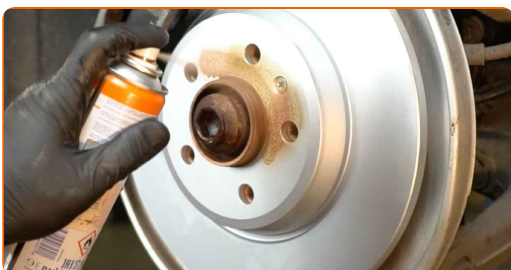


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AUTODOC recommends:

- After applying the spray, wait a few minutes.

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Treat the surface where the brake disc contacts the wheel rim. Use high-temperature ceramic grease.



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Clean the brake disk surface. Use a brake cleaner.



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Install the wheel.

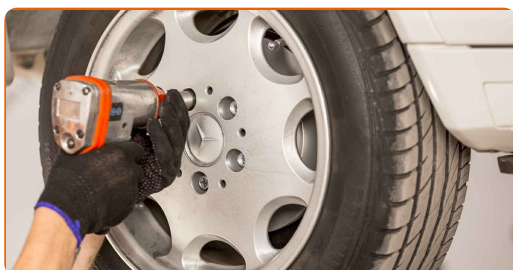


AUTODOC recommends:

- Warning! To avoid injury, hold the wheel while screwing in the fastening bolts on the car. MERCEDES-BENZ S-Class Saloon (W126)

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



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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.



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Remove the jacks and chocks.



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AUTODOC experts recommend:

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

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Tighten the brake fluid reservoir cap. Close the hood.

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

WELL DONE! 

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