



How to change front
brake pads on
MERCEDES-BENZ SL
(R129) – replacement
guide

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This video shows the replacement procedure of a similar car part on another vehicle

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This replacement procedure can be used for:
 MERCEDES-BENZ SL (R129) 280 2.8 (129.059), MERCEDES-BENZ SL (R129) 320 3.2 (129.064), MERCEDES-BENZ SL (R129) 500 5.0 (129.068)

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 M-Class (W163) ML 270 CDI (163.113)

REPLACEMENT: BRAKE PADS – MERCEDES-BENZ SL (R129). LIST OF THE TOOLS YOU'LL NEED:



- Wire brush
- Nylon cleaning brush
- Brake cleaner
- Anti-squeal paste
- Copper grease
- Torque wrench
- Wheel impact socket #17
- Pin punch
- Hammer
- Rubber mallet
- Brake caliper wind back tool
- Crow bar
- Wheel chock

Buy tools

Replacement: brake pads – MERCEDES-BENZ SL (R129). 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 – MERCEDES-BENZ SL (R129) – 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.

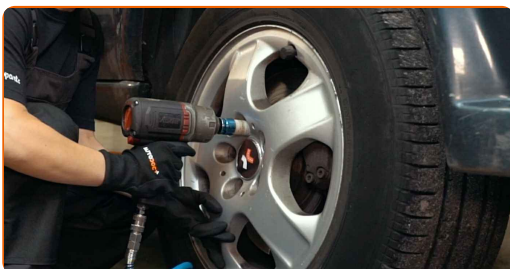
2 Secure the wheels with chocks.

3 Loosen the wheel mounting bolts. Use wheel impact socket #17.



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

5 Unscrew the wheel bolts.

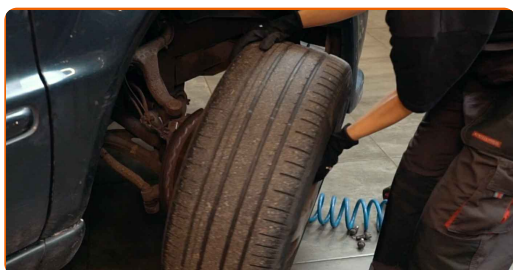


AUTODOC recommends:

- Warning! To avoid injury, hold the wheel while unscrewing the fastening bolts.
MERCEDES-BENZ SL (R129)

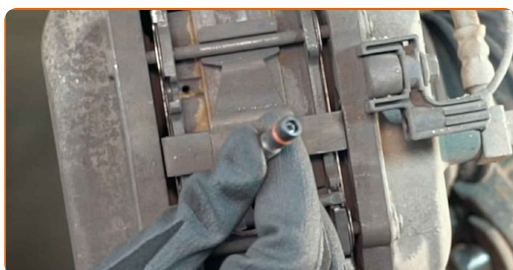
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Remove the wheel.



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Detach the connector of the brake pad wear sensor.



Please note!

- Some cars are not equipped with the brake pad wear sensor.

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Clean the brake caliper surface. Use a wire brush. Use a brake cleaner.

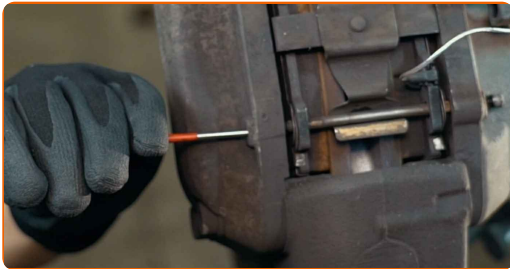


AUTODOC recommends:

- Replacement: brake pads – MERCEDES-BENZ SL (R129). After applying the spray, wait a few minutes.

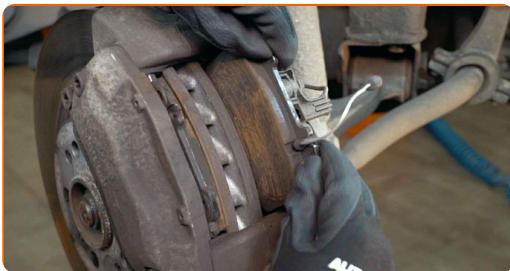
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Remove the brake pads retaining clips. Use a pin punch. Use a hammer. Use a crowbar.



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Remove the brake pads. Use a crowbar.



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

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Clean the brake caliper surface. Use a wire brush. Use a brake cleaner.



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

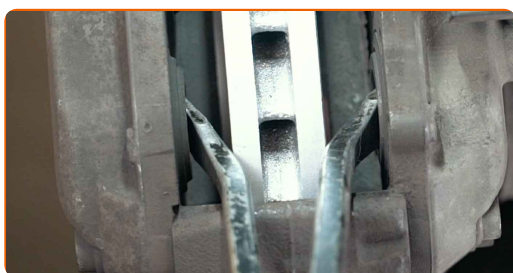


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Press in the brake caliper piston. Use brake caliper wind back tool. Use a crowbar.



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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.



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

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Install the brake pads.



Replacement: brake pads – MERCEDES-BENZ SL (R129). Tip:

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

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Install the brake pads retaining clips. Use a rubber mallet.

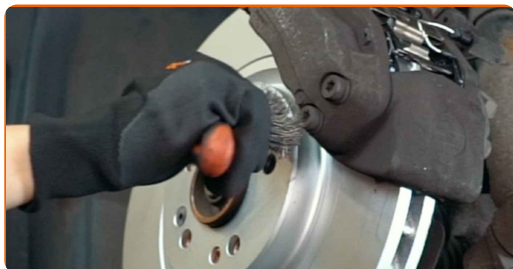


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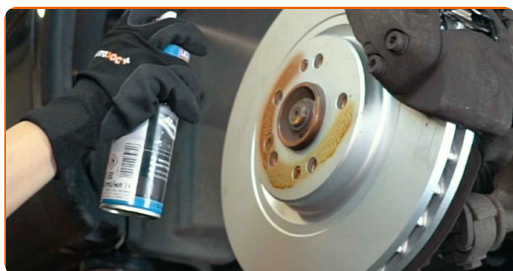
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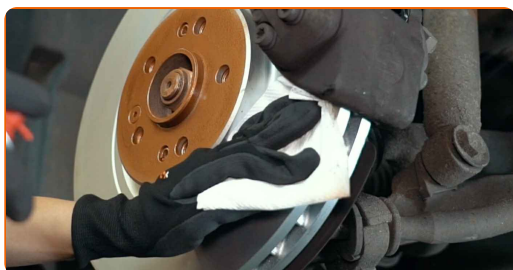
18 Clean the wheel rim mounting seat. Use a wire brush.



19 Treat the surface where the brake disc contacts the wheel rim. Use copper grease.



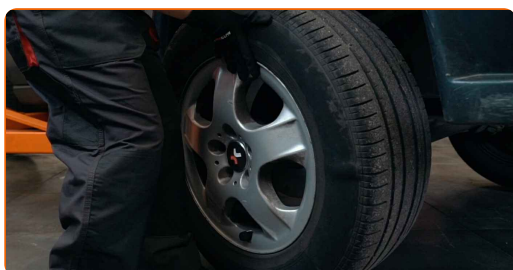
20 Clean the brake disk surface. Use a brake cleaner.



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21 Install the wheel.



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- Warning! To avoid injury, hold the wheel while screwing in the fastening bolts on the car. MERCEDES-BENZ SL (R129)

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



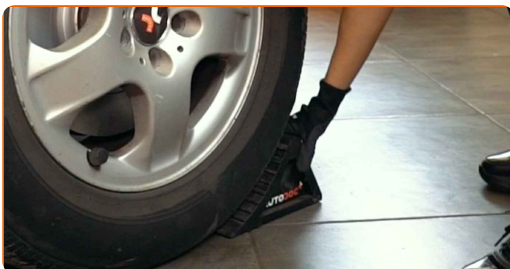
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Lower the car and working in a cross order, tighten the wheel bolts. Use wheel impact socket #17. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 150 Nm torque.



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Remove the jacks and chocks.



Replacement: brake pads – MERCEDES-BENZ SL (R129). 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 refill if necessary.

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Tighten the brake fluid reservoir cap. Close the hood.



Replacement: brake pads – MERCEDES-BENZ SL (R129). Tip from AUTODOC:

- 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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