



How to change rear
suspension lower trailing
arm on **MERCEDES-
BENZ SL (R230)** –
replacement guide

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

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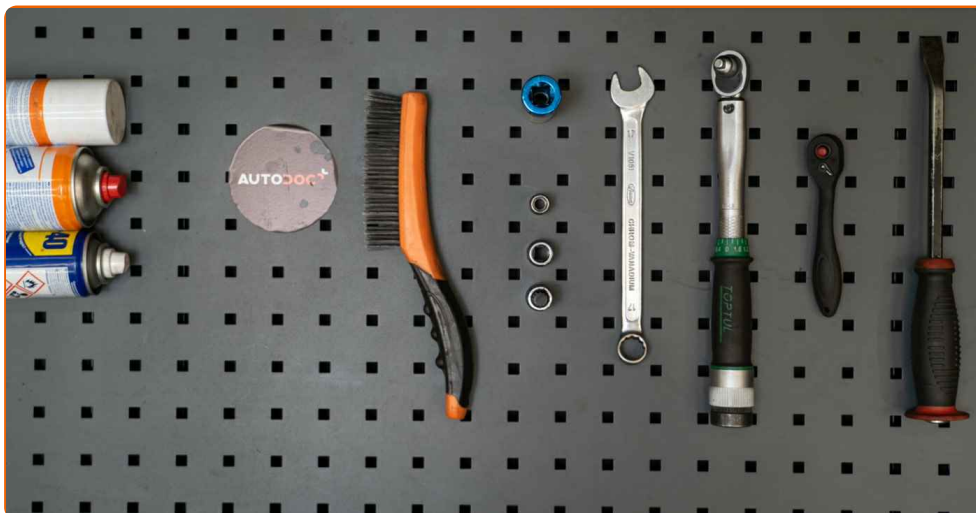
This replacement procedure can be used for:

MERCEDES-BENZ SL (R230) 500 5.0 (230.475), MERCEDES-BENZ SL (R230) 55 AMG 5.4 (230.474), MERCEDES-BENZ SL (R230) 55 AMG 5.4 Kompressor (230.474), MERCEDES-BENZ SL (R230) 350 3.7 (230.467), MERCEDES-BENZ SL (R230) 600 5.5 (230.476), MERCEDES-BENZ SL (R230) 65 AMG 6.0 (230.479), MERCEDES-BENZ SL (R230) 350 3.5, MERCEDES-BENZ SL (R230) 500 5.5, MERCEDES-BENZ SL (R230) 600 5.5, MERCEDES-BENZ SL (R230) 55 AMG 5.4, MERCEDES-BENZ SL (R230) 63 AMG 6.2 (230.470), MERCEDES-BENZ SL (R230) 280 3.0, MERCEDES-BENZ SL (R230) 300 3.0, MERCEDES-BENZ SL (R230) 65 AMG 6.0 Black Series (230.479), MERCEDES-BENZ SL (R230) 55 AMG (230.474)

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 E-Class Saloon (W211) E 270 CDI (211.016)

REPLACEMENT: REAR SUSPENSION LOWER TRAILING ARM – MERCEDES-BENZ SL (R230). TOOLS YOU NEED:



- Wire brush
- WD-40 spray
- Brake cleaner
- Copper grease
- Torque wrench
- Combination spanner #18
- Drive socket # 10
- Drive socket # 18
- XZN socket bit # 12
- Wheel impact socket #17
- Ratchet wrench
- Hydraulic transmission jack
- Crow bar
- Wheel chock

Buy tools

Replacement: rear suspension lower trailing arm – MERCEDES-BENZ SL (R230). Tip from AUTODOC experts:

- The replacement procedure is identical for the left and right lower control arms.
- All work should be done with the engine stopped.

REPLACEMENT: REAR SUSPENSION LOWER TRAILING ARM – MERCEDES-BENZ SL (R230). USE THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURE:

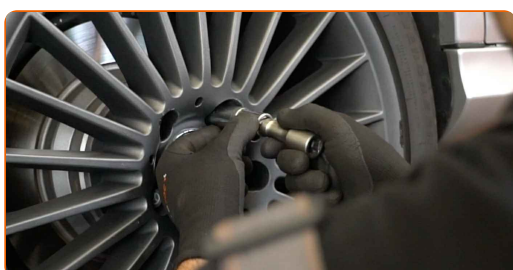
1 Secure the wheels with chocks.

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



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

4 Unscrew the wheel bolts.

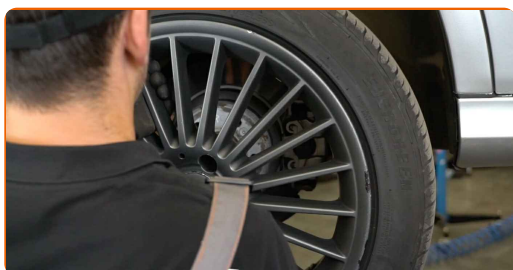


AUTODOC recommends:

- Warning! To avoid injury, hold the wheel while unscrewing the fastening bolts.
MERCEDES-BENZ SL (R230)

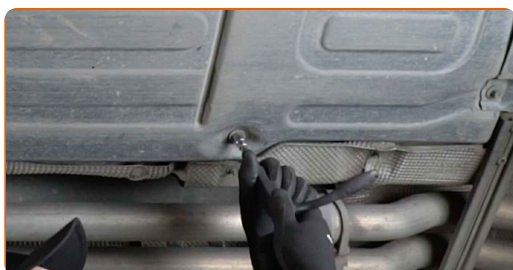
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Remove the wheel.



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Unscrew the fasteners of the plastic car body protective cover. Use a drive socket #10. Use a ratchet wrench.



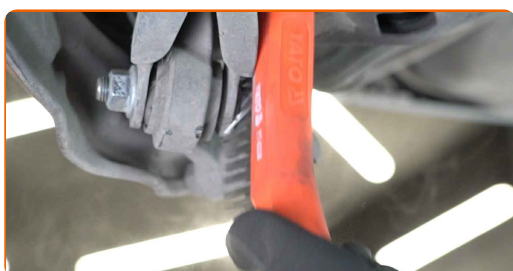
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Remove the plastic car body protective cover.

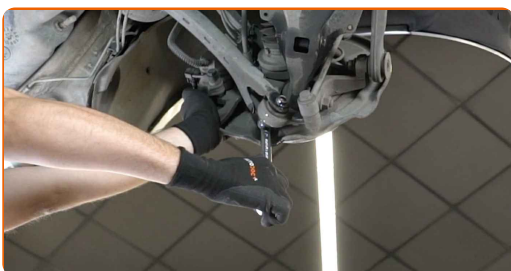


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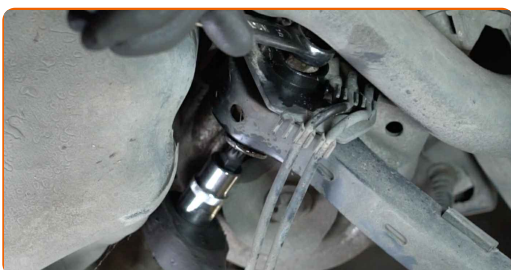
Clean all joints of the arm. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.



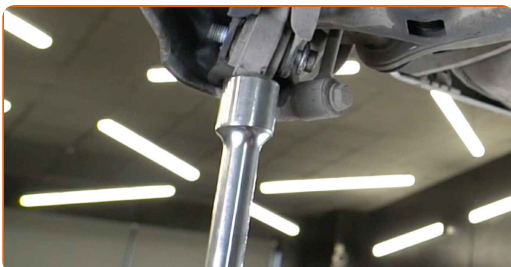
- 9** Unscrew the fastener connecting the control arm to the rear knuckle. Use a combination spanner #18. Use a drive socket #18. Use XZN #12. Use a ratchet wrench.



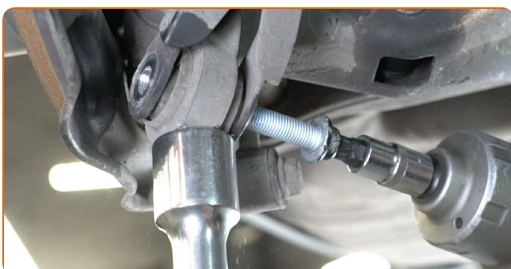
- 10** Unscrew the fastener connecting the control arm to the subframe. Use a combination spanner #18. Use a drive socket #18. Use XZN #12. Use a ratchet wrench.



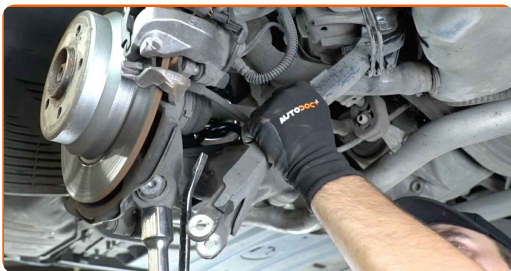
- 11** Support the arm. Use a hydraulic transmission jack.



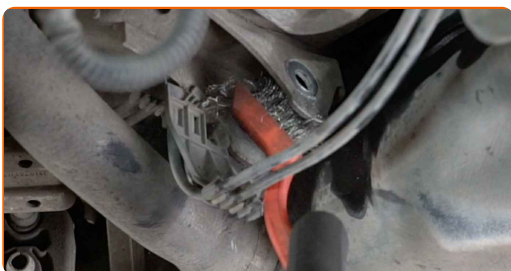
- 12** Remove the fastening bolts. Use XZN #12. Use a ratchet wrench.



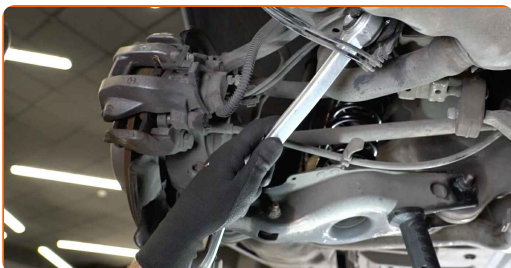
13 Remove the arm. Use a crowbar.



14 Clean the mounting seats and the thread of the suspension arm. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.



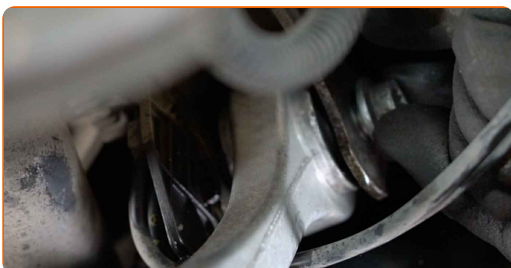
15 Install a new arm.



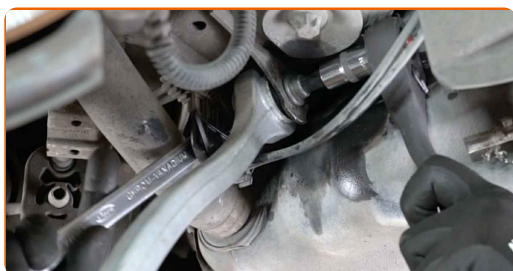
AUTODOC recommends:

- Replacement: rear suspension lower trailing arm – MERCEDES-BENZ SL (R230).
Use only new bolts and nuts for installation.

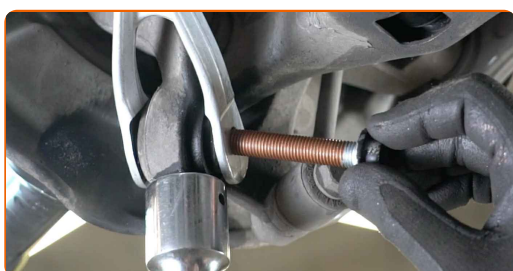
16 Install the fastening bolt.



- 17** Screw the fastener connecting the control arm to the subframe. Use a combination spanner #18. Use a drive socket #18. Use XZN #12. Use a ratchet wrench.



- 18** Install the fastening bolt.



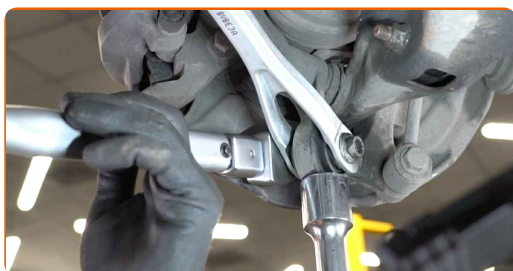
- 19** Screw in the fasteners connecting the control arm to the rear knuckle. Use a combination spanner #18. Use a drive socket #18. Use XZN #12. Use a ratchet wrench.



- 20** Raise the hydraulic transmission jack by 10-15 cm.



- 21** Tighten the fastener connecting the control arm to the rear knuckle. Use a combination spanner #18. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 50 Nm torque.+90°



AUTODOC recommends:

- Important! Be sure to use new fasteners.

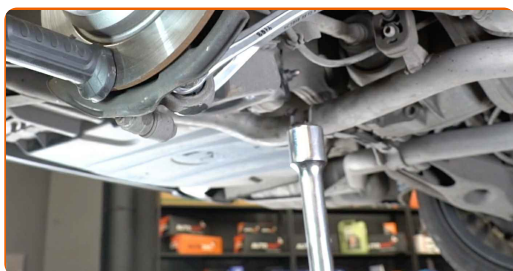
- 22** Tighten the fastener connecting the control arm to the subframe. Use a drive socket #18. Use XZN #12. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 50 Nm torque.+90°



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- 23** Remove the support from under the arm.



AUTODOC recommends:

- Replacement: rear suspension lower trailing arm – MERCEDES-BENZ SL (R230). Lower the transmission jack smoothly, without jerks, to avoid damaging components and mechanisms.

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Treat all joints of the arm. Use copper grease.



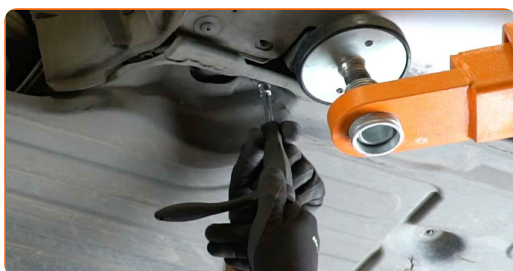
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Reinstall the plastic car body protective cover.



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Screw in the fasteners of the plastic car body protective cover. Use a drive socket #10. Use a ratchet wrench.



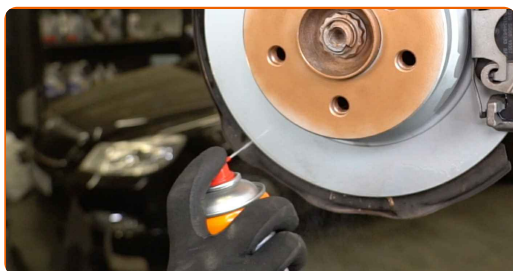
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Treat the surface where the brake disc contacts the wheel rim. Use copper grease.



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Clean the brake disk surface. Use a brake cleaner.

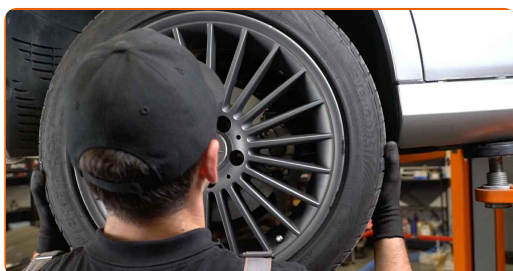


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After applying the spray, wait a few minutes.

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Install the wheel.



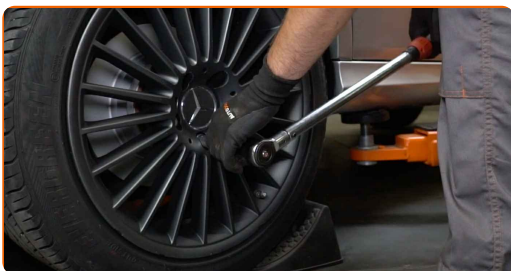
AUTODOC recommends:

- Warning! To avoid injury, hold the wheel while screwing in the fastening bolts on the car. MERCEDES-BENZ SL (R230)

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



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 130 Nm torque.



32 Remove the jacks and chocks.



WELL DONE! 

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