



How to change front
brake pads on
MERCEDES-BENZ SLK
(R170) – 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 SLK (R170) 320 3.2 (170.465)

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 (W210) E 270 CDI (210.016)

REPLACEMENT: BRAKE PADS – MERCEDES-BENZ SLK (R170). TOOLS YOU NEED:



- Wire brush
- Nylon cleaning brush
- WD-40 spray
- Brake cleaner
- Anti-squeal paste
- Ceramic grease
- Torque wrench
- Drive socket # 18
- HEX bit No.H5
- HEX bit No.H7
- Wheel impact socket #17
- Ratchet wrench
- Crow bar
- Tap wrench
- Brake caliper wind back tool
- Long nose pliers
- Wheel chock

Buy tools

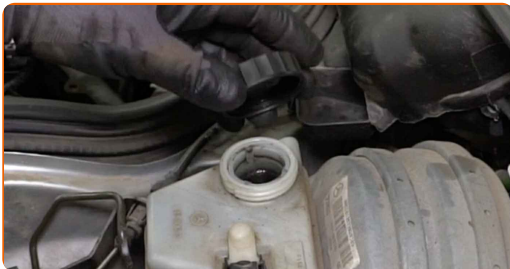
AUTODOC recommends:

- 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.
- Please note: all work on the car – MERCEDES-BENZ SLK (R170) – should be done with the engine switched off.

CARRY OUT REPLACEMENT IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

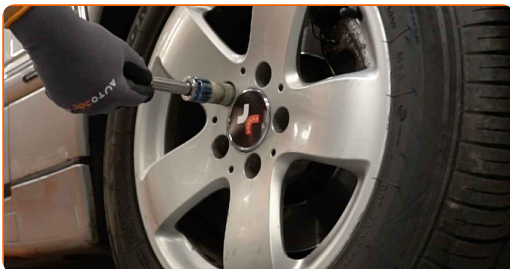
1 Open the bonnet.

2 Unscrew the brake fluid reservoir cap.



3 Secure the wheels with chocks.

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



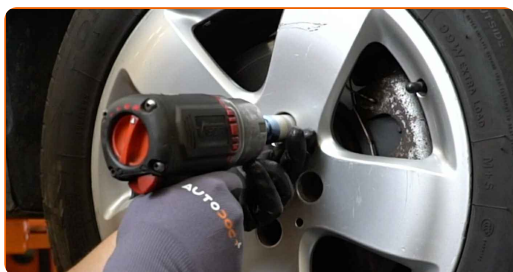
5 Raise the car.

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- 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.

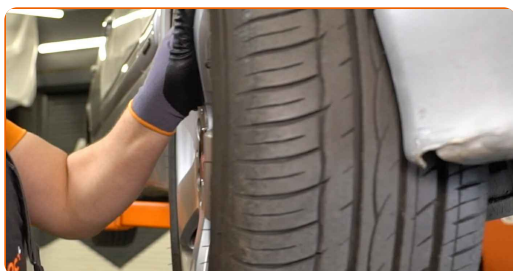


AUTODOC recommends:

- Warning! To avoid injury, hold the wheel while unscrewing the fastening bolts. MERCEDES-BENZ SLK (R170)

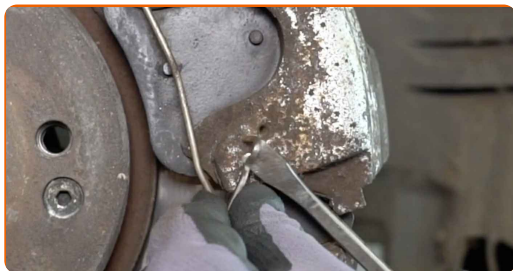
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Remove the wheel.



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Detach the brake caliper retaining spring. Use a crowbar.

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Disconnect the brake pad wear sensor. Use long nose pliers.

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Spread the brake pads. Use a crowbar.

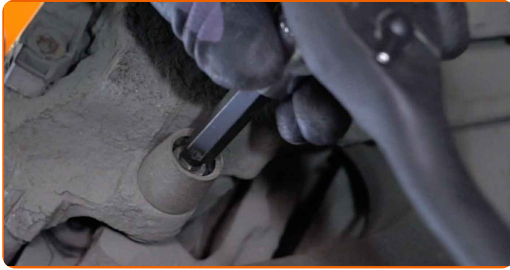
**11**

Remove the caps from the brake caliper guide pin boots. Use a crowbar.



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Unscrew the brake caliper fasteners. Use HEX No.H7. Use a ratchet wrench.



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Remove the brake caliper.



AUTODOC recommends:

- 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.



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

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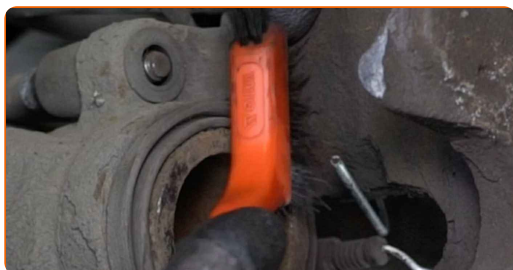
Clean the brake caliper bracket from dirt and dust. Use a wire brush. Use a brake cleaner.

AUTODOC recommends:

- After applying the spray, wait a few minutes.
- 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.



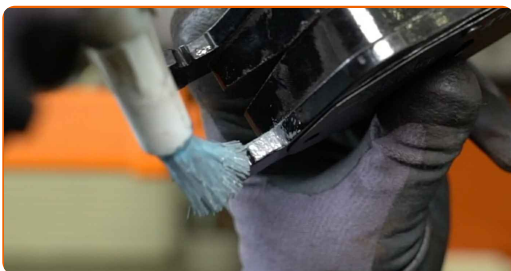
AUTODOC recommends:

- After applying the spray, wait a few minutes.

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



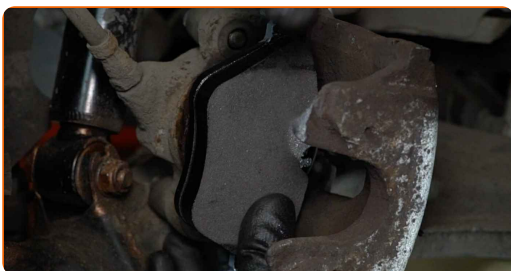
18 Treat the brake pads in the area where their surface comes into contact with the brake caliper bracket. Use anti-squeal paste.



Replacement: brake pads – MERCEDES-BENZ SLK (R170). AUTODOC experts recommend:

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

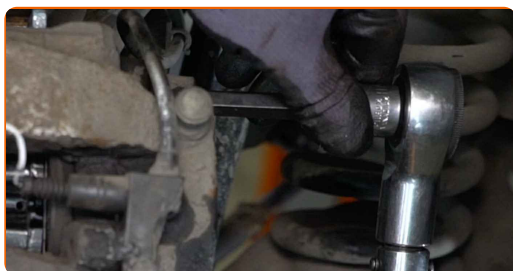
19 Install new brake pads.



20 Install the brake caliper and fasten it.



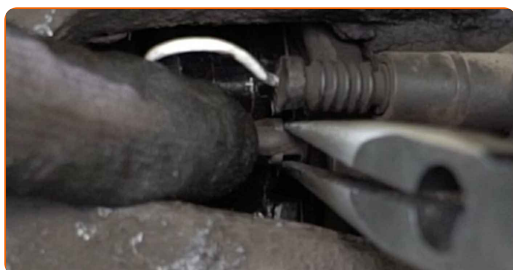
21 Tighten the brake caliper fasteners. Use HEX No.H7. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 25 Nm torque.



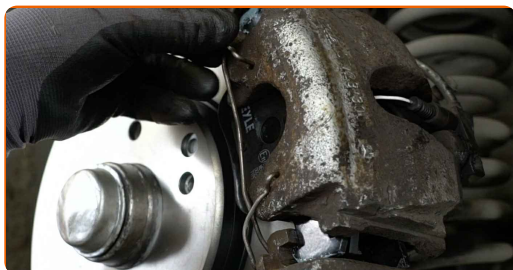
22 Install the caps on the brake caliper guide pin boots.



23 Connect the brake pad wear sensor.



24 Install the brake pad retaining clip. Use a crowbar.



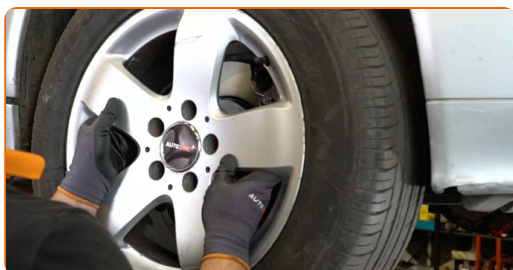
25 Treat the surface where the brake disc contacts the wheel rim. Use ceramic grease.



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



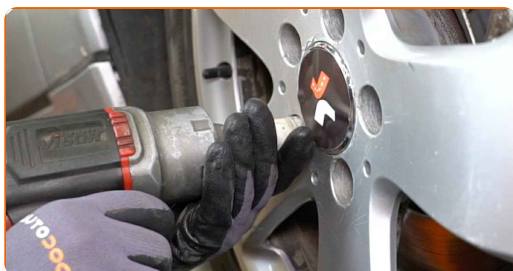
27 Install the wheel.



AUTODOC recommends:

- To avoid injury, hold up the wheel when screwing in the fastening bolts.

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



- 29** 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.



- 30** 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 refill if necessary.

- 31** Tighten the brake fluid reservoir cap.



- 32** Close the bonnet.

Replacement: brake pads – MERCEDES-BENZ SLK (R170). AUTODOC recommends:

- 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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