



How to change rear strut  
mount on **MINI**  
**Hatchback (R56)** –  
replacement guide

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

#### **Important!**

This replacement procedure can be used for:

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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: MINI Hatchback (R50, R53) 1.6 Cooper

**REPLACEMENT: STRUT MOUNT – MINI HATCHBACK (R56). TOOLS YOU NEED:**



- Wire brush
- WD-40 spray
- Copper grease
- Combination spanner #19
- Drive socket # 13
- Drive socket # 21
- HEX bit No.H6.
- Wheel impact socket #17
- Ratchet wrench
- Torque wrench
- Tap wrench
- Hydraulic transmission jack
- Hydraulic strut spring compressor
- Wheel chock

**Buy tools**

**Replacement: strut mount – MINI Hatchback (R56). AUTODOC recommends:**

- The replacement procedure is identical for the mounts of the left and right shock struts of the rear suspension.
- All mounts of the rear shock struts should be replaced simultaneously.
- Be sure to replace all self-locking nuts and bolts during installation.
- Please note: all work on the car – MINI Hatchback (R56) – should be done with the engine switched off.

**CARRY OUT REPLACEMENT IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:**

**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.



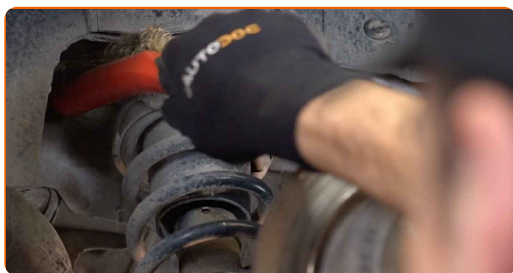
Replacement: strut mount – MINI Hatchback (R56). Tip:

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

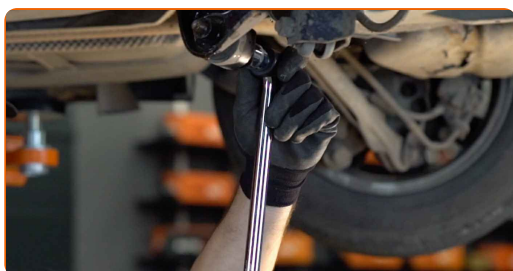
**5** Remove the wheel.



**6** Clean the shock strut fasteners. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.

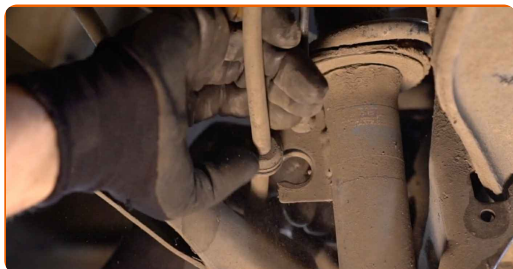


**7** Unscrew the lower fastener of the shock absorber strut. Use a drive socket #21. Use a ratchet wrench. Use a tap wrench.



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Disconnect the wiring and the brake hose from the bracket on the shock strut.



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Unscrew the upper fastening of the shock absorber strut. Use a drive socket #13. Use a ratchet wrench.

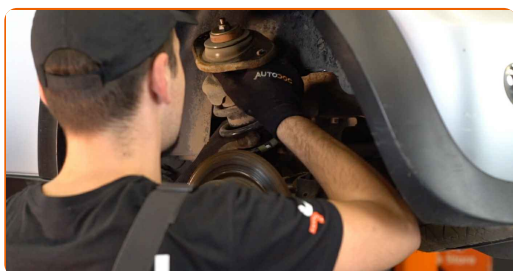


**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Important! Hold the suspension strut while unscrewing the fastening bolts. MINI Hatchback (R56)

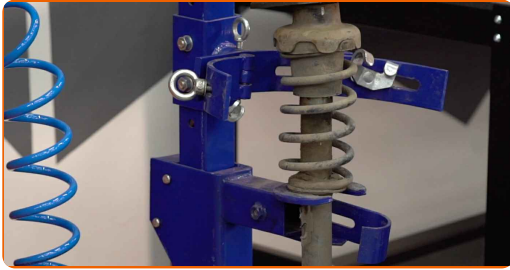
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Remove the suspension strut.



**11**

Set the shock absorber strut on the spring compressor tool.



**Replacement: strut mount – MINI Hatchback (R56). AUTODOC experts recommend:**

- Note that when using a spring compressor, spring coils need to be securely gripped, compressing the spring on the opposite sides.
- Ensure the correct position of the spring in the retainer.
- Make sure that the spring coils tightly entered the lock handles.

**12**

Compress the spring.



**13**

Remove the strut piston rod nut. Use HEX No.H6. Use a combination spanner #19. Use a ratchet wrench.



**14** Remove the top mount.



**15** Install the top shock strut mount.



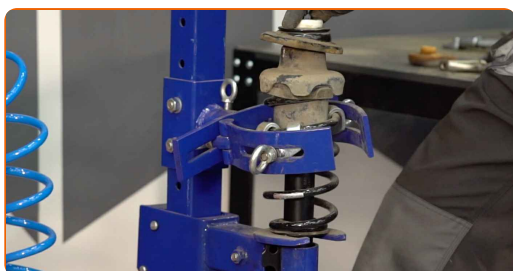
**16** Tighten the shock strut piston rod nut. Use HEX No.H6. Use a combination spanner #19. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 30 Nm torque.



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- Check to make sure the spring is positioned correctly. Avoid its misalignment.

**17** Decompress the spring.





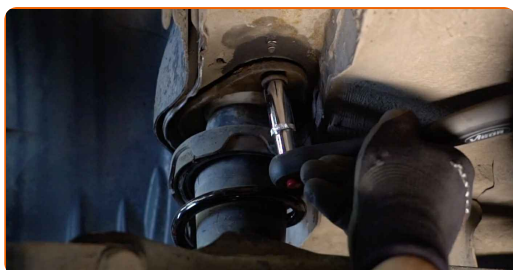
**18** Remove the assembled shock strut.



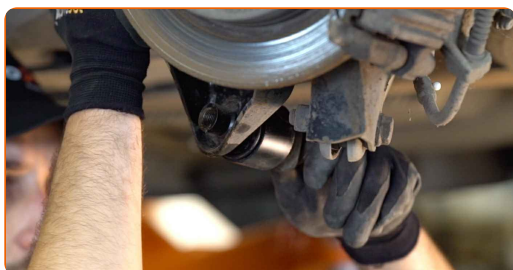
**19** Install the shock strut into the wheel arch.



**20** Tighten the shock strut top mount. Use a drive socket #13. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 56 Nm torque.



**21** Install the lower fastener of the shock strut.



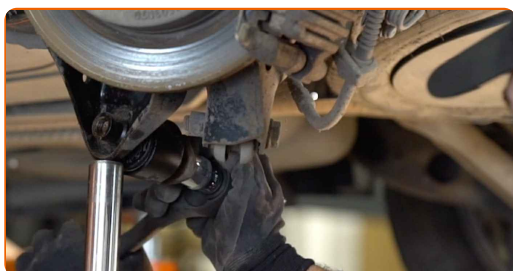
**AUTODOC recommends:**

- MINI Hatchback (R56) – To avoid injury, hold the suspension strut while screwing in the fastening bolts.

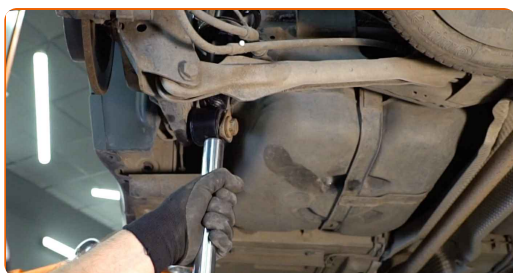
**22** Support the arm. Use a hydraulic transmission jack.



**23** Tighten the lower fastening of the shock absorber. Use a drive socket #21. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 140 Nm torque.



**24** Remove the support from under the rear arm.



**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Replacement: strut mount – MINI Hatchback (R56). Lower the transmission jack smoothly, without jerks, to avoid damaging components and mechanisms.

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Clean the wheel rim mounting seat. Use a wire brush. Treat the contacting surface. Use copper grease.



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Install the wheel.



Replacement: strut mount – MINI Hatchback (R56). Professionals recommend:

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

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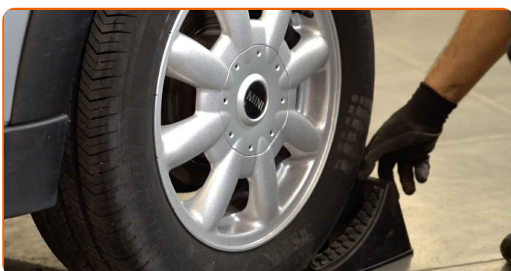
Screw in the wheel bolts. Use wheel impact socket #17.



- 28** Lower the car and working in a cross order, tighten the wheel bolts. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 110 Nm torque.



- 29** Remove the jacks and chocks.



**WELL DONE!** 

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