



How to change front  
lower arm on **Skoda**  
**Octavia 1U** –  
replacement guide

## VIDEO TUTORIAL



### Important!

This replacement procedure can be used for:

SKODA OCTAVIA (1U2) 1.6, SKODA OCTAVIA (1U2) 1.8, SKODA OCTAVIA (1U2) 1.9 TDI, SKODA OCTAVIA (1U2) 1.9 SDI, SKODA Octavia I Combi (1U5) 1.6, SKODA Octavia I Combi (1U5) 1.8 20V, SKODA Octavia I Combi (1U5) 1.9 SDI, SKODA Octavia I Combi (1U5) 1.9 TDI, SKODA Octavia I Combi (1U5) 1.8 T, SKODA OCTAVIA (1U2) 1.8 T, SKODA Octavia I Combi (1U5) 1.9 TDI 4x4, SKODA OCTAVIA (1U2) 2.0, SKODA Octavia I Combi (1U5) 2.0, SKODA OCTAVIA (1U2) 1.4, SKODA OCTAVIA (1U2) 1.4 16V, (+ 6)

The steps may slightly vary depending on the car design.

REPLACEMENT: FRONT LOWER ARM – SKODA OCTAVIA 1U. TOOLS YOU MIGHT NEED:



- Wire brush
- WD-40 spray
- Brake cleaner
- Copper grease
- High-temperature ceramic grease
- Torque wrench
- Drive socket # 13
- Drive socket # 16
- Drive socket # 18
- Combination spanner #18
- Combination spanner #19
- Wheel impact socket #17
- Ratchet wrench
- Crow bar
- Flat Screwdriver
- Rubber mallet
- Ball joint puller
- Hydraulic transmission jack
- Tap wrench
- Wheel chock

**BUY TOOLS**

Replacement: front lower arm – Skoda Octavia 1U. AUTODOC recommends:

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

**REPLACEMENT: FRONT LOWER ARM – SKODA OCTAVIA 1U.  
RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE OF STEPS:**

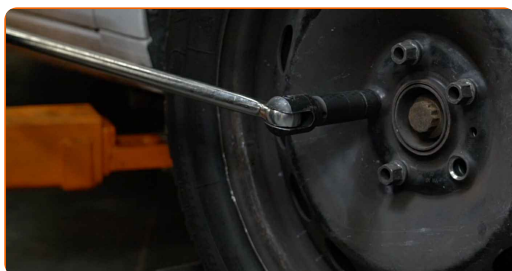
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Secure the wheels with chocks.



2

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



3

Raise the front 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.  
Skoda Octavia 1U

**5** Remove the wheel.



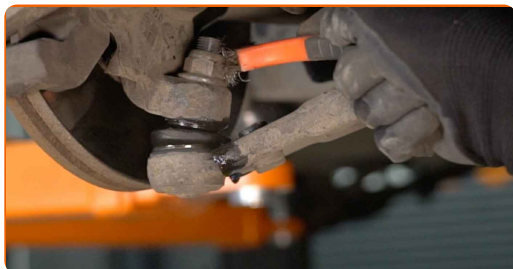
**6** Clean the stabiliser link fasteners. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.

**7** Unscrew the fastener connecting the stabilizer link to the control arm. Use a drive socket #16. Use a ratchet wrench.

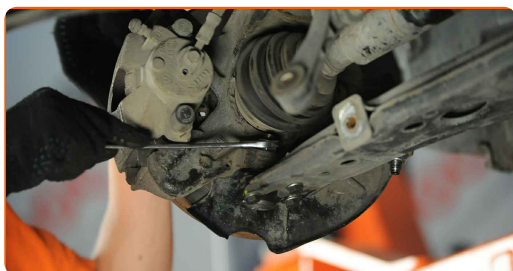


**8** Remove the fastening bolt.

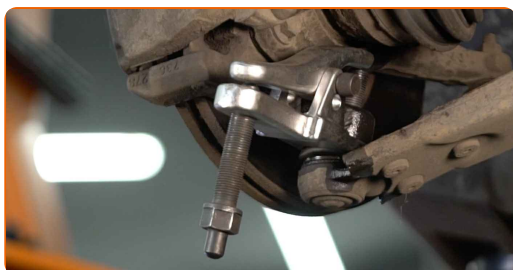
**9** Clean all joints of the arm. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.



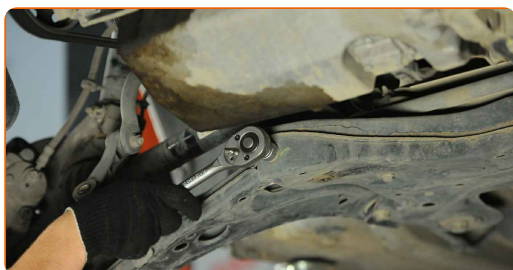
**10** Unscrew the ball joint fastening to the steering knuckle. Use a combination spanner #19.



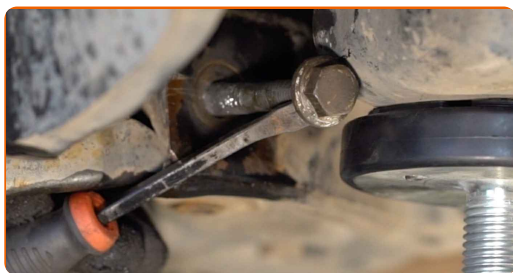
**11** Disconnect the ball joint from the steering knuckle. Use a ball joint puller.



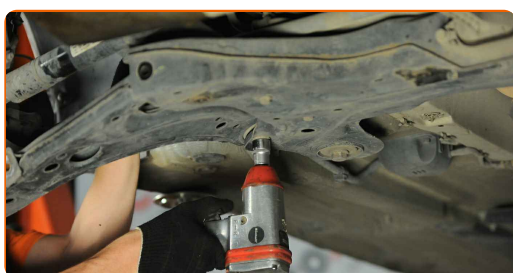
**12** Unscrew the front arm fastener. Use a drive socket #18. Use a tap wrench. Use a ratchet wrench.



**13** Remove the front fastener of the control arm.

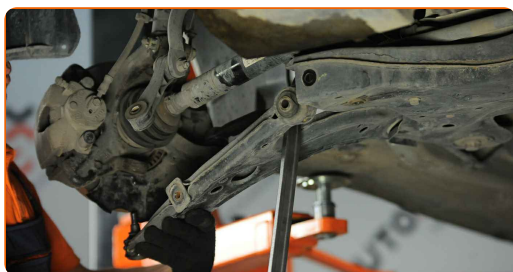


**14** Unscrew the rear fastener connecting the control arm to the subframe. Use a combination spanner #18. Use a drive socket #18. Use a ratchet wrench.

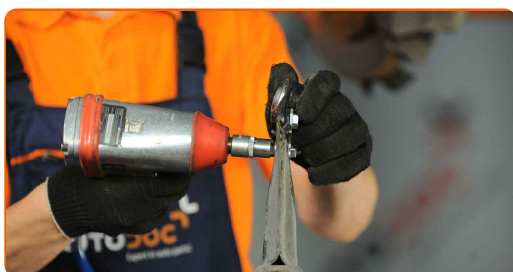


**15** Remove the rear fastener of the control arm.

**16** Remove the arm. Use a crowbar.



**17** Unscrew the fastener connecting the ball joint to the suspension control arm. Use a drive socket #13. Use a ratchet wrench.

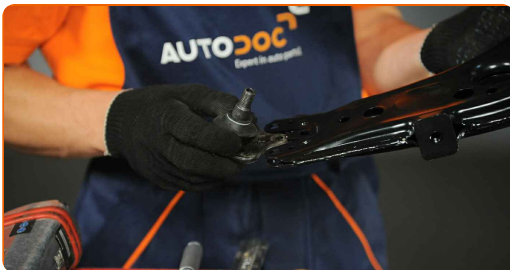


**18** Remove the fastening bolts.

**19** Remove the ball joint.



**20** Attach the ball joint to the control arm.

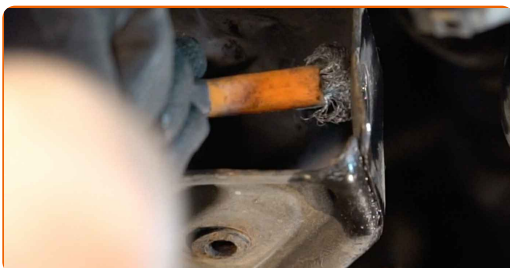


**21** Install the fastening bolts.

**22** Tighten the fasteners connecting the ball joint to the control arm. Use a drive socket #13. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 20 Nm torque. +90°



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

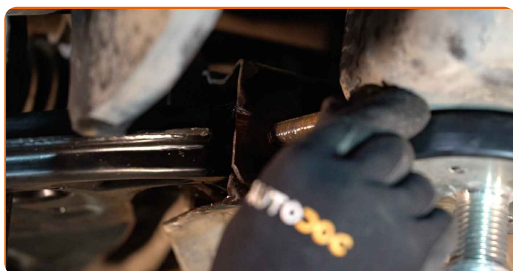




**24** Install a new arm.



**25** Install the control arm fasteners. Use a flat screwdriver. Use a rubber mallet.



**26** Connect the ball joint to the steering knuckle.

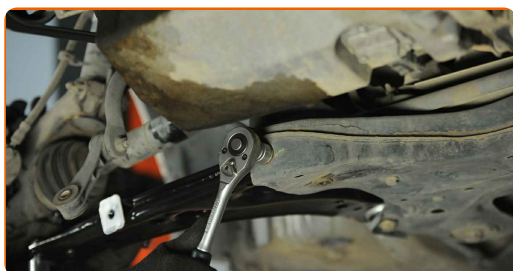
**27** Tighten the ball joint fastener. Use a combination spanner #19. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 20 Nm torque, +90°



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



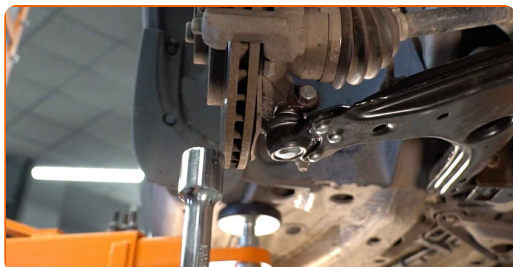
- 29** Tighten the front fastener connecting the control arm to the subframe. Use a drive socket #18. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 70 Nm torque.+90°



- 30** Tighten the rear fastener connecting the arm to the body subframe. Use a drive socket #18. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 70 Nm torque.+90°



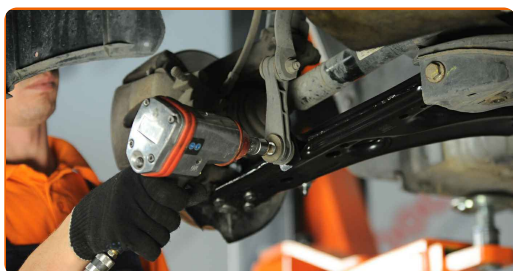
- 31** Remove the support from under the arm.



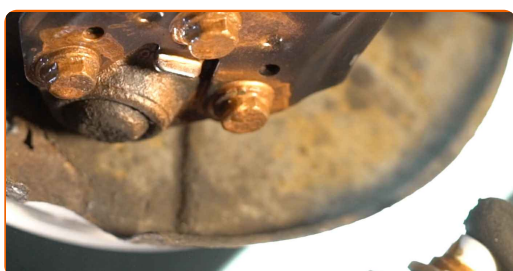
**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Replacement: front lower arm – Skoda Octavia 1U. Lower the transmission jack smoothly, without jerks, to avoid damaging components and mechanisms.

- 32** Install the rod fastening to the stabilizer and tighten it. Use a drive socket #16. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 15 Nm torque. +90°



- 33** Treat all joints of the arm. Treat all joints of the stabiliser link. Use copper grease.



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



- 35** Clean the brake disk surface. Use a brake cleaner.



**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Replacement: front lower arm – Skoda Octavia 1U. After applying the spray, wait a few minutes.

**36** Install the wheel.



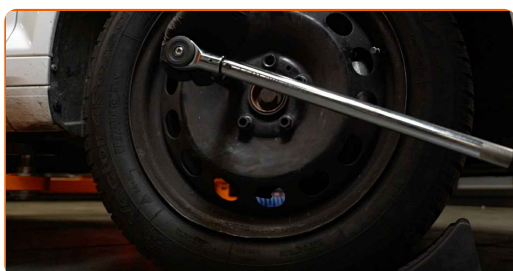
**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Warning! To avoid injury, hold the wheel while screwing in the fastening bolts on the car. Skoda Octavia 1U

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



**38** 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 120 nm torque.



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Remove the jacks and chocks.



**WELL DONE!** 

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