



How to change front  
brake pads on **OPEL**  
**Astra Classic Hatchback**  
**(A04)** – 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:

OPEL Astra Classic Hatchback (A04) 1.6, OPEL Astra Classic Hatchback (A04) 1.3 CDTI, OPEL Astra Classic Hatchback (A04) 1.7 CDTI, OPEL Astra Classic Hatchback (A04) 1.8, OPEL Astra Classic Hatchback (A04) 1.4 (L48)

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: OPEL ZAFIRA B (A05) 1.8 (M75)

**REPLACEMENT: BRAKE PADS – OPEL ASTRA CLASSIC HATCHBACK (A04). LIST OF THE TOOLS YOU'LL NEED:**



- Wire brush
- Brake cleaner
- Anti-squeal paste
- Copper grease
- HEX bit No.H7.
- Wheel impact socket #17
- Brake caliper wind back tool
- Ratchet wrench
- Torque wrench
- Crow bar
- Wheel chock

**Buy tools**

Replacement: brake pads – OPEL Astra Classic Hatchback (A04). 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.
- All work should be done with the engine stopped.

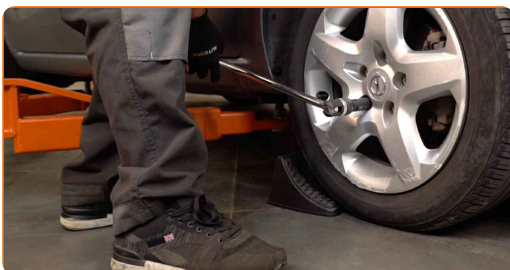
**REPLACEMENT: BRAKE PADS – OPEL ASTRA CLASSIC HATCHBACK (A04). TAKE THE FOLLOWING STEPS:**

**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.

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Unscrew the wheel bolts.



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

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Remove the wheel.



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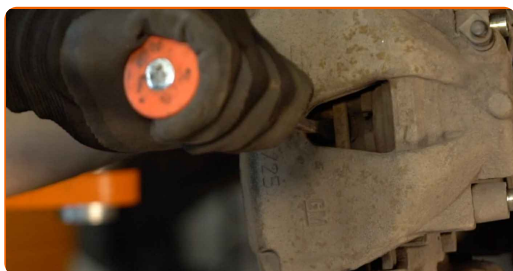
Remove the dust boot caps of the brake caliper guide pins. Use a crowbar.



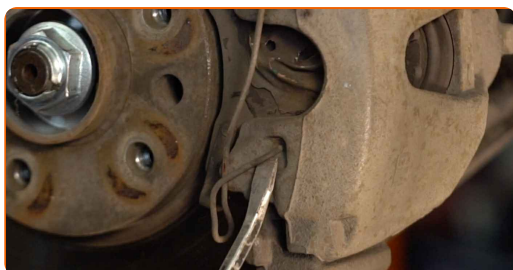
**8** Unscrew the brake caliper fastening. Use HEX No.H7. Use a ratchet wrench.



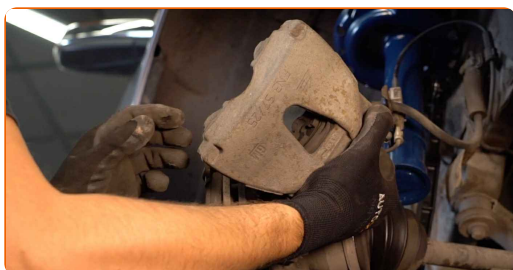
**9** Spread the brake pads. Use a crowbar.



**10** Pull aside the brake caliper retaining spring. Use a crowbar.



**11** Remove the brake caliper.

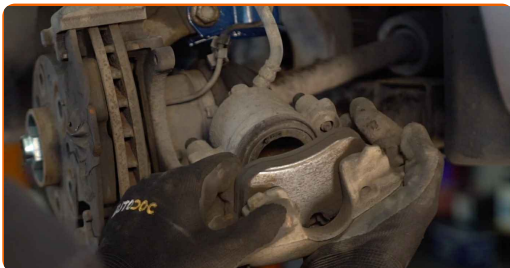


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- Tie the caliper to the suspension or to the body with a wire without disconnecting from the brake hose to prevent depressurization of the brake system.
- Make sure that the brake caliper is not hanging on the brake hose.
- Don't press the brake pedal 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.
- Check the brake caliper bracket, brake caliper guide pins and boots. Clean them. Replace, if necessary.

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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:**

- Replacement: brake pads – OPEL Astra Classic Hatchback (A04). After applying the spray, wait a few minutes.

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Treat the brake caliper piston. Use a brake cleaner.



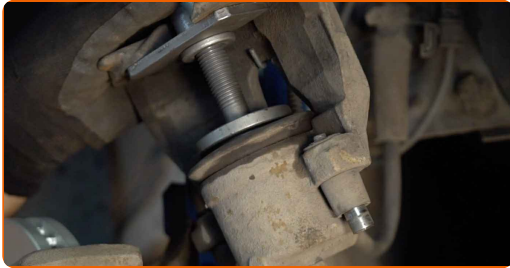
Replacement: brake pads – OPEL Astra Classic Hatchback (A04). Tip:

- After applying the spray, wait a few minutes.



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



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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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Professionals recommend:

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

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Install new brake pads.

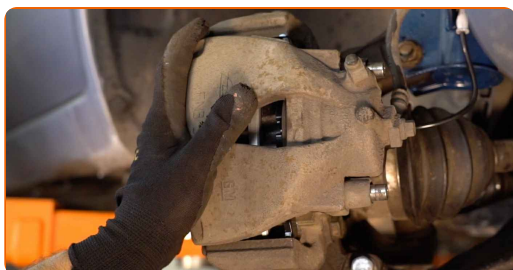


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- Make sure the pads are installed with linings facing the disc.

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Install the brake caliper and fix it. Use HEX No.H7. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 28 Nm torque.

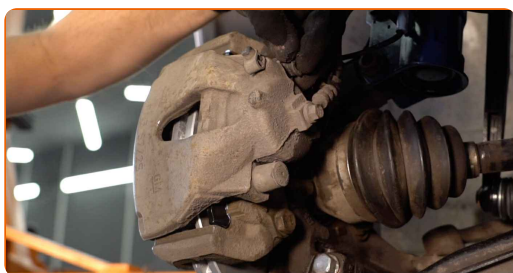


AUTODOC recommends:

- OPEL Astra Classic Hatchback (A04) – Without starting the engine, press the brake pedal several times until it feels firm.

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Install the dust boot caps of the brake caliper guide pins.



**20** Snap the brake caliper retaining spring back into place. Use a crowbar.



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



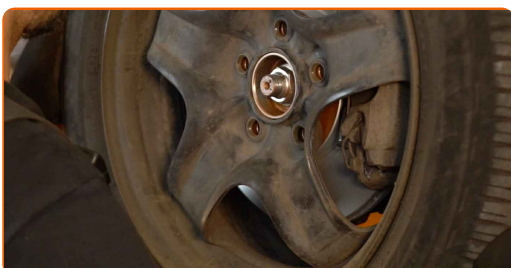
**22** Clean the brake disk surface. Use a brake cleaner.



Replacement: brake pads – OPEL Astra Classic Hatchback (A04). AUTODOC recommends:

- After applying the spray, wait a few minutes.

**23** Install the wheel.



Replacement: brake pads – OPEL Astra Classic Hatchback (A04). AUTODOC experts 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.



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



AUTODOC recommends:

- Important! Replacement: brake pads – OPEL Astra Classic Hatchback (A04). Check the brake fluid level in the reservoir and top up if necessary.

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Tighten the brake fluid reservoir cap. Close the hood.

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Remove the jacks and chocks.



Replacement: brake pads – OPEL Astra Classic Hatchback (A04). Tip:

- 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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