



How to change rear  
brake pads on **OPEL**  
**Astra H GTC (A04)** –  
replacement guide

## SIMILAR VIDEO TUTORIAL



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

### **i Important!**

This replacement procedure can be used for:

OPEL Astra H GTC (A04) 1.4 (L08), OPEL Astra H GTC (A04) 2.0 Turbo (L08), OPEL Astra H GTC (A04) 1.6 (L08), OPEL Astra H GTC (A04) 1.8 (L08), OPEL Astra H GTC (A04) 1.7 CDTi (L08), OPEL Astra H GTC (A04) 1.9 CDTi 16V (L08), OPEL Astra H GTC (A04) 1.9 CDTi (L08), OPEL Astra H GTC (A04) 1.9 CDTI (L08), OPEL Astra H GTC (A04) 1.3 CDTI (L08), OPEL Astra H GTC (A04) 1.6 Turbo (L08), OPEL Astra H GTC (A04) 1.7 CDTI (L08)

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 Astra G CC (T98) 1.7 CDTI (F08, F48)

## REPLACEMENT: BRAKE PADS – OPEL ASTRA H GTC (A04). LIST OF THE TOOLS YOU'LL NEED:



- Wire brush
- Brake cleaner
- Copper grease
- High-temperature ceramic grease
- Anti-squeal paste
- Combination spanner #17
- Drive socket # 13
- Wheel impact socket #17
- Brake caliper wind back tool
- Ratchet wrench
- Torque wrench
- Crow bar
- Wheel chock

**Buy tools**

### Replacement: brake pads – OPEL Astra H GTC (A04). Professionals recommend:

- 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 H GTC (A04). USE THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURE:

**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 rear of the car and secure on supports.

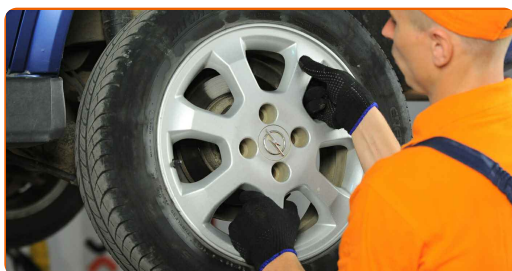
5 Unscrew the wheel bolts.



### AUTODOC recommends:

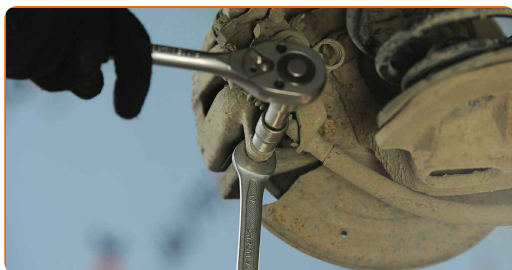
- Important! Hold the wheel while unscrewing the fastening bolts. OPEL Astra H GTC (A04)

6 Remove the wheel.



7 Clean the brake caliper fasteners. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.

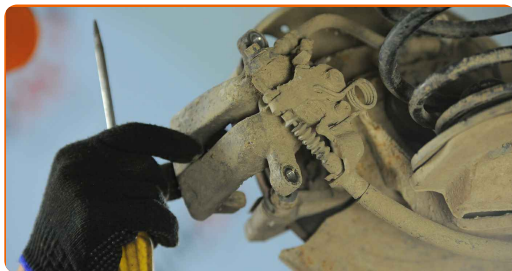
8 Unscrew the brake caliper fasteners. Use a combination spanner #17. Use a drive socket #13. Use a ratchet wrench.



9 Remove the fastening bolts.

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Remove the brake caliper. Use a crowbar.

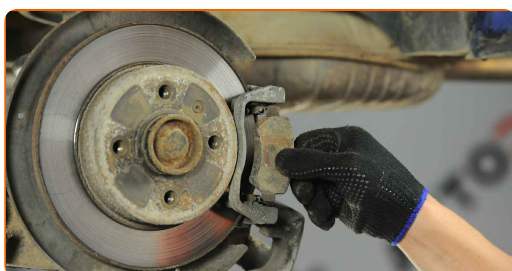


Replacement: brake pads – OPEL Astra H GTC (A04). AUTODOC recommends:

- 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. Use a crowbar.



AUTODOC recommends:

- 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.

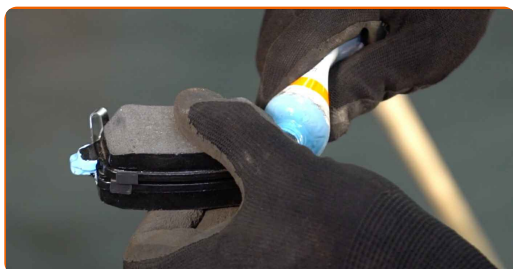


### AUTODOC recommends:

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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.

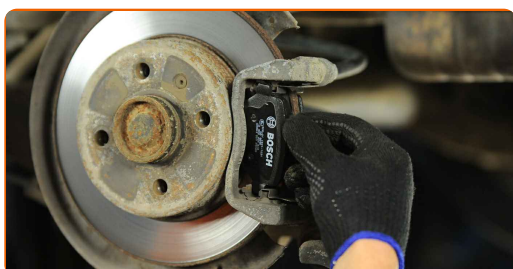


### AUTODOC recommends:

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

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Install new brake pads.

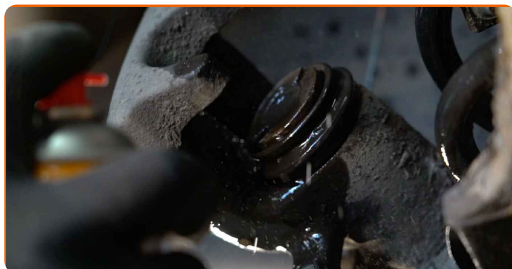


### Replacement: brake pads – OPEL Astra H GTC (A04). Tip:

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

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Treat the brake caliper piston. Use a nylon cleaning brush. Use a brake cleaner.

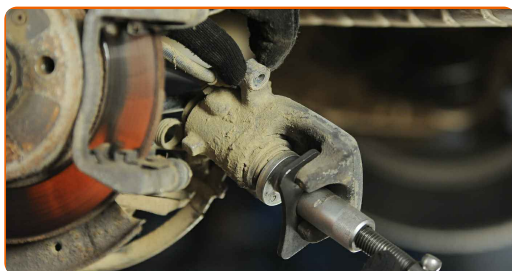


### Replacement: brake pads – OPEL Astra H GTC (A04). AUTODOC recommends:

- After applying the spray, wait a few minutes.

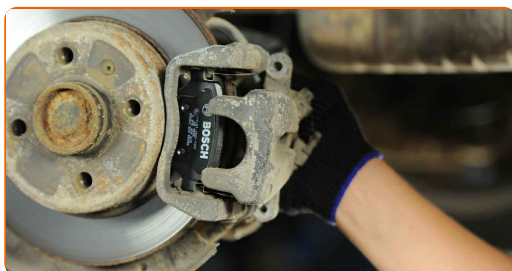
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Press in the brake caliper piston. Use brake caliper wind back tool.



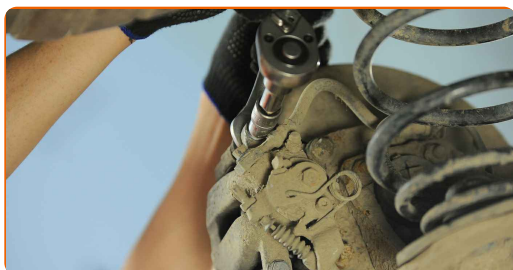
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Install the brake caliper and fix it.

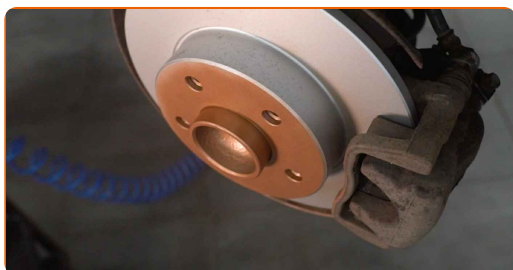


18 Install the fastening bolts.

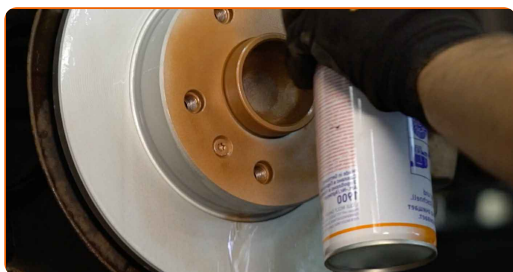
19 Tighten the brake caliper fasteners. Use a combination spanner #17. Use a drive socket #13. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 25 Nm torque.



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



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



### AUTODOC recommends:

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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. OPEL Astra H GTC (A04)

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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 wheel impact socket #17. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 110 Nm torque.



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Remove the jacks and chocks.



Replacement: brake pads – OPEL Astra H GTC (A04). Tip from AUTODOC:

- Check the brake fluid level in the expansion tank and refill if necessary.
- Without starting the engine, press the brake pedal several times until you feel significant resistance.

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Tighten the brake fluid reservoir cap. Close the hood.

**WELL DONE!** 👍

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