



How to change front  
suspension strut on  
**OPEL COMBO (71\_)** –  
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 COMBO (71\_) 1.2, OPEL COMBO (71\_) 1.4, OPEL COMBO (71\_) 1.7 D, OPEL COMBO (71\_) 1.4 16V

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 Corsa B Hatchback (S93) 1.4 i (F08, F68, M68)

**REPLACEMENT: SUSPENSION STRUT – OPEL COMBO (71\_). TOOLS YOU MIGHT NEED:**



- Wire brush
- WD-40 spray
- Brake cleaner
- Ceramic grease
- Copper grease
- Torque wrench
- Combination spanner #18
- Drive socket # 6
- Drive socket # 13
- Drive socket # 18
- Drive socket # 19
- HEX bit no.H5.
- HEX bit no.H6.
- Wheel impact socket #17
- Ratchet wrench
- Hydraulic strut spring compressor
- Hydraulic transmission jack
- Fender cover
- Wheel chock

**Buy tools**

Replacement: suspension strut – OPEL COMBO (71\_). AUTODOC experts recommend:

- Both shock struts of the front suspension should be replaced simultaneously.
- The replacement procedure is identical for the left and right shock struts of the front suspension.
- All work should be done with the engine stopped.

## REPLACEMENT: SUSPENSION STRUT – OPEL COMBO (71\_). RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE OF STEPS:

- 1 Open the bonnet.
- 2 Use a fender protection cover to prevent damaging paintwork and plastic parts of the car.
- 3 Clean the shock strut fasteners. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.
- 4 Loosen the upper fasteners of the suspension strut. Use a drive socket #13. Use a ratchet wrench.



Replacement: suspension strut – OPEL COMBO (71\_). Tip:

- Do not completely unscrew the upper fasteners as they may hold also other suspension components.

**5** Secure the wheels with chocks.



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



**7** Raise the car.

Replacement: suspension strut – OPEL COMBO (71\_). AUTODOC experts recommend:

- 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.

**8** Unscrew the wheel bolts.



**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Warning! To avoid injury, hold the wheel while unscrewing the fastening bolts.  
OPEL COMBO (71\_)

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Remove the wheel.



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Unscrew the ABS sensor wiring bracket. Use a drive socket #6. Use a ratchet wrench.



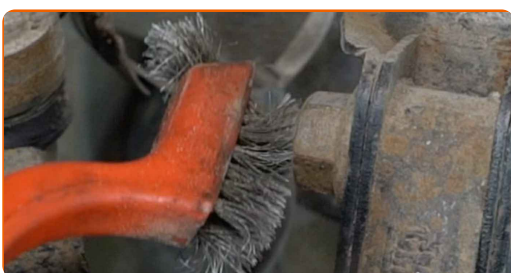
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Disconnect the ABS sensor wiring.



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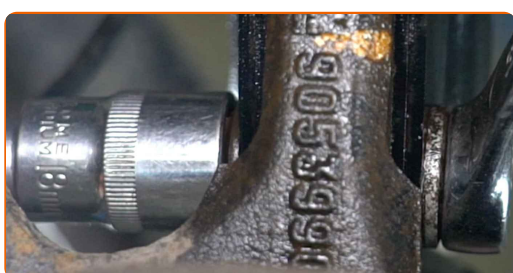
Clean the fasteners connecting the shock strut to the steering knuckle. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.



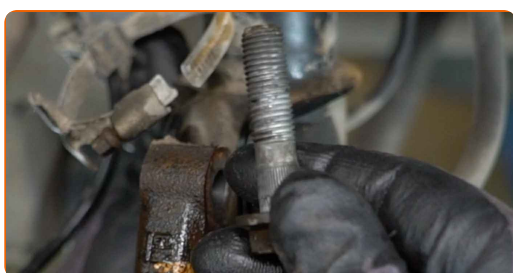
**13** Prop up the steering knuckle. Use a hydraulic transmission jack.



**14** Unscrew the fasteners connecting the suspension strut to the steering knuckle. Use a combination spanner #18. Use a drive socket #18. Use a ratchet wrench.



**15** Remove the fastening bolts.



**16** Disconnect the steering knuckle from the shock absorber strut.

**17** Unscrew the upper fasteners of the shock strut.





**AUTODOC recommends:**

- OPEL COMBO (71\_) – To avoid injury, hold the suspension strut while unscrewing the fastening bolts.

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Remove the suspension strut.



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Set the suspension strut on the spring compressor tool.



**Replacement: suspension strut – OPEL COMBO (71\_). Tip from AUTODOC experts:**

- 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.



20 Compress the spring.



21 Treat the shock strut rod. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.



22 Remove the strut piston rod nut. Use HEX No.H6. Use a drive socket #19.



23 Remove the top strut mount.



Replacement: suspension strut – OPEL COMBO (71\_). Tip:

- Thoroughly examine the shock absorber mount, dust boot, bump stop. Replace them if necessary.

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Release the coil spring.



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Remove the shock absorber dust cap and the bump stop.



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Remove the spring.



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Remove the old shock absorber from the hydraulic coil spring compressor.



Replacement: suspension strut – OPEL COMBO (71\_). AUTODOC recommends:

- Before installing a new shock absorber you should pump it manually 3-5 times.

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Install the new shock absorber on the hydraulic coil spring compressor.



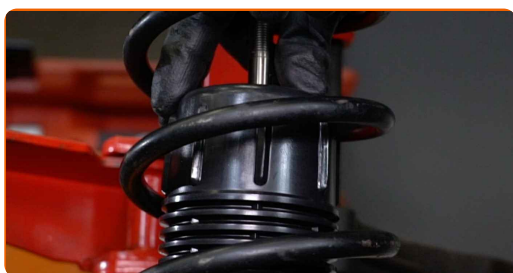
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Install the spring on the shock absorber.



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Install the dust sleeve and the bump stop on the new shock absorber.



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Compress the spring.



**32** Install the upper strut mount and the strut mount bearing.



**33** Tighten the shock strut piston rod nut. Use HEX No.H5. Use a drive socket #19. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 55 nm torque.



**AUTODOC recommends:**

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

**34** Treat the shock strut rod. Use copper grease.



**35** Decompress the spring.



**36** Remove the assembled shock strut.



**37** Clean the mounting seats of the shock strut.



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



**39** Secure the upper fasteners of the shock strut. Do not tighten it.



**AUTODOC recommends:**

- OPEL COMBO (71\_) – To avoid injury, hold the suspension strut while screwing in the fastening bolts.

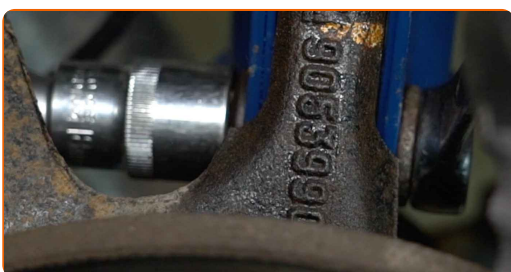


**40** Fix the shock absorber strut on the steering knuckle.

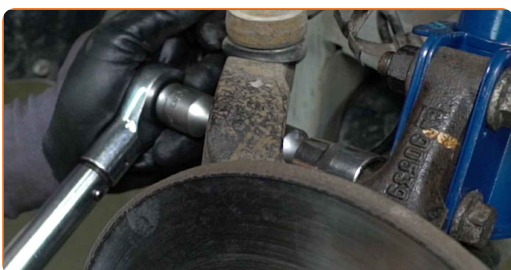
**41** Install the fastening bolts.



**42** Tighten the lower suspension strut fasteners. Use a combination spanner #18. Use a drive socket #18. Use a ratchet wrench.



**43** Tighten the lower fasteners connecting the shock strut to the steering knuckle. Use a combination spanner #18. Use a drive socket #18. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 90 Nm torque.+45°+15°



**44** Connect the ABS sensor wiring.



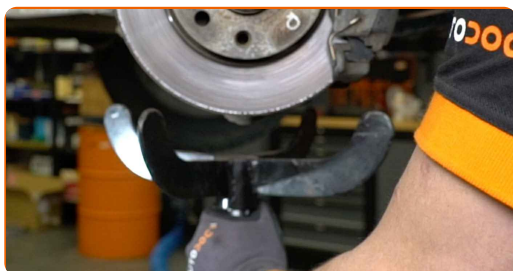
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Tighten the ABS sensor wiring bracket. Use a drive socket #6. Use a ratchet wrench.



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Remove the support from under the steering knuckle.



**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Replacement: suspension strut – OPEL COMBO (71\_). Lower the transmission jack smoothly, without jerks, to avoid damaging components and mechanisms.

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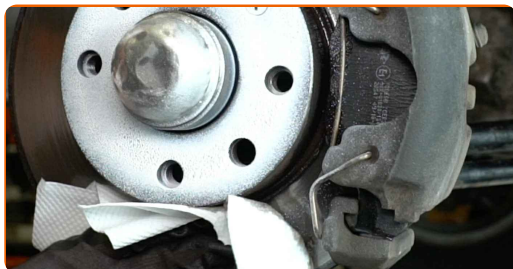
Treat the surface where the brake disc contacts the wheel rim. Use ceramic grease.





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Clean the brake disk surface. Use a brake cleaner.



**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Replacement: suspension strut – OPEL COMBO (71\_). After applying the spray, wait a few minutes.

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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 COMBO (71\_)

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



- 51** 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.



- 52** Remove the jacks and chocks.



- 53** Tighten the upper fasteners of the shock strut. Use a drive socket #13. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 30 Nm torque.



- 54** Treat the fasteners of the shock strut mount. Use copper grease.



- 55** Remove the fender protection cover.

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Close the hood.

**WELL DONE!** 

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