



How to change front
lower arm on **OPEL**
VECTRA B Hatchback
(38_) – 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 VECTRA B Hatchback (38_) 1.6 i (X 16 SZR), OPEL VECTRA B Hatchback (38_) 1.6 i 16V (F68), OPEL VECTRA B Hatchback (38_) 1.8 i 16V (X18XE1, Z18XEL), OPEL VECTRA B Hatchback (38_) 2.0 i 16V (F68), OPEL VECTRA B Hatchback (38_) 2.5 i V6 (F68), OPEL VECTRA B Hatchback (38_) 1.7 TD (F68), OPEL VECTRA B Hatchback (38_) 2.0 DI 16V (F68), OPEL VECTRA B Hatchback (38_) 2.0 DTI 16V (F68), OPEL VECTRA B Hatchback (38_) 2.2 DTI 16V (F68), OPEL VECTRA B Hatchback (38_) 1.8 i 16V (X18XE), OPEL VECTRA B Hatchback (38_) 1.8 i 16V (F68), OPEL VECTRA B Hatchback (38_) 2.2 i 16V (F68), OPEL VECTRA B Hatchback (38_) 2.6 i V6 (F68), OPEL VECTRA B Hatchback (38_) 1.6 i (16 LZ2), OPEL VECTRA B Hatchback (38_) 2.0 i (F68), (+ 2)

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 A (T98) 2.0 DI 16V (F75)

REPLACEMENT: FRONT LOWER ARM – OPEL VECTRA B HATCHBACK (38_). LIST OF THE TOOLS YOU'LL NEED:



- Wire brush
- WD-40 spray
- Brake cleaner
- Copper grease
- Combination spanner #18
- Drive socket # 18
- Wheel impact socket #19
- Ratchet wrench
- Torque wrench
- Tap wrench
- Hammer
- Flat chisel
- Rubber mallet
- Crow bar
- Hydraulic transmission jack
- Wheel chock

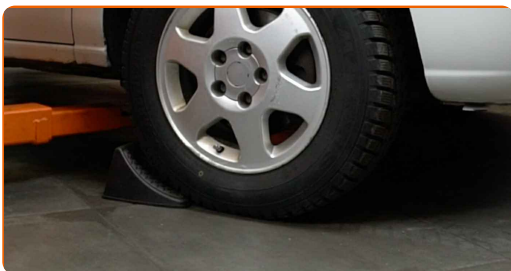
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Replacement: front lower arm – OPEL VECTRA B Hatchback (38_). AUTODOC recommends:

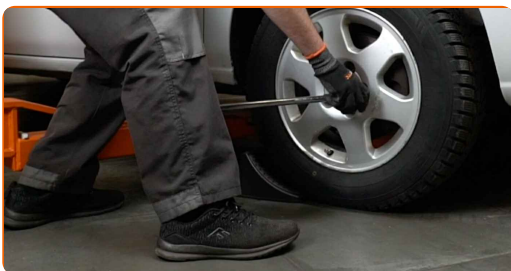
- The replacement procedure is identical for the left and right lower control arms.
- All work should be done with the engine stopped.

REPLACEMENT: FRONT LOWER ARM – OPEL VECTRA B HATCHBACK (38_). TAKE THE FOLLOWING STEPS:

1 Secure the wheels with chocks.

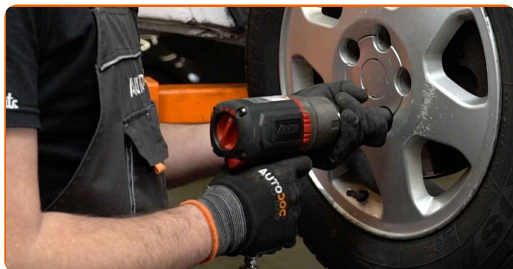


2 Loosen the wheel mounting bolts. Use wheel impact socket #19.



3 Raise the front of the car and secure on supports.

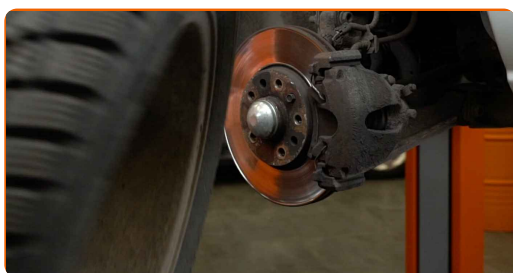
4 Unscrew the wheel bolts.



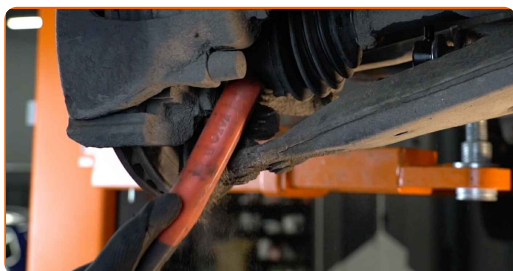
Replacement: front lower arm – OPEL VECTRA B Hatchback (38_). Tip:

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

5 Remove the wheel.



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



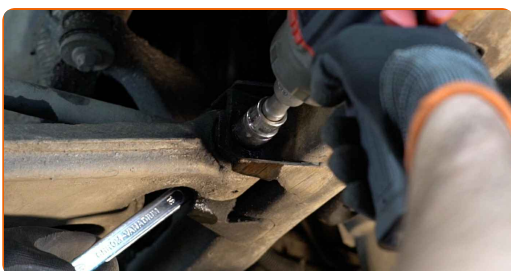
- 7 Unscrew the ball joint fastening to the steering knuckle. Use a combination spanner #18. Use a drive socket #18. Use a ratchet wrench.



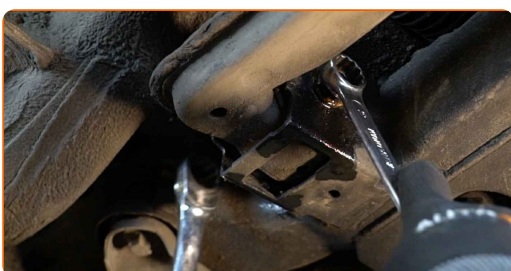
- 8 Remove the fastening bolt.



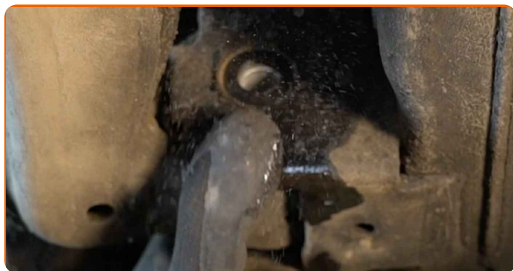
- 9 Unscrew the front arm fastener. Use a combination spanner #18. Use a drive socket #18. Use a ratchet wrench.



- 10 Unscrew the rear fastener connecting the control arm to the subframe. Use a combination spanner #18 (2 pieces).



11 Remove the rear fastener of the control arm.



12 Release the fastener that connects the control arm ball joint to the steering knuckle. Use a flat metal-working chisel. Use a hammer.



13 Disconnect the lower arm from the steering knuckle.



14 Remove the front fastener of the control arm.

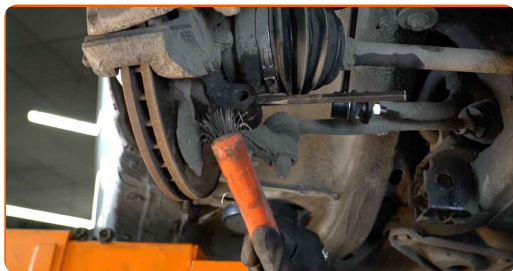


15 Remove the arm.



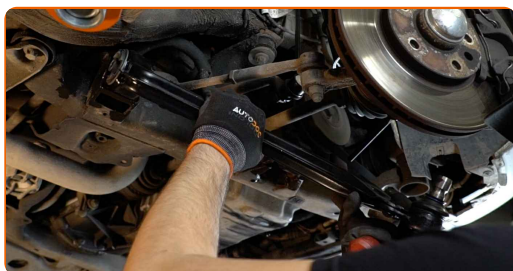
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Clean the mounting seats and the thread of the suspension arm. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.



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Install a new arm. Use a rubber mallet. Use a crowbar.

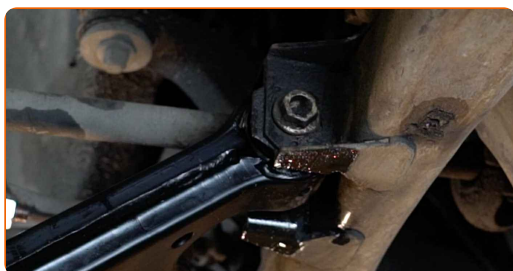


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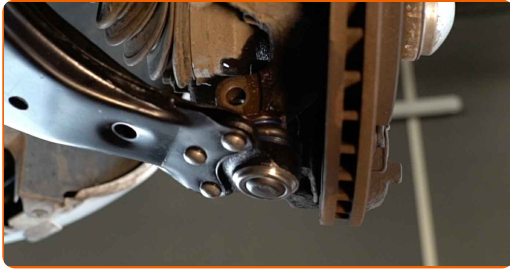
- During the installation process, use only new bolts and nuts.
- Do not damage the ball joint cover.

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Install the control arm fasteners.

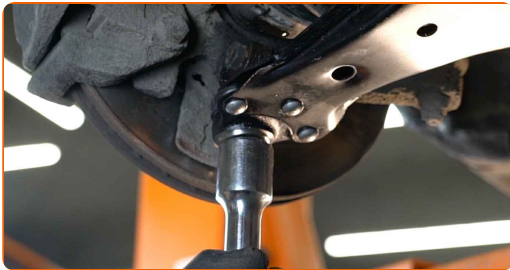


19 Connect the lower arm to the steering knuckle.

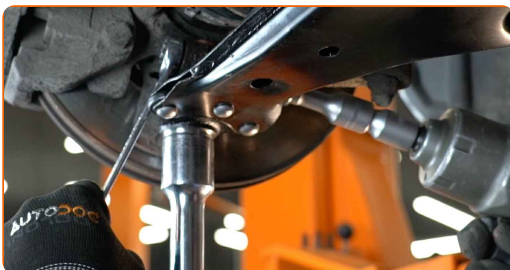


20 Install the fastening bolt.

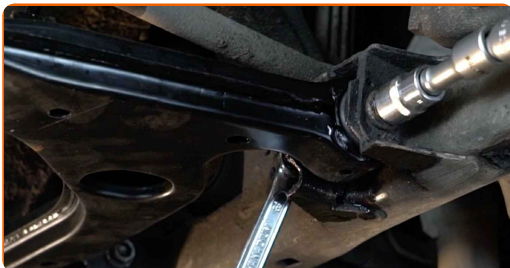
21 Support the arm. Use a hydraulic transmission jack.



22 Screw the fasteners of the ball joint. Use a combination spanner #18. Use a drive socket #18. Use a ratchet wrench.



23 Screw the front arm fastener. Use a combination spanner #18. Use a drive socket #18. Use a tap wrench.



- 24** Screw the rear fastener connecting the control arm to the subframe. Use a combination spanner #18. Use a drive socket #18. Use a tap wrench.



- 25** Tighten the rear fastener connecting the arm to the body subframe. Use a drive socket #18. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 100 Nm torque.



- 26** Tighten the front fastener connecting the control arm to the subframe. Use a drive socket #18. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 100 Nm torque.



- 27** Tighten the ball joint fastener. Use a combination spanner #18. Use a drive socket #18. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 75 nm torque.



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Remove the support from under the arm.



AUTODOC recommends:

- Replacement: front lower arm – OPEL VECTRA B Hatchback (38_). Lower the transmission jack smoothly, without jerks, to avoid damaging components and mechanisms.

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Treat all joints of the arm. Use copper grease.



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



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Clean the brake disk surface. Use a brake cleaner.



Replacement: front lower arm – OPEL VECTRA B Hatchback (38_). Tip from AUTODOC:

- After applying the spray, wait a few minutes.

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Install the wheel.



AUTODOC recommends:

- Important! Hold the wheel while screwing in the fastening bolts. OPEL VECTRA B Hatchback (38_)

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Screw in the wheel bolts. Use wheel impact socket #19.



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Lower the car and working in a cross order, tighten the wheel bolts. Use wheel impact socket #19. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 110 Nm torque.

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Remove the jacks and chocks.



WELL DONE! 

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