



How to change track rod  
end on **SEAT Altea XL**  
**(5P5, 5P8)** – replacement  
guide

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

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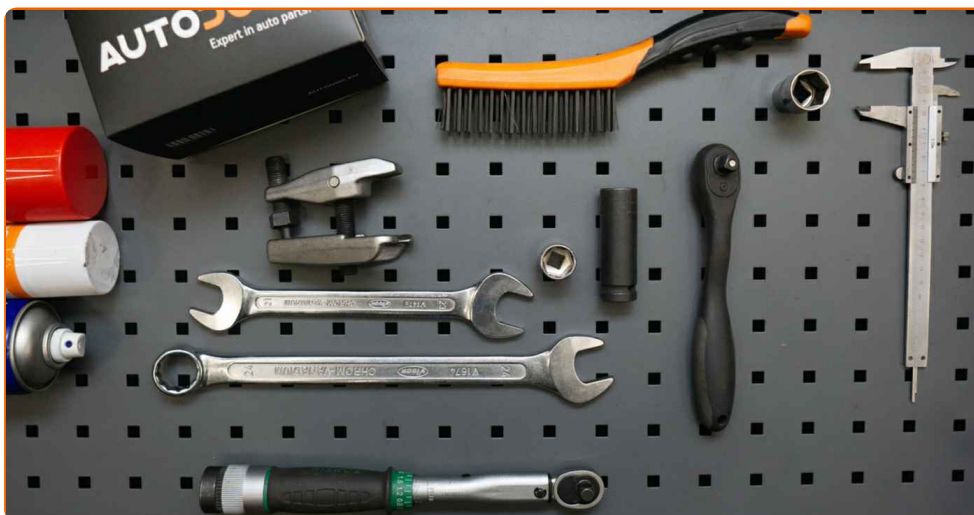
This replacement procedure can be used for:

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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: AUDI A3 Sportback (8PA) 1.2 TSI

**REPLACEMENT: TRACK ROD END – SEAT ALTEA XL (5P5, 5P8). LIST OF THE TOOLS YOU'LL NEED:**



- Wire brush
- WD-40 spray
- Brake cleaner
- Copper grease
- Combination spanner #23
- Combination spanner #24
- Drive socket # 18
- Drive socket # 19
- Wheel impact socket #17
- Ratchet wrench
- Torque wrench
- Tap wrench
- Vernier caliper
- Ball joint puller
- Wheel chock

**Buy tools**

Replacement: track rod end – SEAT Altea XL (5P5, 5P8). AUTODOC recommends:

- Replace tie rod ends in pairs.
- The replacement procedure is identical for the right and left tie rod ends.
- All work should be done with the engine stopped.

**REPLACEMENT: TRACK ROD END – SEAT ALTEA XL (5P5, 5P8). TAKE THE FOLLOWING STEPS:**

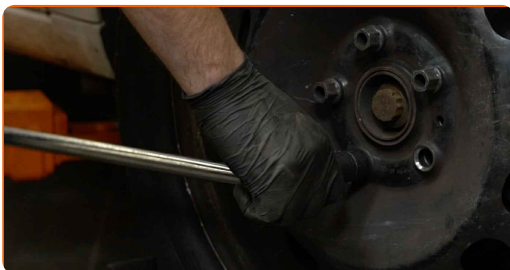
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Secure the wheels with chocks.



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



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Raise the front of the car and secure on supports.

**4** Unscrew the wheel bolts.



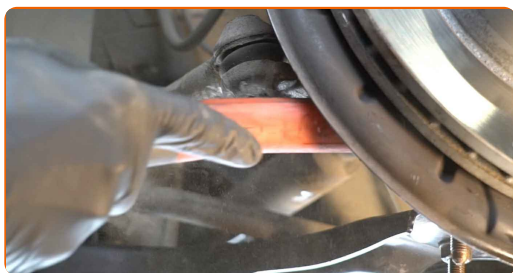
Replacement: track rod end – SEAT Altea XL (5P5, 5P8). Tip:

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

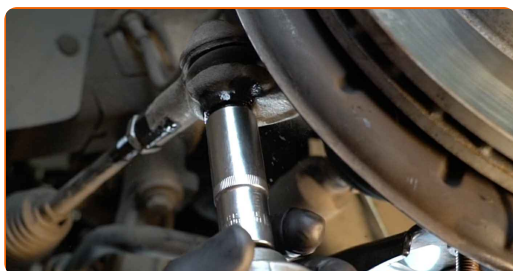
**5** Remove the wheel.



**6** Clean the fastener connecting the tie rod end to the steering knuckle. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.



**7** Unscrew the end fastening nut to the steering knuckle. Use a drive socket #18. Use a tap wrench.



- 8 When deinstalling, mark or measure the precise position of the ball joint on the track rod, or count the number of turns in order to prevent misalignment afterward. Use a vernier caliper.



- 9 Loosen the lock nut securing the tie rod end to the tie rod. Use a combination spanner #23. Use a combination spanner #24.



- 10 Disconnect the tie rod end from the steering knuckle. Use a ball joint puller.



- 11 Screw the end out of the tie rod.



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Clean the mounting seats of the tie rod end. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.



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Screw on a new tie rod end.



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- While installing the steering rod end remember to make the same number of turns or to leave the same length of thread showing as per your measurements.

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Connect the tie rod end to the steering knuckle.



- 15** Screw on the fastening nut that connects the tie rod end to the steering knuckle. Use a drive socket #19. Use a ratchet wrench.



- 16** Tighten the tie rod end locknut. Use a combination spanner #24 (2 pieces). Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 50 nm torque.



- 17** When deinstalling, mark or measure the precise position of the ball joint on the track rod, or count the number of turns in order to prevent misalignment afterward. Use a vernier caliper.



- 18** Tighten the fastening nut connecting the tie rod end to the steering knuckle. Use a drive socket #19. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 20 Nm torque. +90°



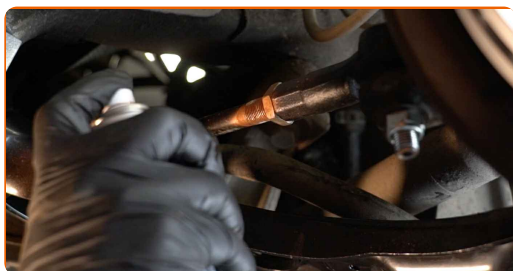


AUTODOC recommends:

- Important! Be sure to use new fasteners.

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Treat the fastener connecting the tie rod end to the steering knuckle. 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.



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- 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. SEAT Altea XL (5P5, 5P8)

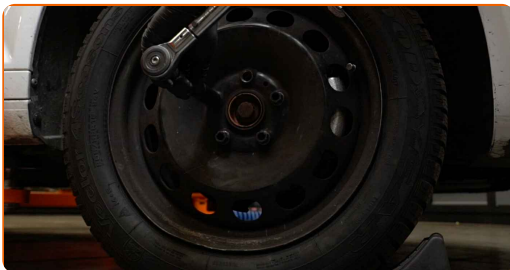
**23**

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



**24**

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.



**Replacement: track rod end – SEAT Altea XL (5P5, 5P8). Professionals recommend:**

- Check and adjust wheel alignment if necessary.

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Remove the jacks and chocks.



**WELL DONE!** 

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