



How to change track rod  
end on **SKODA Fabia II**  
**Hatchback (542)** –  
replacement guide

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

#### **Important!**

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: SKODA Fabia I Combi (6Y5) 1.2

**REPLACEMENT: TRACK ROD END – SKODA FABIA II HATCHBACK (542). TOOLS YOU'LL NEED:**



- Wire brush
- WD-40 spray
- Copper grease
- Combination spanner #19
- Combination spanner #22
- Drive socket # 19
- Wheel impact socket #17
- Torque wrench
- Ball joint puller
- Vernier caliper
- Rubber mallet
- Wheel chock

**Buy tools**

Replacement: track rod end – SKODA Fabia II Hatchback (542). AUTODOC experts recommend:

- 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 – SKODA FABIA II HATCHBACK (542). USE THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURE:

1

Secure the wheels with chocks.



2

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

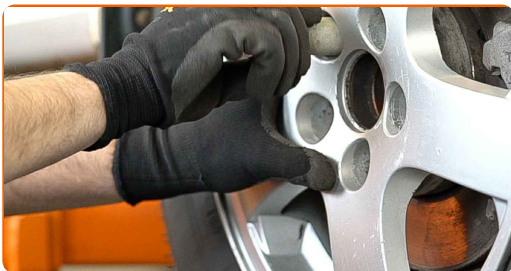


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Raise the front of the car and secure on supports.

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Unscrew the wheel bolts.

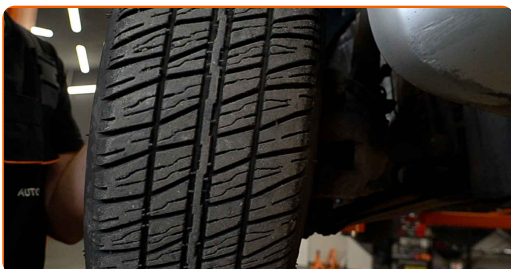


**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Important! Hold the wheel while unscrewing the fastening bolts. SKODA Fabia II Hatchback (542)

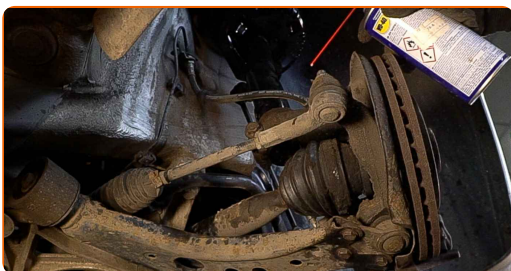
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Remove the wheel.

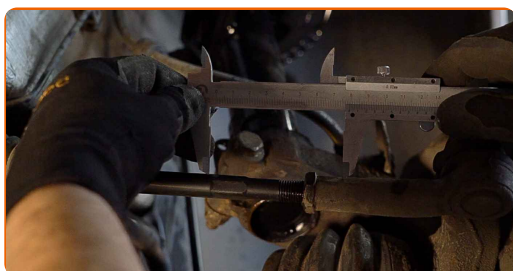


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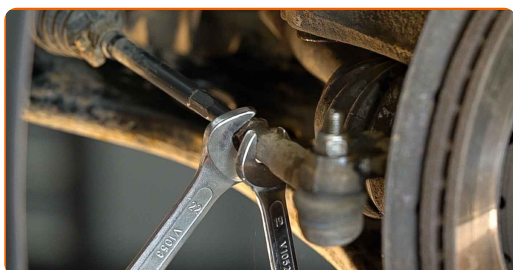
Clean the fastener connecting the tie rod end to the steering knuckle. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.



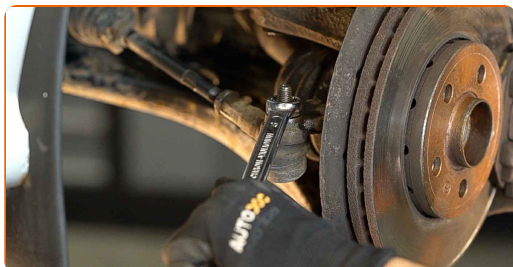
- 7 When deinstalling, mark or measure the precise position of the ball joint on the track rod, or count the number of turns in order to prevent misalignment afterward. Use a vernier caliper.



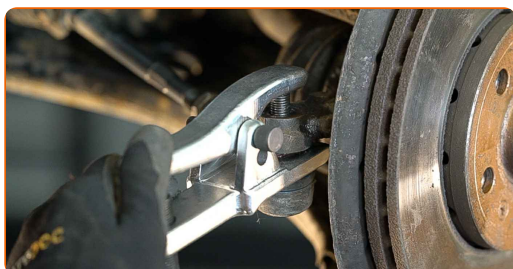
- 8 Loosen the lock nut securing the tie rod end to the tie rod. Use a combination spanner #19. Use a combination spanner #22.



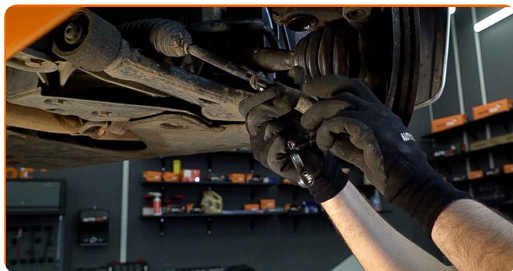
- 9 Unscrew the end fastening nut to the steering knuckle. Use a combination spanner #19.



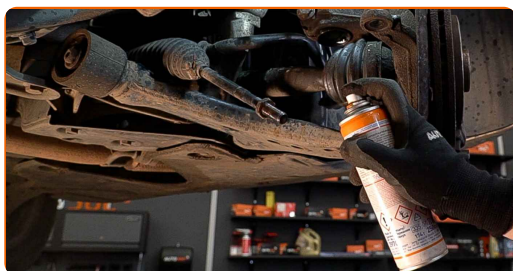
- 10 Disconnect the tie rod end from the steering knuckle. Use a ball joint puller. Use a rubber mallet.



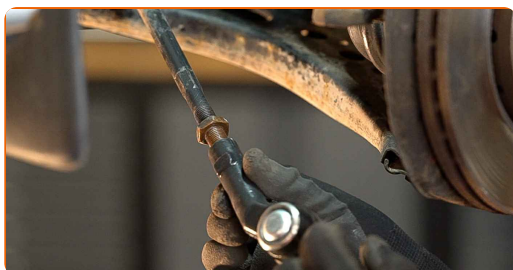
**11** Screw the end out of the tie rod. Use a combination spanner #19.



**12** Treat the threaded part of the tie rod. Use copper grease.



**13** Screw on a new tie rod end.



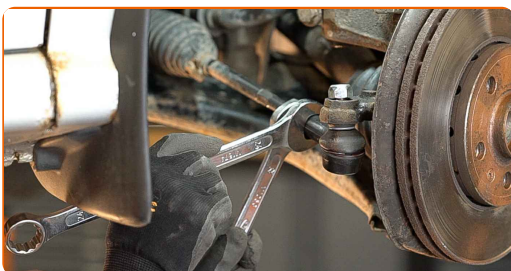
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- While installing the steering rod end remember to make the same number of turns or to leave the same length of thread showing as per your measurements.

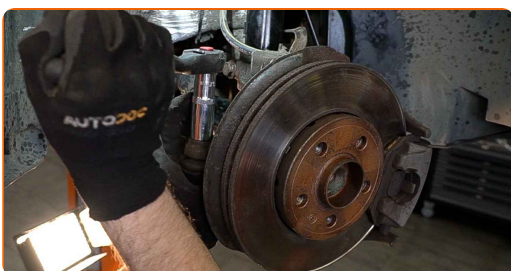
**14** Connect the tie rod end to the steering knuckle.



**15** Screw on the tie rod end jam nut. Use a combination spanner #19. Use a combination spanner #22.



**16** 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°



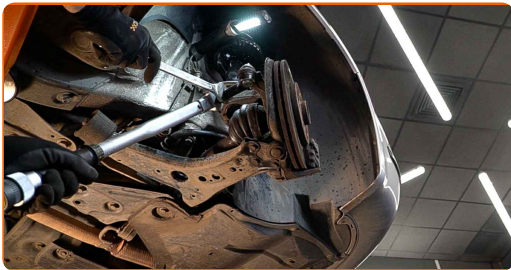
**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Important! Be sure to use new fasteners.



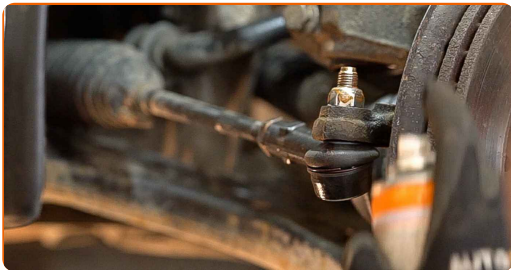
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Tighten the tie rod end locknut. Use a combination spanner #19. Use a combination spanner #22. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 80 nm torque.



**18**

Treat the fastener connecting the tie rod end to the steering knuckle. Use copper grease.



**19**

Clean the wheel rim mounting seat. Use a wire brush.

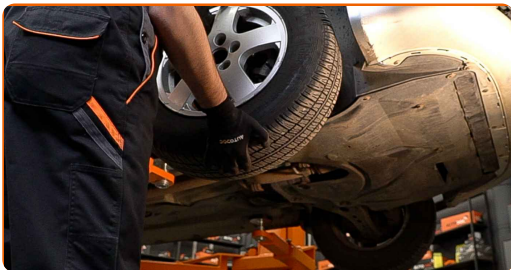
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Treat the surface where the brake disc contacts the wheel rim. Use copper grease.



**21**

Install the wheel.

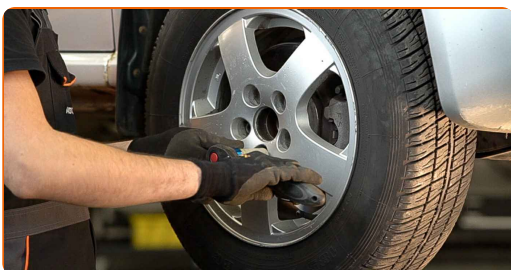


Replacement: track rod end – SKODA Fabia II Hatchback (542). Tip from AUTODOC:

- To avoid injury, hold up the wheel when screwing in the fastening bolts.

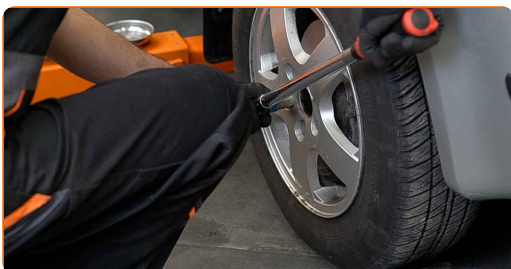
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Screw in the wheel bolts. Use wheel impact socket #17.



23

Lower the car and working in a cross order, tighten the wheel bolts. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 120 nm torque.



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- Check and adjust wheel alignment if necessary.

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Remove the jacks and chocks.



**WELL DONE!** 

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