



How to change front  
wheel bearing on **SKODA**  
**Octavia I Combi (1U5)** –  
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:

SKODA Octavia I Combi (1U5) 1.6, SKODA Octavia I Combi (1U5) 1.8 20V, SKODA Octavia I Combi (1U5) 1.9 SDI, SKODA Octavia I Combi (1U5) 1.9 TDI, SKODA Octavia I Combi (1U5) 1.8 T, SKODA Octavia I Combi (1U5) 1.9 TDI 4x4, SKODA Octavia I Combi (1U5) 2.0, SKODA Octavia I Combi (1U5) 2.0 4x4, SKODA Octavia I Combi (1U5) 1.4 16V, SKODA Octavia I Combi (1U5) 1.8 T 4x4, SKODA Octavia I Combi (1U5) RS 1.8 T

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 Octavia I Hatchback (1U2) 1.6

REPLACEMENT: WHEEL BEARING – SKODA OCTAVIA I COMBI (1U5). TOOLS YOU MIGHT NEED:



- Wire brush
- WD-40 spray
- Brake cleaner
- Copper grease
- High-temperature ceramic grease
- Multipurpose grease
- Torque wrench
- Combination spanner #18
- Combination spanner #19
- HEX bit No.H7.
- Torx bit T30
- Drive socket # 18
- Drive socket # 19
- Drive socket # 30
- Wheel impact socket #17
- Bush and bearing driver set
- Ratchet wrench
- Hammer
- Flat Screwdriver
- Rubber mallet
- Ball joint puller
- Round-nose pliers
- Crow bar
- Wheel chock

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Replacement: wheel bearing – SKODA Octavia I Combi (1U5). Tip from AUTODOC:

- Do not re-use the bearing assembly of your SKODA Octavia I Combi (1U5) car.
- The wheel hub bearing replacement procedure is identical for both wheels on the same axle.
- Please note: all work on the car – SKODA Octavia I Combi (1U5) – should be done with the engine switched off.

**CARRY OUT REPLACEMENT IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:**

1

Secure the wheels with chocks.



2

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



3

Raise the front of the car and secure on supports.

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Unscrew the wheel bolts.



AUTODOC recommends:

- Warning! To avoid injury, hold the wheel while unscrewing the fastening bolts.  
SKODA Octavia I Combi (1U5)

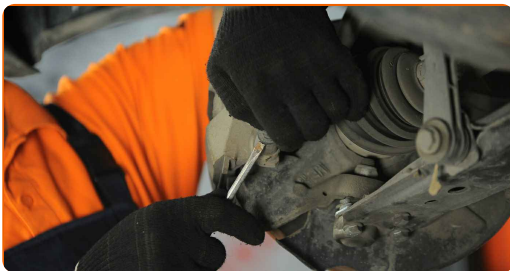
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Remove the wheel.



6

Remove the dust boot caps of the brake caliper guide pins. Use a flat screwdriver.



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Unscrew the brake caliper fastening. Use HEX No.H7. Use a ratchet wrench.



8

Remove the brake caliper. Use a flat screwdriver.



Replacement: wheel bearing – SKODA Octavia I Combi (1U5). 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.
- Check the brake caliper bracket, brake caliper guide pins and boots. Clean them. Replace, if necessary.

9

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



10

Unscrew the brake disc fastening. Use Torx T30. Use a ratchet wrench.



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Remove the brake disc. Use a rubber mallet.



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Unscrew the wheel hub axle nut. Use a drive socket #30. Use a ratchet wrench.



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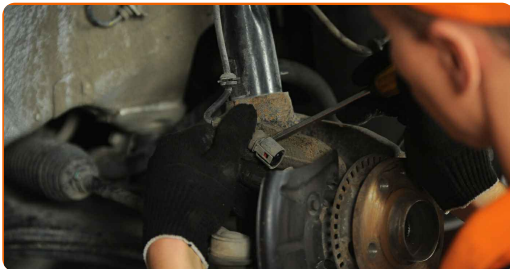
Remove the fastening nut.

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Detach the driveshaft from the steering knuckle. Use a rubber mallet.

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Detach the ABS sensor connector. Use a flat screwdriver.



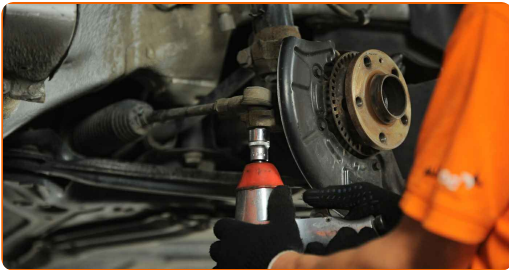


**16** Disconnect the ABS sensor wiring. Use a flat screwdriver.

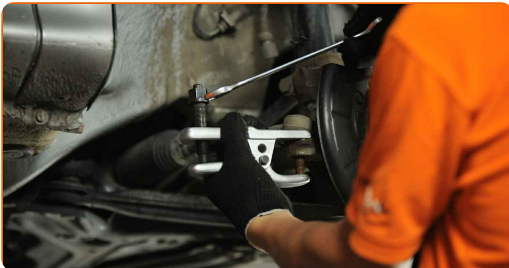
**17** Clean the fastener connecting the tie rod end to the steering knuckle. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.



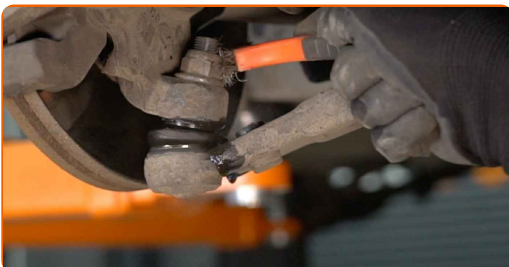
**18** Unscrew the end fastening nut to the steering knuckle. Use a drive socket #19. Use a ratchet wrench.



**19** Disconnect the tie rod end from the steering knuckle. Use a ball joint puller.



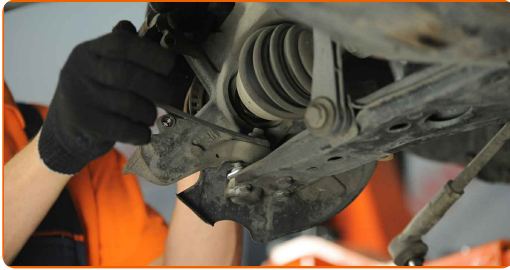
**20** Clean the fastener connecting the ball joint to the steering knuckle. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.





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Unscrew the ball joint fastening to the steering knuckle. Use a combination spanner #19.



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Disconnect the ball joint from the steering knuckle. Use a ball joint puller.



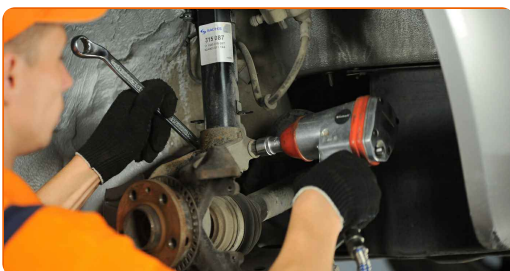
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Clean the lower fastener connecting the suspension strut to the steering knuckle. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.



24

Unscrew the lower fastener connecting the shock strut to the steering knuckle. Use a combination spanner #18. Use a drive socket #18. Use a ratchet wrench.



25

Remove the fastening bolt.



26

Disconnect the steering knuckle from the shock absorber strut. Use a rubber mallet.



27

Remove the steering knuckle together with the hub.



28

Remove the wheel hub from the steering knuckle. Use a bush and bearing driver set. Use a hammer.



29

Remove the wheel hub bearing retaining ring. Use round-nose pliers.



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Press out the wheel hub bearing. Use a bush and bearing driver set.



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Clean the hub bearing mounting seat. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.

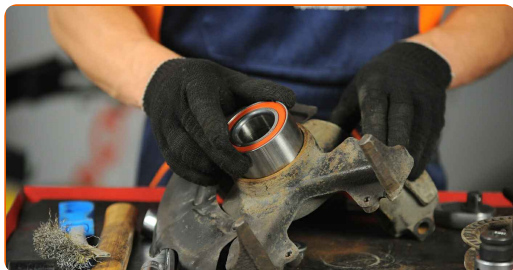


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Apply special grease to the bearing assembly mounting seat.

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Press the new bearing in the steering knuckle. Use a bush and bearing driver set.

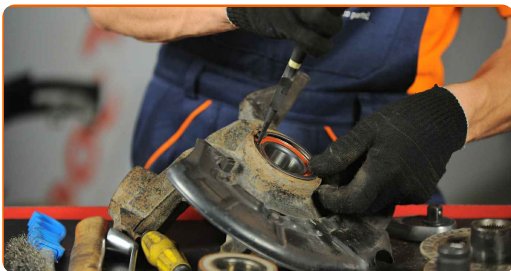


Replacement: wheel bearing – SKODA Octavia I Combi (1U5). Professionals recommend:

- Check to make sure the wheel hub bearing is positioned correctly. Avoid its misalignment.
- Stop pressing on the surface of the bearing immediately after it has been fitted into its mounting seat.

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Install the wheel hub bearing retaining ring. Use round-nose pliers.



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Treat the wheel hub mounting seat. Use a multipurpose grease.

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Install the wheel hub on the steering knuckle. Use a bush and bearing driver set.

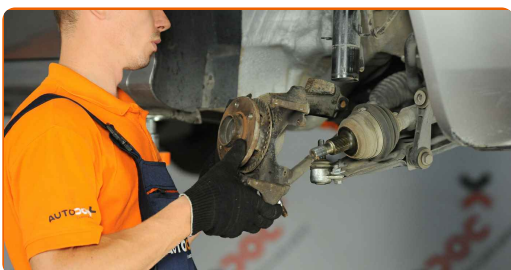


Replacement: wheel bearing – SKODA Octavia I Combi (1U5). Tip from AUTODOC:

- Make sure that the wheel hub is positioned correctly. Avoid any misalignment.

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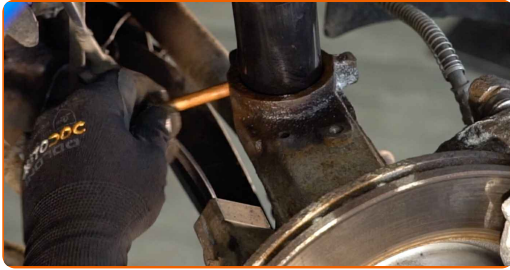
Install the steering knuckle with a hub in assembly.



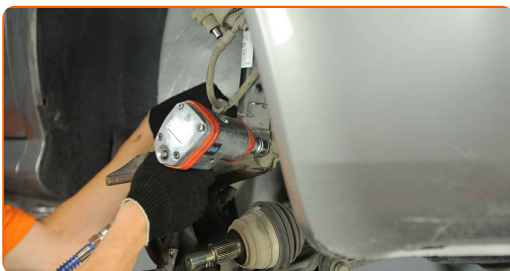
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Fix the shock absorber strut on the steering knuckle. Use a rubber mallet.

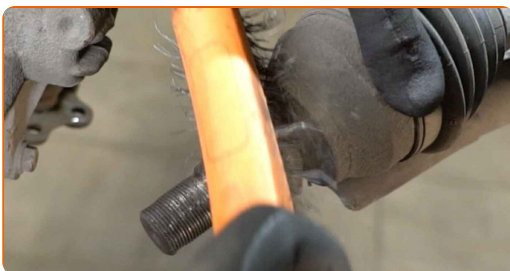
39 Install the fastening bolt.



40 Tighten the lower fasteners of the suspension strut. Use a combination spanner #18. Use a drive socket #18. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 60 Nm torque.+90°



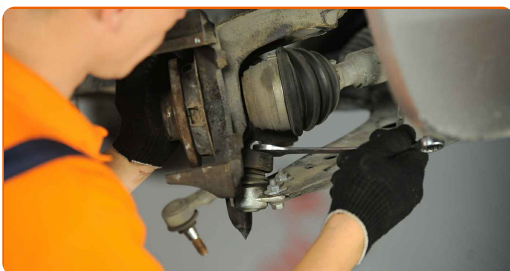
41 Clean the splines of the drive shaft CV joint. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.



42 Install the steering knuckle on the CV axle.

43 Connect the ball joint to the steering knuckle. Use a crowbar.

44 Tighten the ball joint fastener. Use a combination spanner #19. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 20 Nm torque.+90°



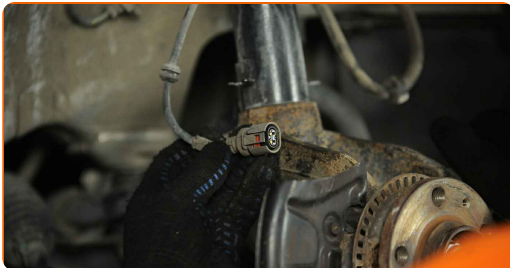


45 Install the fastening nut.

46 Tighten the drive shaft nut. Use a drive socket #30. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 225 Nm torque.



47 Attach the ABS sensor connector.

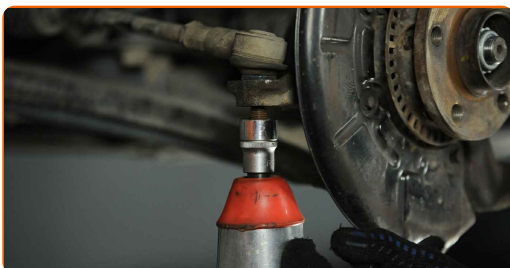


48 Connect the ABS sensor wiring.

49 Connect the tie rod end to the steering knuckle.



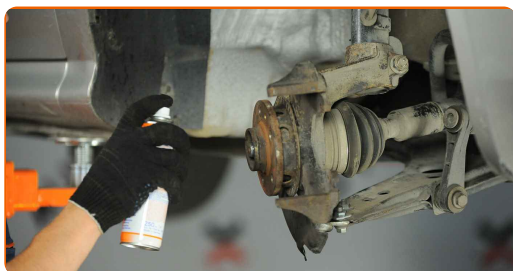
50 Tighten the fastening nut connecting the tie rod end to the steering knuckle. Use a drive socket #19. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 45 nm torque.





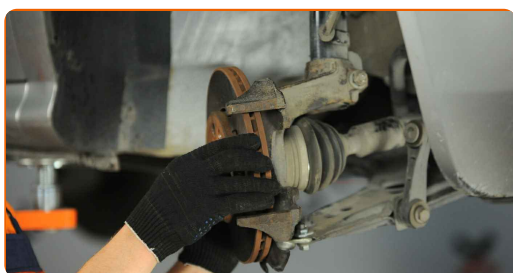
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Clean the hub. Use a wire brush. Treat the contacting surface. Use copper grease.



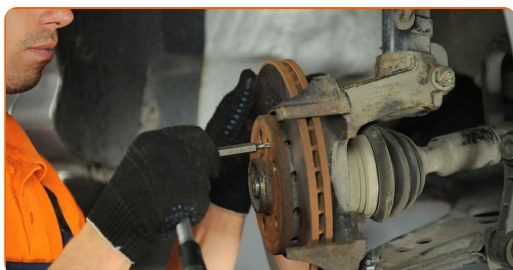
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Install the brake disc.



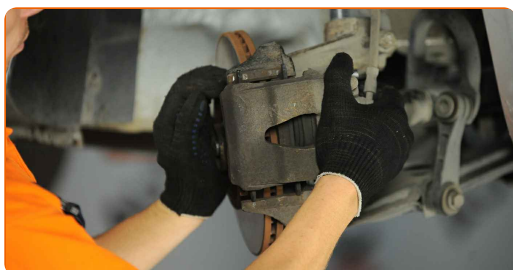
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Tighten the brake disc fastening. Use Torx T30. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 4 Nm torque.

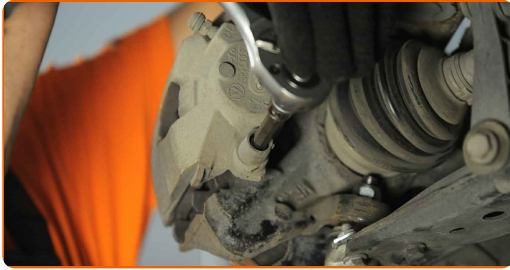


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Install the brake caliper and fix it.



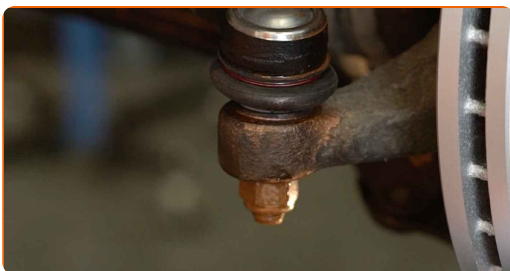
**54.2** Use HEX No.H7. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 28 Nm torque.



**55** Install the dust boot caps of the brake caliper guide pins.



**56** Treat the shock strut fasteners. Treat the fastener connecting the tie rod end to the steering knuckle. Treat the fasteners of the ball joint. Use copper grease.



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



58

Clean the brake disk surface. Use a brake cleaner.



**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Replacement: wheel bearing – SKODA Octavia I Combi (1U5). After applying the spray, wait a few minutes.

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Install the wheel.



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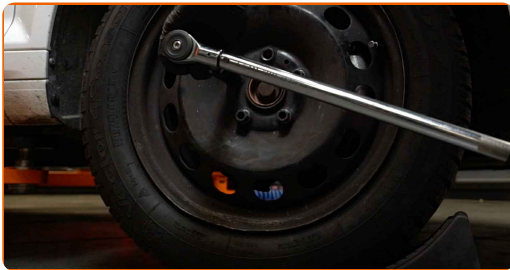
- Warning! To avoid injury, hold the wheel while screwing in the fastening bolts on the car. SKODA Octavia I Combi (1U5)

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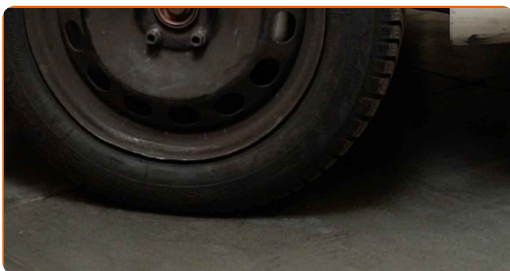
Screw in the wheel bolts. Use wheel impact socket #17.



- 61 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.



- 62 Remove the jacks and chocks.



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