



How to change front  
brake pads on **VOLVO**  
**V40 Box Body /**  
**Hatchback (525, 526) –**  
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:

VOLVO V40 Box Body / Hatchback (525, 526) 2.0 D3, VOLVO V40 Box Body / Hatchback (525, 526) 2.0 D4, VOLVO V40 Box Body / Hatchback (525, 526) 1.6 D2/DRIVE

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: VOLVO V50 (545) 1.6 D

**REPLACEMENT: BRAKE PADS – VOLVO V40 BOX BODY / HATCHBACK (525, 526). TOOLS YOU MIGHT NEED:**



- Brake cleaner
- Anti-squeal paste
- Copper grease
- HEX bit no.H7.
- Wheel impact socket #19
- Brake caliper wind back tool
- Ratchet wrench
- Torque wrench
- Crow bar
- Wheel chock

**Buy tools**

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AUTODOC recommends:

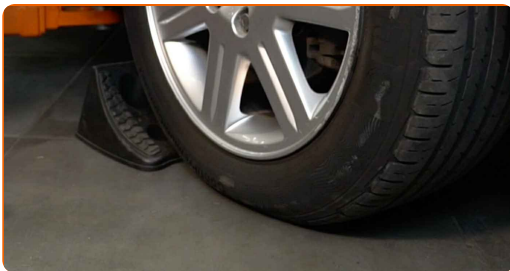
- Perform the replacement of brake pads in complete set for each axis. This provides effective braking.
- The replacement procedure is identical for all brake pads on the same axle.
- All work should be done with the engine stopped.

**REPLACEMENT: BRAKE PADS – VOLVO V40 BOX BODY / HATCHBACK (525, 526). TAKE THE FOLLOWING STEPS:**

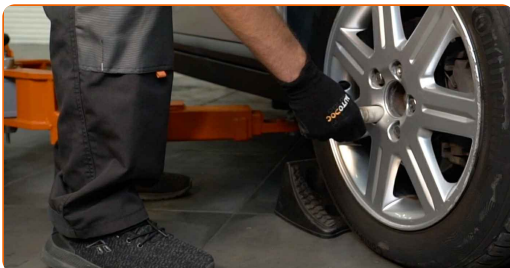
**1** Open the bonnet. Unscrew the brake fluid reservoir cap.



**2** Secure the wheels with chocks.



**3** Loosen the wheel mounting bolts. Use wheel impact socket #19.



**4** Raise the front of the car and secure on supports.

**5** Unscrew the wheel bolts.



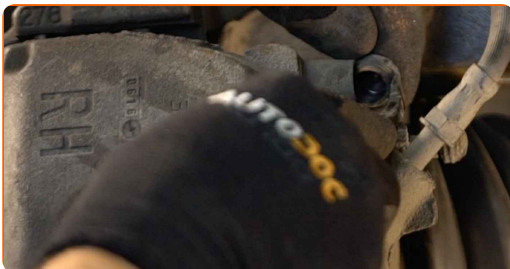
**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Important! Hold the wheel while unscrewing the fastening bolts. VOLVO V40 Box Body / Hatchback (525, 526)

**6** Remove the wheel.

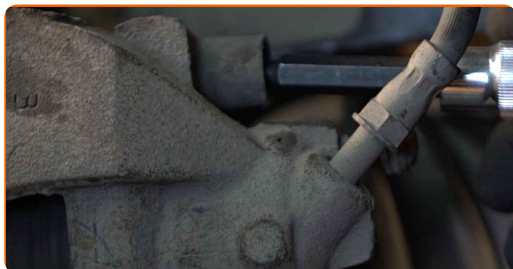


**7** Remove the dust boot caps of the brake caliper guide pins. Use a crowbar.



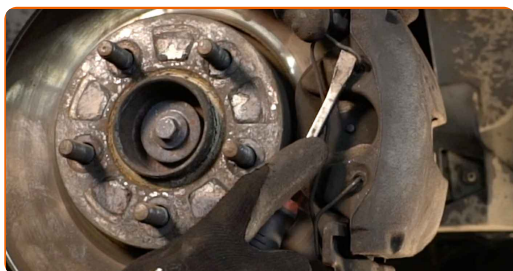
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Unscrew the brake caliper fastening. Use HEX No.H7. Use a ratchet wrench.



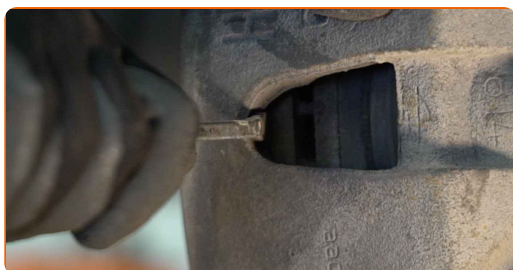
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Spread the brake pads. Use a crowbar.



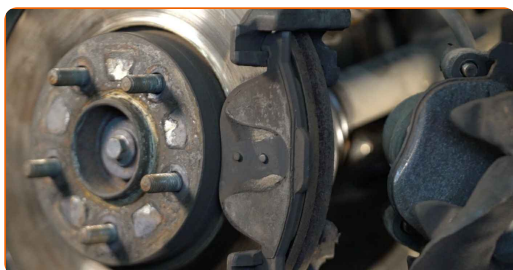
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Detach the brake caliper retaining spring. Use a crowbar.



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Remove the brake caliper.

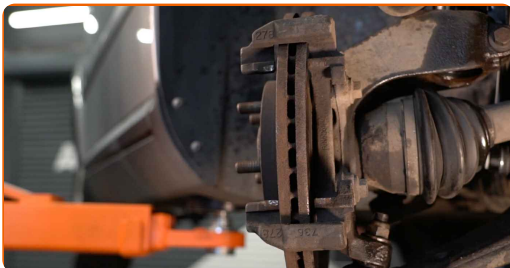


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AUTODOC experts recommend:

- 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.

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Remove the brake pads. Use a crowbar.



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- Measure the brake disc thickness. Upon reaching the wear limit the part must be replaced.

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Treat the brake pads in the area where their surface comes into contact with the brake caliper bracket. Use anti-squeal paste.



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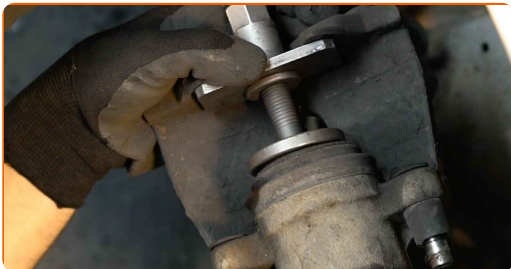
Treat the brake caliper piston. Use a brake cleaner.

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Press in the brake caliper piston. Use brake caliper wind back tool.



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Professionals recommend:**

- Make sure the disc surface is clean before installing the pads.



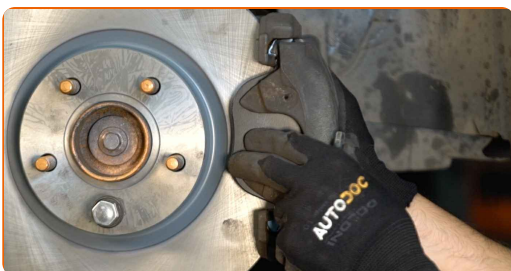
**16** Install new brake pads.



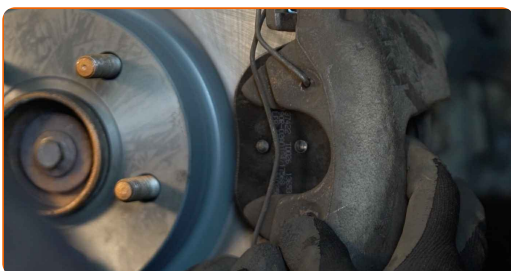
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- Make sure the pads are installed with linings facing the disc.

**17** Install the brake caliper and fix it. Use HEX No.H7. Use a ratchet wrench.

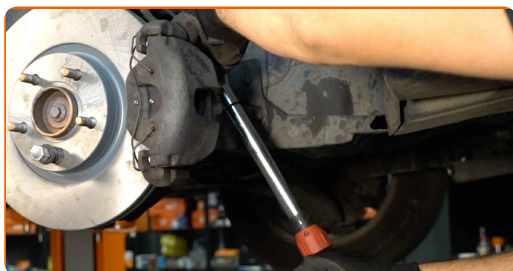


**18** Install the brake caliper retaining spring.



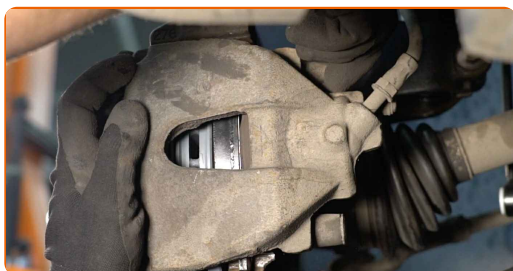
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Tighten the brake caliper fasteners. Use HEX No.H7. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 28 Nm torque.



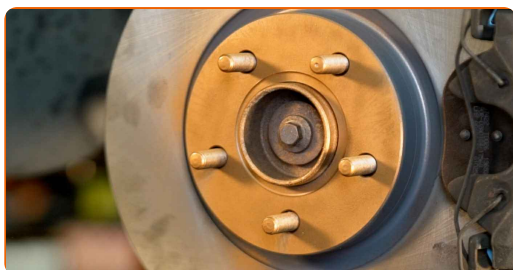
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Install the dust boot caps of the brake caliper guide pins.



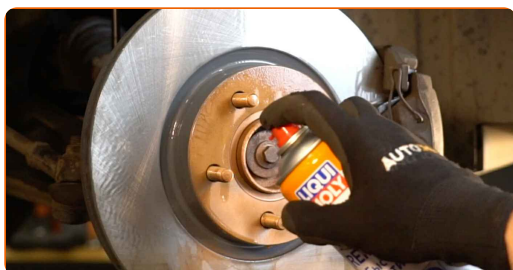
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Treat the surface where the brake disc contacts the wheel rim. Use copper grease.



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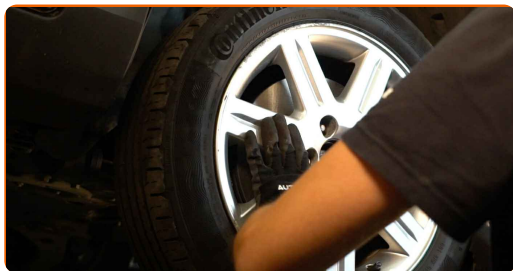
Clean the brake disk surface. Use a brake cleaner.



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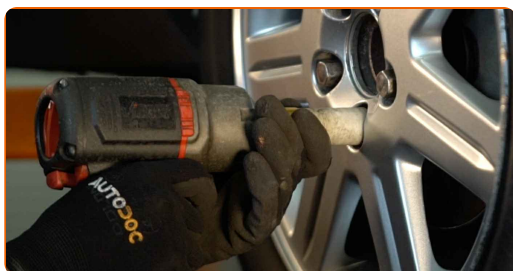
**23** Install the wheel.



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

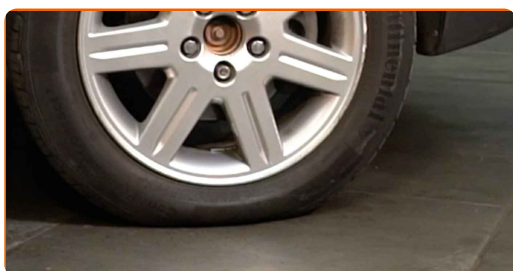
**24** Screw in the wheel bolts. Use wheel impact socket #19.



**25** Lower the car and working in a cross order, tighten the wheel bolts. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 110 Nm torque.



**26** Remove the jacks and chocks.



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- Check the brake fluid level in the expansion tank and refill if necessary.

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Tighten the brake fluid reservoir cap.



AUTODOC recommends:

- VOLVO V40 Box Body / Hatchback (525, 526) – Press the brake pedal several times with the engine shut down until you feel the resistance built up.

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Close the hood.

Replacement: brake pads – VOLVO V40 Box Body / Hatchback (525, 526). Professionals recommend:

- Slow down smoothly for first 150-200 km after the brake pads replacement. Avoid unnecessary and sharp braking to a stop.

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