



How to change rear  
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). LIST OF THE TOOLS YOU'LL 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
- Rubber mallet
- Crow bar
- Wheel chock

**Buy tools**

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AUTODOC experts recommend:

- 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). USE THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURE:

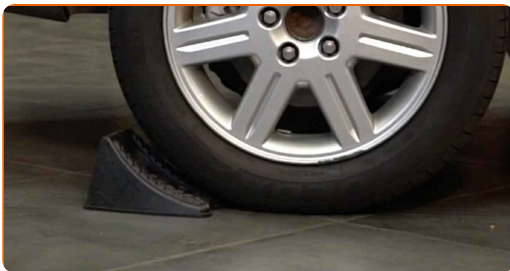
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Open the bonnet. Unscrew the brake fluid reservoir cap.



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Secure the wheels with chocks.



3

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



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

**5** Unscrew the wheel bolts.



**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Warning! To avoid injury, 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.

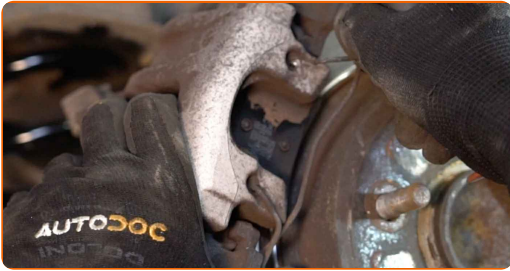


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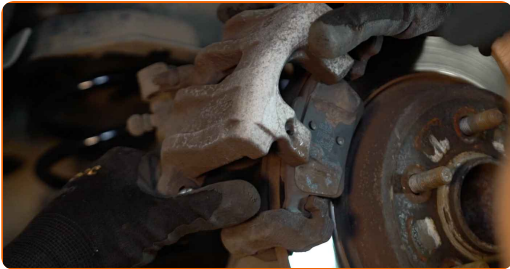
Unscrew the brake caliper fastening. Use HEX No.H7. Use a ratchet wrench.

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Detach the brake caliper retaining spring. Use a crowbar.

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Remove the brake caliper. Use a crowbar.



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Professionals 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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from AUTODOC:

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

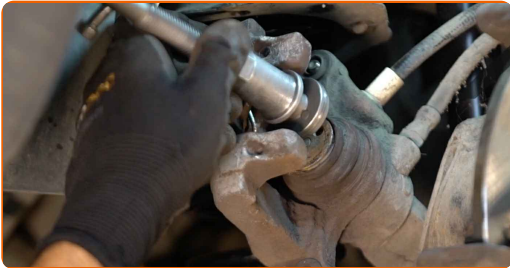
**12** Treat the brake caliper piston. Use a brake cleaner.



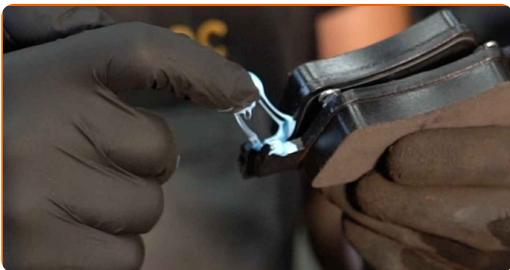
**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Replacement: brake pads – VOLVO V40 Box Body / Hatchback (525, 526). After applying the spray, wait a few minutes.

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



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



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

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



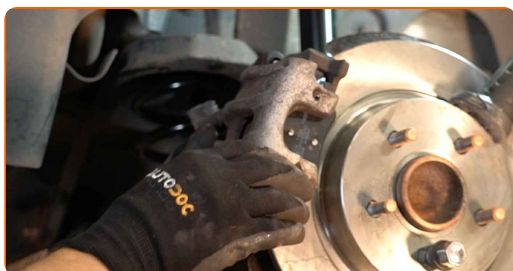
**15** Install new brake pads.



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AUTODOC recommends:

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

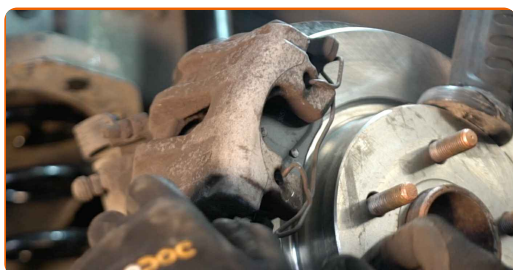
**16** Install the brake caliper and fix it. Use HEX No.H7. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 35 Nm torque.



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



**18** Install the brake caliper retaining spring. Use a rubber mallet.



**19**

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.

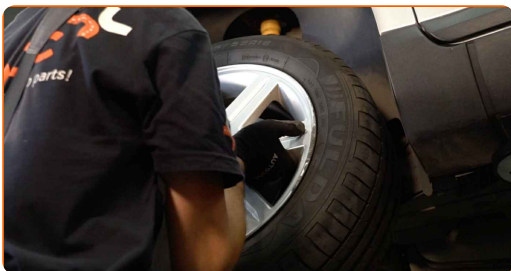


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- After applying the spray, wait a few minutes.

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Install the wheel.



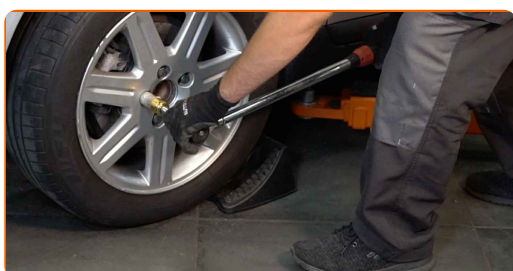
AUTODOC recommends:

- Warning! To avoid injury, hold the wheel while screwing in the fastening bolts on the car. VOLVO V40 Box Body / Hatchback (525, 526)

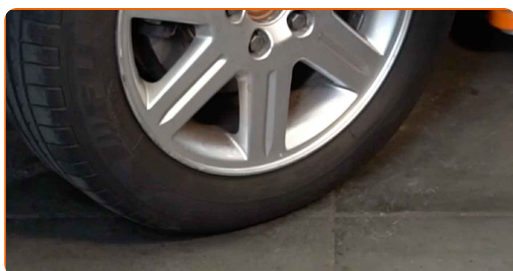
**22** Screw in the wheel bolts. Use wheel impact socket #19.



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



**24** Remove the jacks and chocks.



**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Important! Replacement: brake pads – VOLVO V40 Box Body / Hatchback (525, 526). Check the brake fluid level in the reservoir and top up if necessary.

**25** Tighten the brake fluid reservoir cap.



## AUTODOC recommends:

- VOLVO V40 Box Body / Hatchback (525, 526) – Without starting the engine, press the brake pedal several times until it feels firm.

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Close the hood.

Replacement: brake pads – VOLVO V40 Box Body / Hatchback (525, 526). Tip from AUTODOC experts:

- 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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