



How to change rear  
brake caliper on **VW**  
**Beetle Convertible (5C7,**  
**5C8)** – replacement  
guide

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

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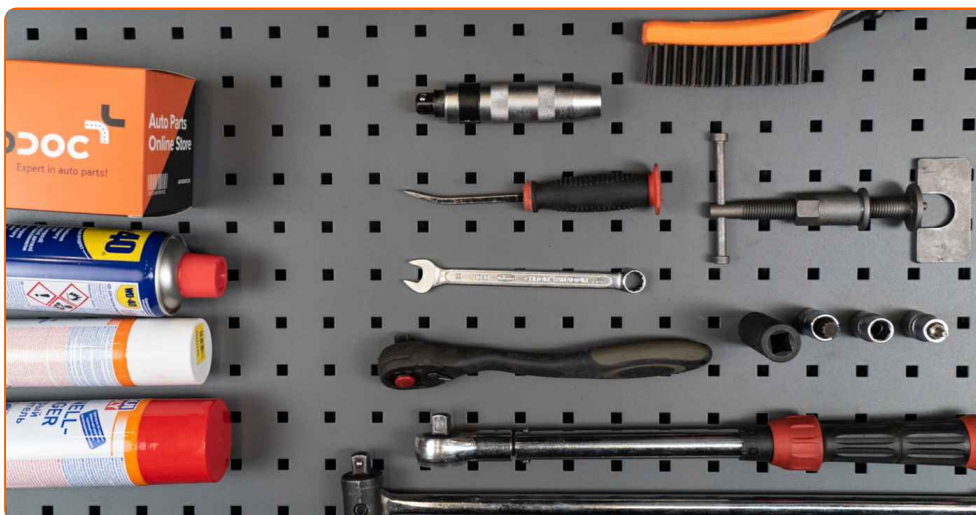
This replacement procedure can be used for:

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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: VW TOURAN (1T1, 1T2) 2.0 TDI

**REPLACEMENT: BRAKE CALIPER – VW BEETLE CONVERTIBLE (5C7, 5C8). TOOLS YOU'LL NEED:**



- Wire brush
- WD-40 spray
- Brake cleaner
- Copper grease
- Combination spanner #11
- Combination spanner #13
- Combination spanner #15
- Drive socket # 11
- Drive socket # 13
- HEX bit no.H7.
- Wheel impact socket #17
- Ratchet wrench
- Torque wrench
- Fluid container
- Brake bleeder kit
- Brake hose clip
- Crow bar
- Rubber mallet
- Water pump pliers
- Wheel chock

**Buy tools**

Replacement: brake caliper – VW Beetle Convertible (5C7, 5C8). Professionals recommend:

- The replacement procedure is identical for the left and right brake calipers on the same axle.
- All work should be done with the engine stopped.

**REPLACEMENT: BRAKE CALIPER – VW BEETLE CONVERTIBLE (5C7, 5C8). USE THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURE:**

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

**2** Secure the wheels with chocks.



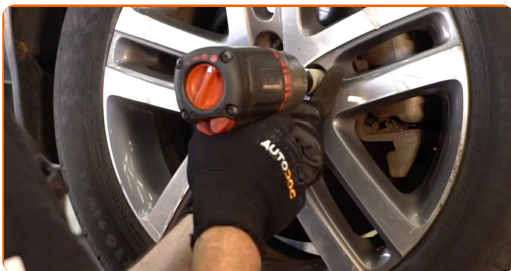
**3** Loosen the wheel mounting bolts. Use wheel impact socket #17.



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

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Unscrew the wheel bolts.

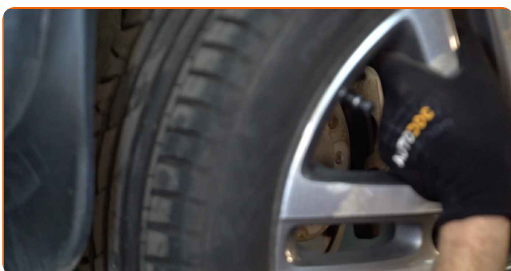


Replacement: brake caliper – VW Beetle Convertible (5C7, 5C8). AUTODOC recommends:

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

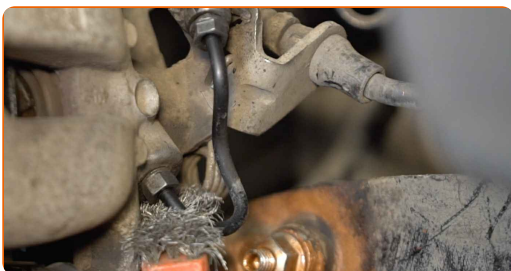
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Remove the wheel.



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Clean the area where the brake hose is connected to the caliper, and the guide pins area. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.



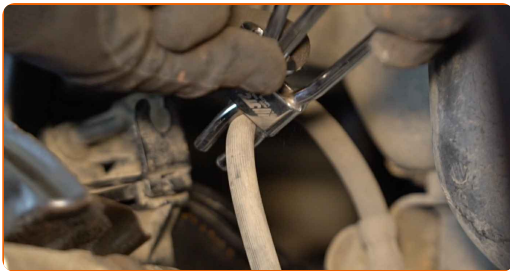
**8** Loosen the fastener connecting the brake pipe to the brake hose. Use a combination spanner #11.



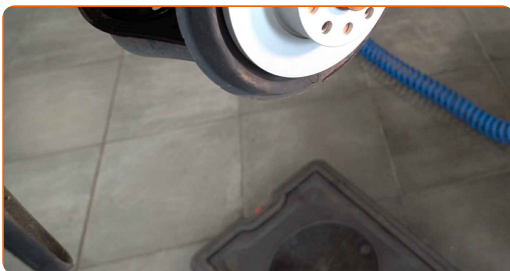
**9** Loosen the fastener connecting the brake pipe to the brake caliper. Use a combination spanner #11.



**10** Clamp the brake hose off using a brake hose clamp.

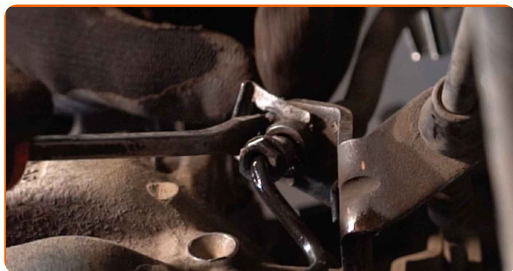


**11** Put a container for gathering brake fluid beneath.

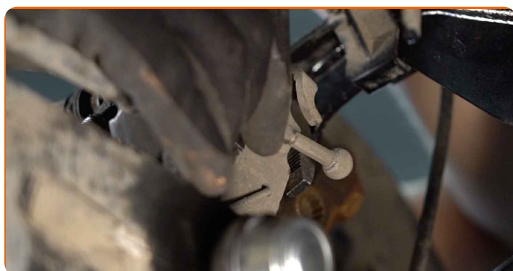


**12** Unscrew the fastener connecting the brake pipe to the brake hose. Use a combination spanner #11.

**13** Remove the brake hose retaining clip. Use a crowbar.



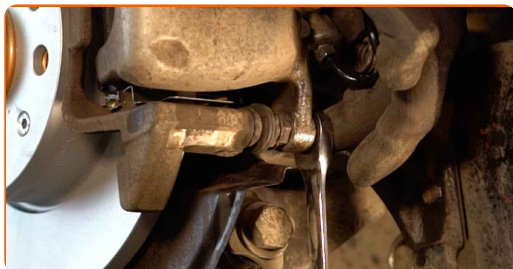
**14** Remove the retaining clip of the parking brake cable. Use a crowbar.



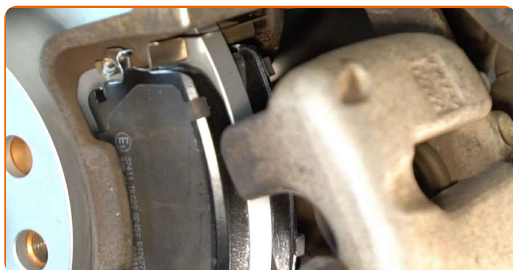
**15** Press the parking brake actuator lever on the brake caliper.

**16** Disconnect the parking brake cable from the caliper. Use water pump pliers.

**17** Unscrew the brake caliper fastening. Use a combination spanner #13.



**18** Remove the brake caliper.



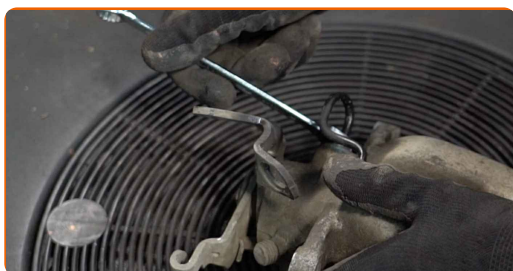


Replacement: brake caliper – VW Beetle Convertible (5C7, 5C8). AUTODOC experts recommend:

- When replacing the brake caliper, it is recommended to check the brake hose for damages and, if necessary, to replace it with a new one.
- When replacing a brake caliper it is recommended to replace brake pads, check the state of the brake discs and replace them with new ones if necessary.
- If no new guide pins were supplied in a kit with the new brake calipers, use the old pins.

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Unscrew the fastener connecting the brake pipe to the brake caliper. Use a combination spanner #11.



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Install the brake caliper and fix it.



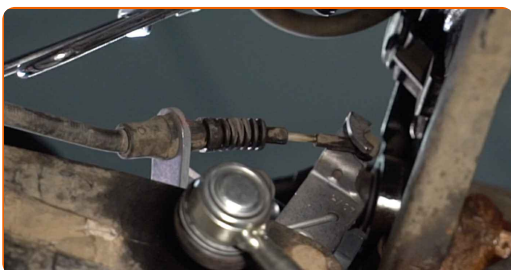


- 21 Tighten the brake caliper fasteners. Use a combination spanner #15. Use a drive socket #13. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 35 Nm torque.

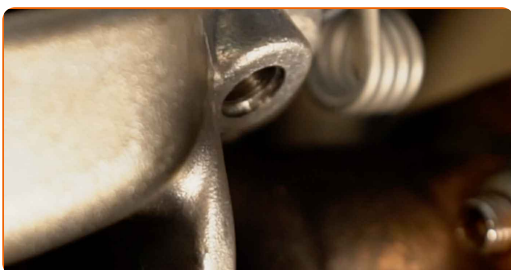


- 22 Install the parking brake cable into the brake caliper bracket. Use water pump pliers.

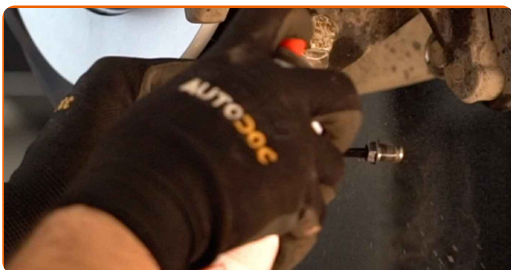
- 23 Secure the parking brake cable with the retaining clip.



- 24 Unscrew the brake hose plug. Use HEX No.H7. Use a ratchet wrench.



- 25 Treat the brake pipe. Use a brake cleaner.

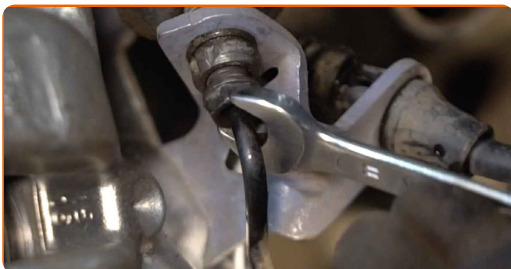


Replacement: brake caliper – VW Beetle Convertible (5C7, 5C8). Tip:

- After applying the spray, wait a few minutes.

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Screw in the fastener connecting the brake pipe to the brake caliper. Use a combination spanner #11.



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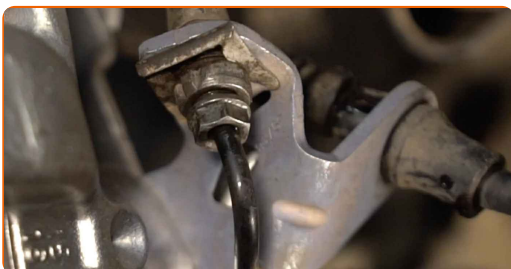
Treat the brake hose. Treat the brake pipe. Use a brake cleaner.

AUTODOC recommends:

- Replacement: brake caliper – VW Beetle Convertible (5C7, 5C8). After applying the spray, wait a few minutes.

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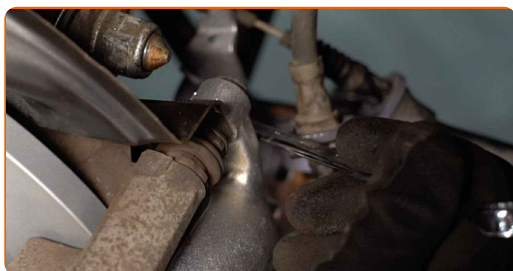
Screw in the fastener connecting the brake pipe to the brake hose. Use a combination spanner #11.



**29** Install the brake hose retaining clip. Use a rubber mallet.



**30** Remove the brake hose clamp.

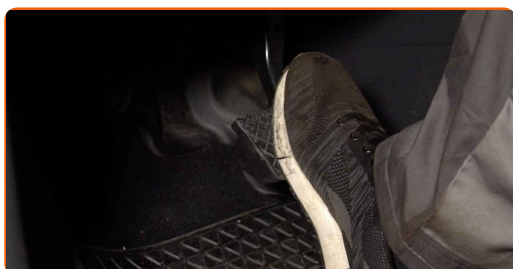


**31** Undo the brake bleeder screw. Use a combination spanner #11.



**32** Connect the brake bleeder kit to the brake bleeder screw.

**33** Bleed the brake caliper system. Without starting the engine, press the brake pedal several times until you feel significant resistance.



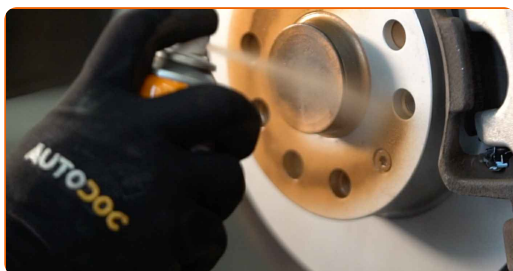
**34** Tighten the brake bleeder screw. Use a combination spanner #11.



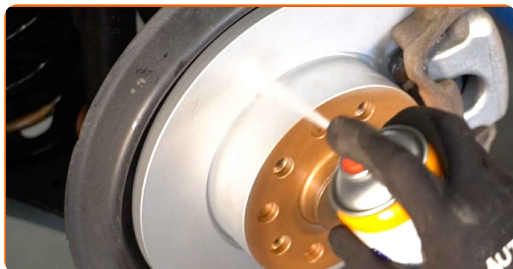
**35** Disconnect the brake bleeder kit.

**36** Tighten the brake caliper bleed screw. Use a drive socket #11. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 10 Nm torque.

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



**38** Clean the brake disk surface. Use a brake cleaner.



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- After applying the spray, wait a few minutes.

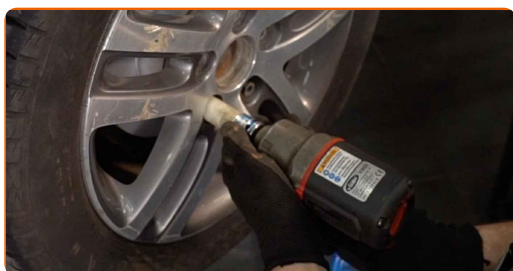
**39** Install the wheel.



**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Important! Hold the wheel while screwing in the fastening bolts. VW Beetle Convertible (5C7, 5C8)

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



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



**42** Remove the jacks and chocks.

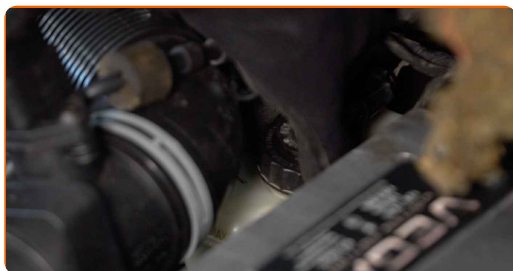


## AUTODOC recommends:

- Important! Replacement: brake caliper – VW Beetle Convertible (5C7, 5C8).  
Check the brake fluid level in the reservoir and top up if necessary.

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Tighten the brake fluid reservoir cap.



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Close the hood.

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