



How to change rear  
brake pads 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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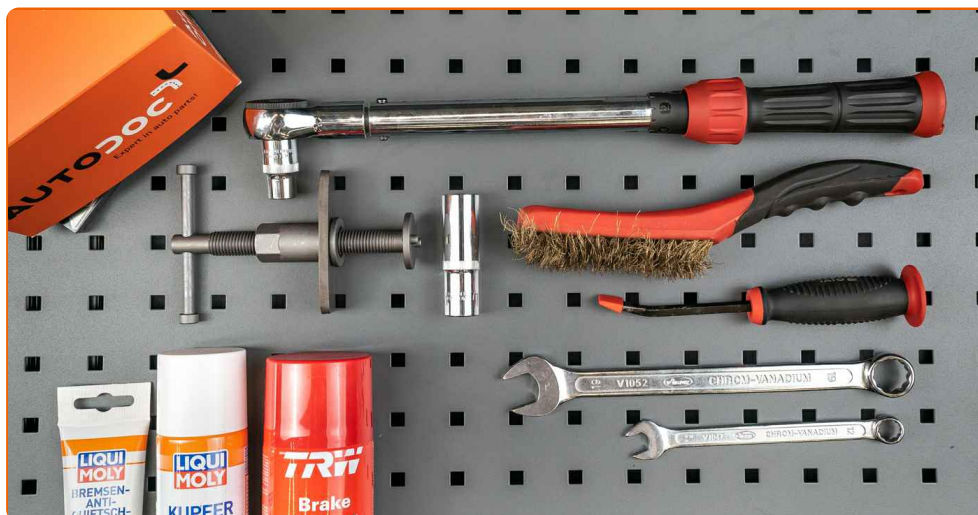
This replacement procedure can be used for:

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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 (1T3) 1.6 TDI

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



- Combination spanner #12
- Combination spanner #19
- Torque wrench
- Copper grease
- Wire brush
- Anti-squeal paste
- Brake cleaner
- Wheel impact socket #17
- Brake caliper wind back tool
- Crow bar
- Wheel chock

**Buy tools**

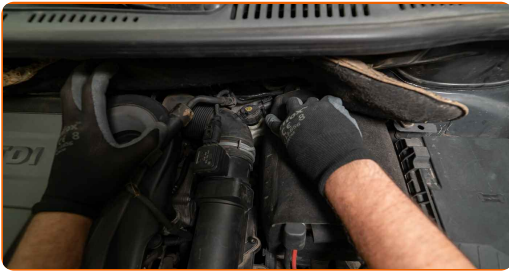
Replacement: brake pads – VW Beetle Convertible (5C7, 5C8). Tip from AUTODOC experts:

- 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 – VW BEETLE CONVERTIBLE (5C7, 5C8). RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE OF STEPS:

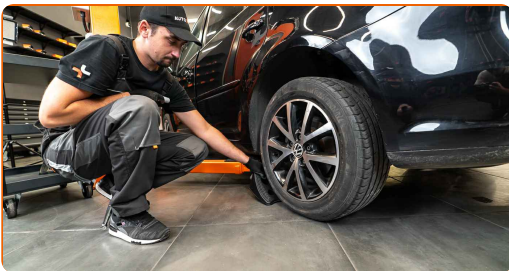
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Open the bonnet. Unscrew the brake fluid reservoir cap.



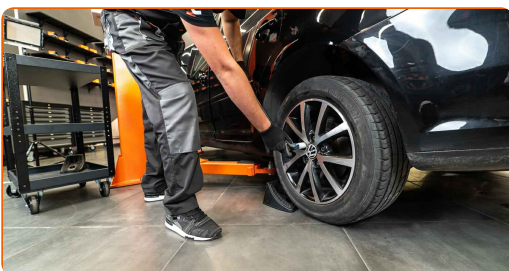
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Secure the wheels with chocks.



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



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



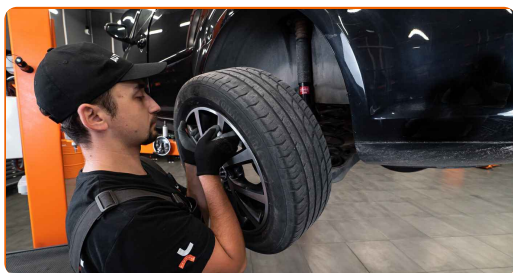
**5** Unscrew the wheel bolts.



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

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

**6** Remove the wheel.



**7** Disconnect the ABS sensor electric socket. Disconnect the brake pad wear sensor plug. Remove the ABS sensor connector. Remove the connector of the brake pad wear sensor.

Please note!

- Some cars are not equipped with the brake pad wear sensor.

8

Spread the brake pads. Use a crowbar.



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Unscrew the brake caliper fastening. Use a combination spanner #12. Use a combination spanner #19. Retain the guide pin with another spanner.



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Remove the brake caliper.

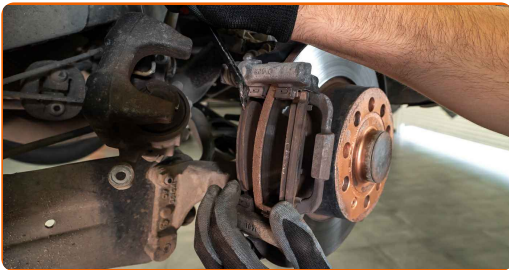


Replacement: brake pads – VW Beetle Convertible (5C7, 5C8). AUTODOC recommends:

- 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.

11

Remove the brake pads.



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

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

- 12** Check the brake caliper bracket, brake caliper guide pins and boots. Clean them. Replace, if necessary. Use a wire brush. Use a brake cleaner.



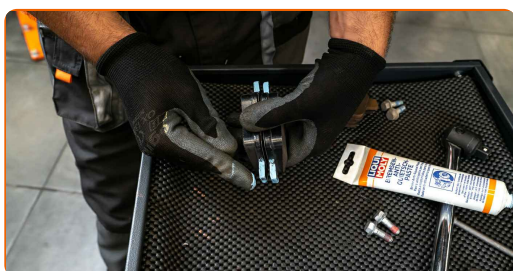
**AUTODOC recommends:**

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

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



- 14** Treat the back side of the new brake pads. Use anti-squeal paste.



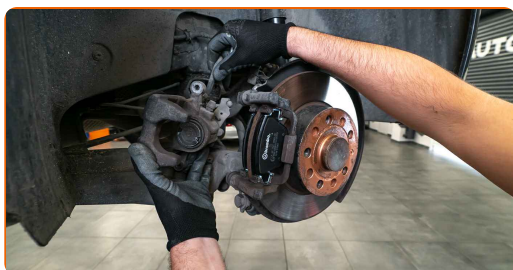


Replacement: brake pads – VW Beetle Convertible (5C7, 5C8). Tip from AUTODOC:

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

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Install new brake pads.

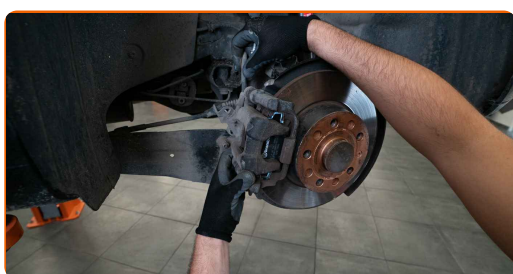


Replacement: brake pads – VW Beetle Convertible (5C7, 5C8). Professionals recommend:

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

16

Install the brake caliper and fix it. Use a combination spanner #12. Use a combination spanner #19.



**17**

Tighten the guide pins. Important! Be sure to use new fasteners. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 35 Nm torque.

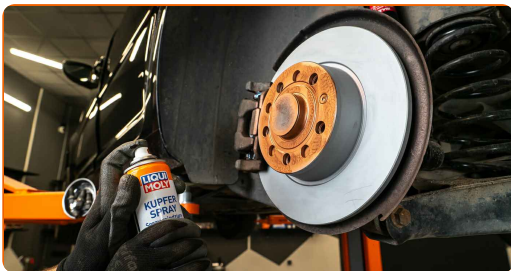


**Replacement: brake pads – VW Beetle Convertible (5C7, 5C8). Tip from AUTODOC experts:**

- Without starting the engine, press the brake pedal several times until you feel significant resistance.

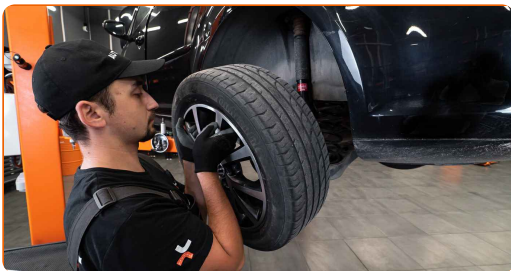
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Treat the surface where the brake disc contacts the wheel rim. Use copper grease.



**19**

Install the wheel.



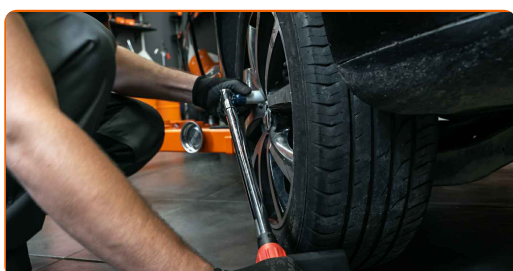
**AUTODOC recommends:**

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

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



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



22 Remove the jacks and chocks.



**AUTODOC recommends:**

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

23 Tighten the brake fluid reservoir cap. Close the hood.



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

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

**WELL DONE!** 

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