



How to change rear
shock absorbers on **VW
California T5 Minibus
(7EC, 7EF, 7EG, 7HF)** –
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:

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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 Multivan V (7HM, 7HN, 7HF, 7EF, 7EM, 7EN) 1.9 TDI

**REPLACEMENT: SHOCK ABSORBERS – VW CALIFORNIA
T5 MINIBUS (7EC, 7EF, 7EG, 7HF). TOOLS YOU NEED:**



- Wire brush
- WD-40 spray
- Brake cleaner
- Ceramic grease
- Copper grease
- Torque wrench
- Combination spanner #21
- Drive socket # 18
- Drive socket # 21
- Wheel impact socket #19
- Ratchet wrench
- Hydraulic transmission jack
- Wheel chock

Buy tools

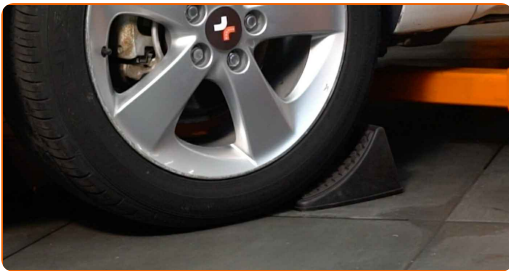
Replacement: shock absorbers – VW California T5 Minibus (7EC, 7EF, 7EG, 7HF). AUTODOC experts recommend:

- Both shock absorbers of the rear suspension should be replaced simultaneously.
- The replacement procedure is identical for the left and right shock absorbers of the rear suspension.
- Please note: all work on the car – VW California T5 Minibus (7EC, 7EF, 7EG, 7HF) – should be done with the engine switched off.

CARRY OUT REPLACEMENT IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

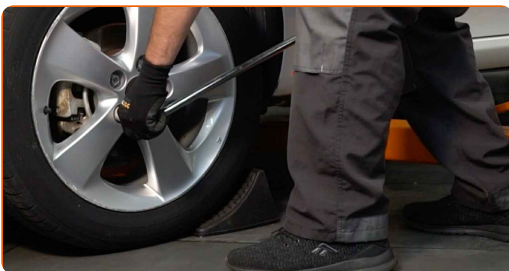
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Secure the wheels with chocks.



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



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Raise the rear of the car and secure on supports.

4 Unscrew the wheel bolts.



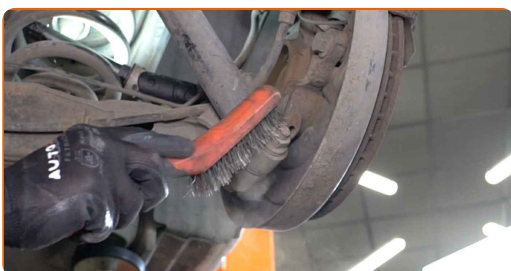
AUTODOC recommends:

- Warning! To avoid injury, hold the wheel while unscrewing the fastening bolts. VW California T5 Minibus (7EC, 7EF, 7EG, 7HF)

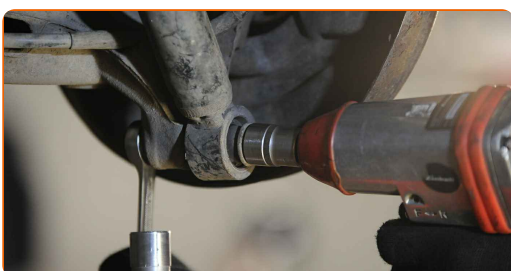
5 Remove the wheel.



6 Clean the shock absorber fasteners. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.



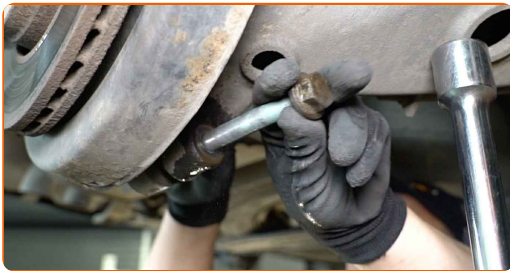
7 Unscrew the lower fastener of the shock absorber. Use a combination spanner #21. Use a drive socket #21. Use a ratchet wrench.



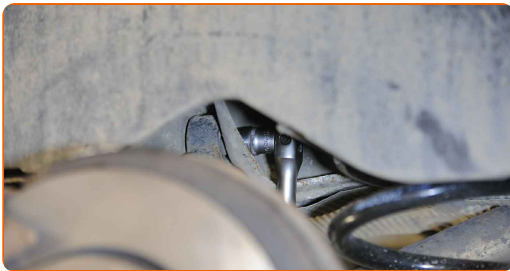
8 Support the arm. Use a hydraulic transmission jack.



9 Remove the fastening bolt.



10 Unscrew the upper fastener of the shock absorber. Use a drive socket #18. Use a ratchet wrench.



11 Remove the fastening bolt.

AUTODOC recommends:

- Important! Hold the shock absorber while unscrewing the fastening bolts. VW California T5 Minibus (7EC, 7EF, 7EG, 7HF)

12 Remove the shock absorber.



13 Clean the shock absorber mounting seats. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.



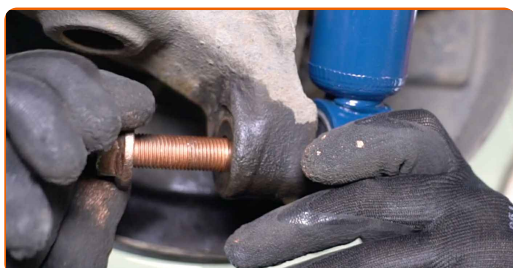
Replacement: shock absorbers – VW California T5 Minibus (7EC, 7EF, 7EG, 7HF). Tip from AUTODOC:

- Before installing a new shock absorber you should pump it manually 3-5 times.

14 Place the shock absorber in the wheel arch and fasten it.



15 Install the fastening bolts.



AUTODOC recommends:

- Important! Hold the shock absorber while screwing in the fastening bolts. VW California T5 Minibus (7EC, 7EF, 7EG, 7HF)
- For tightening the fasteners correctly, you have to jack up the suspension components to their working position.

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Tighten the top shock absorber fastening. Use a drive socket #18. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 80 Nm torque.+90°

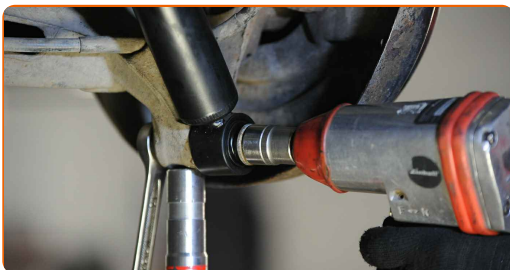


AUTODOC recommends:

- Important! Be sure to use new fasteners.

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Tighten the lower fastener of the shock absorber. Use a combination spanner #21. Use a drive socket #21. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 120 Nm torque.+90°



AUTODOC recommends:

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Remove the support from under the arm.



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Treat the shock absorber fasteners. Use copper grease.

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Clean the wheel rim mounting seat. Use a wire brush.

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



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Clean the brake disk surface. Use a brake cleaner.



AUTODOC recommends:

- Replacement: shock absorbers – VW California T5 Minibus (7EC, 7EF, 7EG, 7HF). 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. VW California T5 Minibus (7EC, 7EF, 7EG, 7HF)

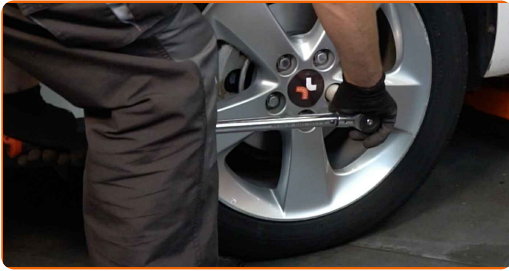
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Screw in the wheel bolts. Use wheel impact socket #19.

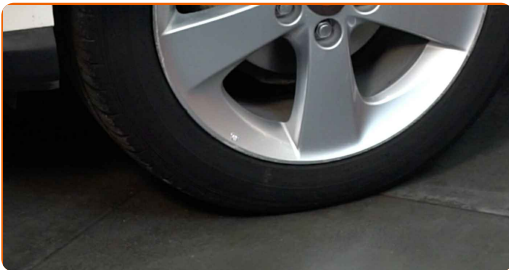


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Lower the car and working in a cross order, tighten the wheel bolts. Use wheel impact socket #19. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 180 Nm torque.

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Remove the jacks and chocks.



WELL DONE! 

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