



How to change track rod end on **VW California T5 Minibus (7EC, 7EF, 7EG, 7HF)** – 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 Multivan V (7HM, 7HN, 7HF, 7EF, 7EM, 7EN) 1.9 TDI

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



- Wire brush
- WD-40 spray
- Brake cleaner
- Copper grease
- Ceramic grease
- Torque wrench
- Combination spanner #15
- Combination spanner #24
- Drive socket # 21
- Wheel impact socket #19
- Ratchet wrench
- Ball joint puller
- Vernier caliper
- Wheel chock

Buy tools

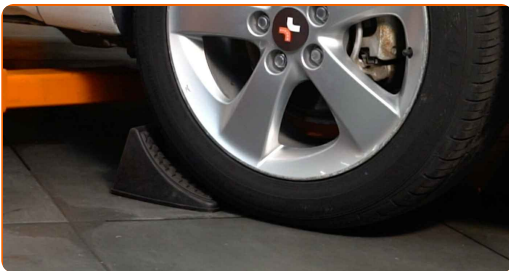
Replacement: track rod end – VW California T5 Minibus (7EC, 7EF, 7EG, 7HF).
 AUTODOC experts recommend:

- Replace tie rod ends in pairs.
- The replacement procedure is identical for the right and left tie rod ends.
- 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:

1

Secure the wheels with chocks.



2

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



3

Raise the front 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.

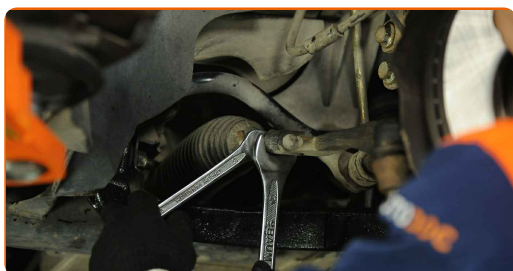


6 When deinstalling, mark or measure the precise position of the ball joint on the track rod, or count the number of turns in order to prevent misalignment afterward. Use a vernier caliper.

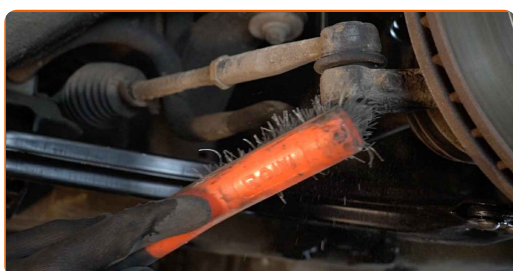


7 Clean the lock nut that connects the tie rod to the tie rod end. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.

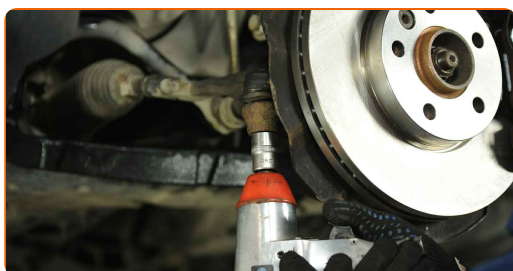
- 8 Loosen the lock nut securing the tie rod end to the tie rod. Use a combination spanner #15. Use a combination spanner #24.



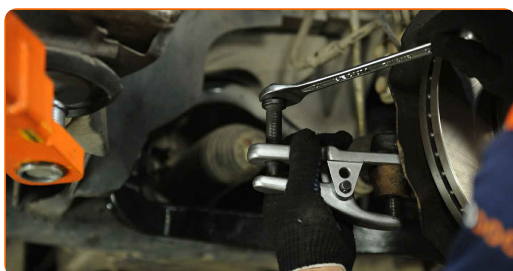
- 9 Clean the fastener connecting the tie rod end to the steering knuckle. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.



- 10 Unscrew the end fastening nut to the steering knuckle. Use a drive socket #21. Use a ratchet wrench.



- 11 Disconnect the tie rod end from the steering knuckle. Use a ball joint puller.

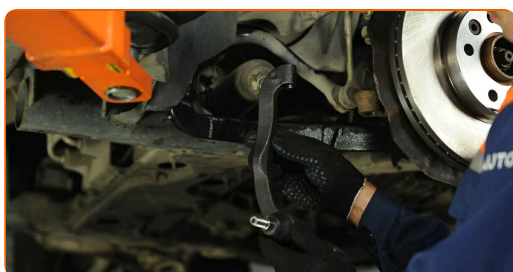


12 Screw the end out of the tie rod.



13 Clean the mounting seats of the tie rod end. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.

14 Screw on a new tie rod end.

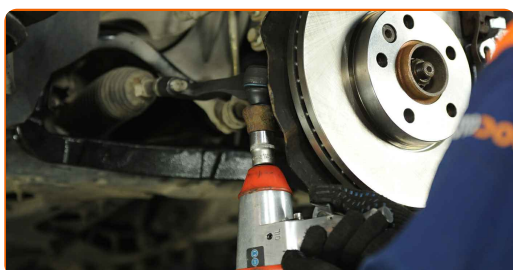


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Tip from AUTODOC experts:

- While installing the steering rod end remember to make the same number of turns or to leave the same length of thread showing as per your measurements.

15 Connect the tie rod end to the steering knuckle.

16 Tighten the fastening nut connecting the tie rod end to the steering knuckle. Use a drive socket #21. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 60 Nm torque.+90°



- 17 Tighten the tie rod end locknut. Use a combination spanner #15. Use a combination spanner #24. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 60 nm torque.



- 18 Treat all tie rod end connections. Use copper grease.



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



- 20 Clean the brake disc surface. Use a brake cleaner.



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After applying the spray, wait a few minutes.

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Install the wheel.



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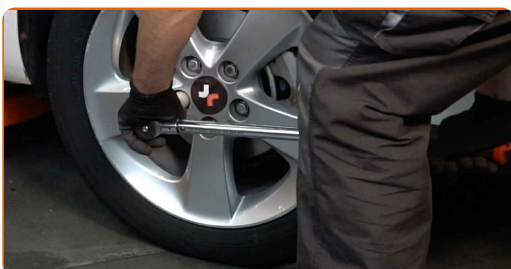
- Warning! To avoid injury, hold the wheel while screwing in the fastening bolts on the car. VW California T5 Minibus (7EC, 7EF, 7EG, 7HF)

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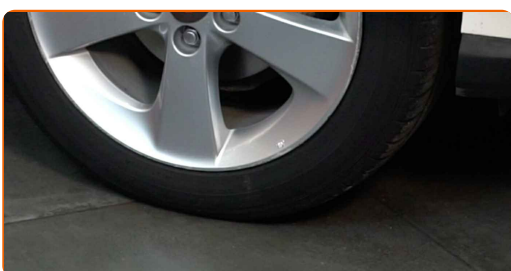
Screw in the wheel bolts. Use wheel impact socket #19.



- 23** 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.



- 24** Remove the jacks and chocks.



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Tip from AUTODOC experts:

- Check and adjust wheel alignment if necessary.

WELL DONE! 

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