



How to change front  
brake discs on **VW Golf  
IV Variant (1J5)** –  
replacement guide

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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 Polo IV Hatchback (9N) 1.4 16V

REPLACEMENT: BRAKE DISCS – VW GOLF IV VARIANT  
(1J5). TOOLS YOU'LL NEED:



- Wire brush
- WD-40 spray
- Brake cleaner
- Copper grease
- HEX bit no.H7.
- Wheel impact socket #17
- Brake caliper wind back tool
- Ratchet wrench
- Torque wrench
- Phillips screwdriver
- Crow bar
- Wheel chock

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Replacement: brake discs – VW Golf IV Variant (1J5). Professionals recommend:

- Replace the brake disks on the car VW Golf IV Variant (1J5) in complete set for each axis. Regardless of the state of components. This will ensure even braking.
- The replacement procedure is identical for both brake disks on the same axle.
- When changing the brake discs, always replace the brake pads.
- All work should be done with the engine stopped.

**REPLACEMENT: BRAKE DISCS – VW GOLF IV VARIANT (1J5). 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 front of the car and secure on supports.

5 Unscrew the wheel bolts.



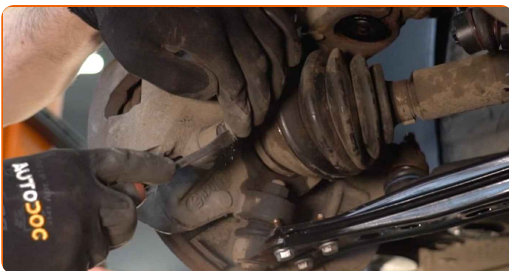
Replacement: brake discs – VW Golf IV Variant (1J5). Tip:

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

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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Spread the brake pads. Use a crowbar.



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Remove the brake caliper.



Replacement: brake discs – VW Golf IV Variant (1J5). AUTODOC experts 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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Clean the brake disc fasteners. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.





**13** Unscrew the brake disc fastening. Use a Phillips screwdriver.



**14** Remove the brake disc.



**15** Clean the hub. Use a wire brush. Treat the contacting surface. Use copper grease.



**16** Install the brake disc.

**17** Tighten the brake disc fastening. Use a Phillips screwdriver. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 4 Nm torque.





18 Treat the brake caliper piston. Use a brake cleaner.



**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Replacement: brake discs – VW Golf IV Variant (1J5). After applying the spray, wait a few minutes.

19 Press in the brake caliper piston. Use brake caliper wind back tool.



20 Clean the brake caliper bracket from dirt and dust. Use a wire brush. Use a brake cleaner.

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- After applying the spray, wait a few minutes.

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Install the brake pads.



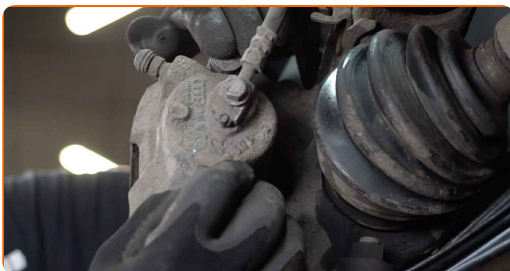
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Install the brake caliper and fix it. Use HEX No.H7. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 30 Nm torque.



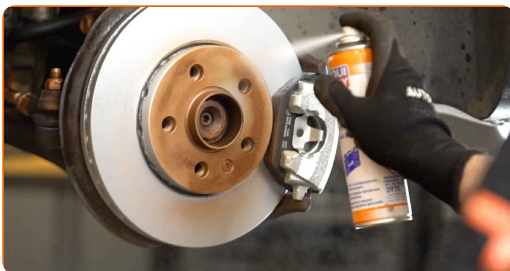
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Install the dust boot caps of the brake caliper guide pins.



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



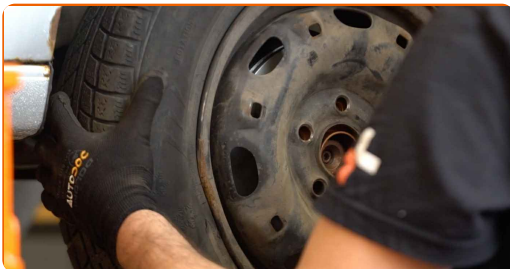
- 25 Clean the brake disk surface. Use a brake cleaner.



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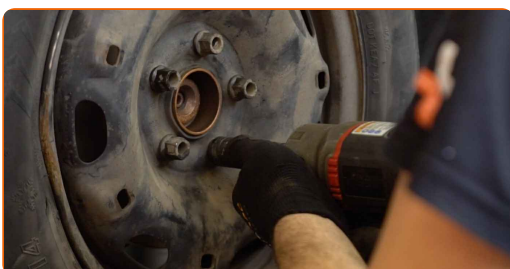
- 26 Install the wheel.



**Replacement: brake discs – VW Golf IV Variant (1J5). Tip from AUTODOC experts:**

- To avoid injury, hold up the wheel when screwing in the fastening bolts.

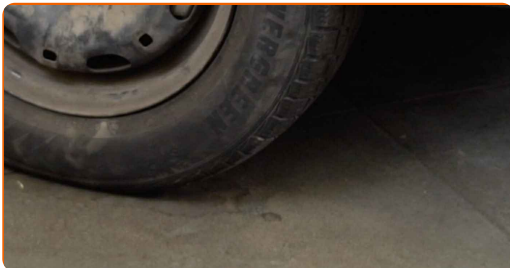
- 27 Screw in the wheel bolts. Use wheel impact socket #17.



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



- 29** Remove the jacks and chocks.



**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Important! Replacement: brake discs – VW Golf IV Variant (1J5). Check the brake fluid level in the reservoir and top up if necessary.

- 30** Tighten the brake fluid reservoir cap.



**Replacement: brake discs – VW Golf IV Variant (1J5). AUTODOC recommends:**

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

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Close the hood.

**WELL DONE!** 

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