



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

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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 Golf VI Hatchback (5K1) 2.0 GTi

REPLACEMENT: BRAKE PADS – VW GOLF IV VARIANT (1J5). TOOLS YOU MIGHT NEED:



- Wire brush
- Brake cleaner
- Multipurpose grease
- Anti-squeal paste
- Combination spanner #13
- Combination spanner #19
- Drive socket # 13
- Wheel impact socket #17
- Torque wrench
- Brake caliper wind back tool
- Crow bar
- Wheel chock

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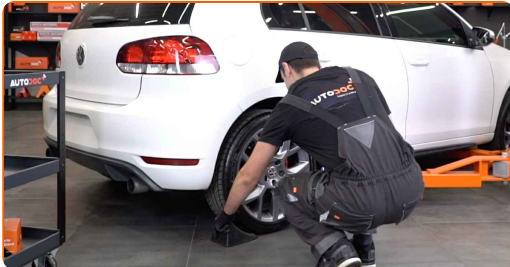
Replacement: brake pads – VW Golf IV Variant (1J5). AUTODOC experts recommend:

- 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.

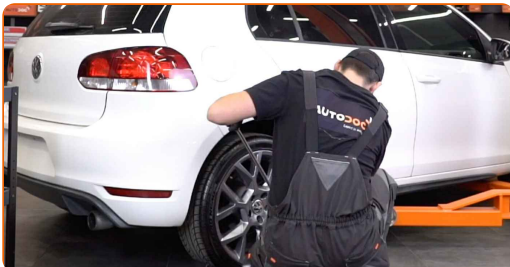
REPLACEMENT: BRAKE PADS – VW GOLF IV VARIANT (1J5). TAKE THE FOLLOWING STEPS:

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.

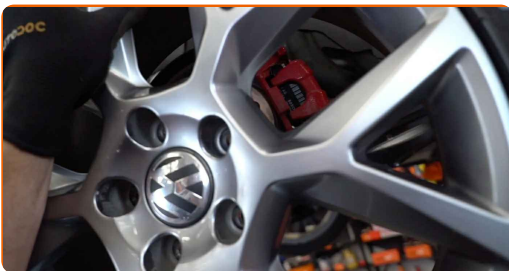


Replacement: brake pads – VW Golf IV Variant (1J5). Tip:

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

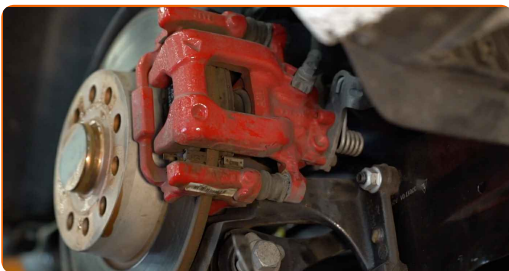
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Remove the wheel.



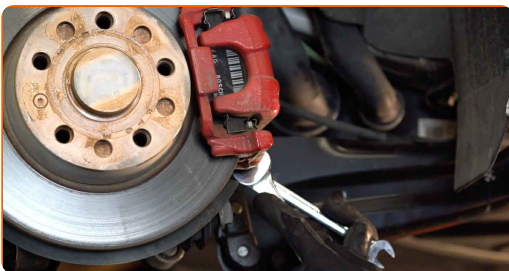
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Spread the brake pads. Use a crowbar.



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Unscrew the brake caliper fastening. Use a combination spanner #13. Use a combination spanner #19.



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Remove the brake caliper.

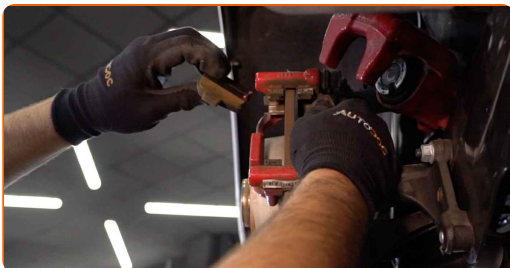


Replacement: brake pads – VW Golf IV Variant (1J5). AUTODOC recommends:

- 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.

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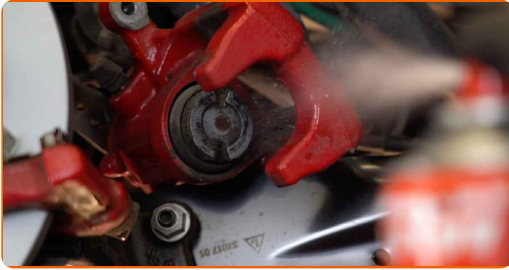
Remove the brake pads.



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

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

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



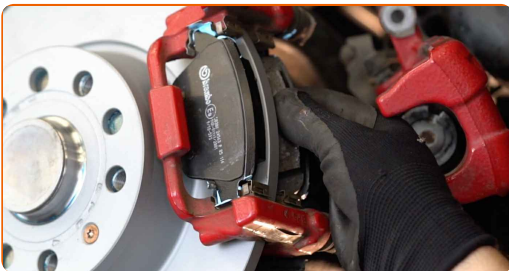
AUTODOC recommends:

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

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



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



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

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

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Install new brake pads.



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

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

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Install the brake caliper and fix it. Use a combination spanner #13. Use a combination spanner #19. Use a drive socket #13. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 35 Nm torque.

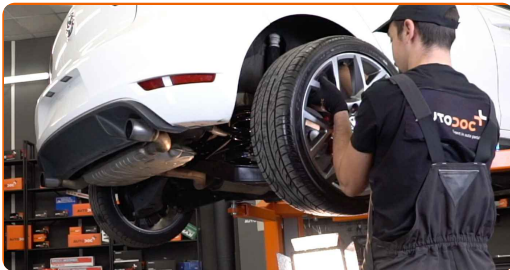


AUTODOC recommends:

- VW Golf IV Variant (1J5) – Without starting the engine, press the brake pedal several times until it feels firm.
- Important! Be sure to use new fasteners.

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



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Install the wheel.

Replacement: brake pads – VW Golf IV Variant (1J5). AUTODOC experts recommend:

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

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



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



- 20 Remove the jacks and chocks.



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

- Check the brake fluid level in the expansion tank and refill if necessary.

- 21 Tighten the brake fluid reservoir cap. Close the hood.

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

- 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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