



How to change front  
lower arm 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 Golf IV Hatchback (1J1) 1.6

## REPLACEMENT: FRONT LOWER ARM – VW GOLF IV VARIANT (1J5). TOOLS YOU NEED:



- Wire brush
- WD-40 spray
- Brake cleaner
- Copper grease
- Combination spanner #18
- Drive socket # 13
- Drive socket # 16
- Drive socket # 18
- Wheel impact socket #17
- Ratchet wrench
- Torque wrench
- Tap wrench
- Crow bar
- Hydraulic transmission jack
- Wheel chock

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Replacement: front lower arm – VW Golf IV Variant (1J5). Tip from AUTODOC:

- The replacement procedure is identical for the left and right lower control arms.
- All work should be done with the engine stopped.

## REPLACEMENT: FRONT LOWER ARM – VW GOLF IV VARIANT (1J5). RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE OF STEPS:

1 Secure the wheels with chocks.

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



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 Golf IV Variant (1J5)

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Remove the wheel.



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Clean all joints of the arm. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.

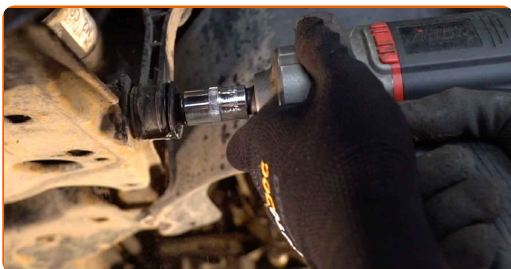


### AUTODOC recommends:

- Replacement: front lower arm – VW Golf IV Variant (1J5). After applying the spray, wait a few minutes.
- Wear protective goggles.

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Unscrew the fastener connecting the stabilizer bar with the control arm. Use a drive socket #16. Use a tap wrench.



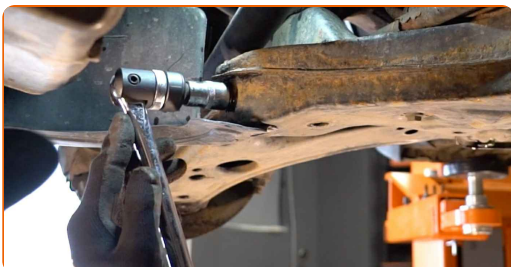
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Unscrew the fastener connecting the ball joint to the suspension control arm. Use a drive socket #13. Use a tap wrench.



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Loosen the front fastener of the control arm. Use a drive socket #18. Use a tap wrench.



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Unscrew the rear arm fastener. Use a combination spanner #18. Use a drive socket #18. Use a tap wrench.





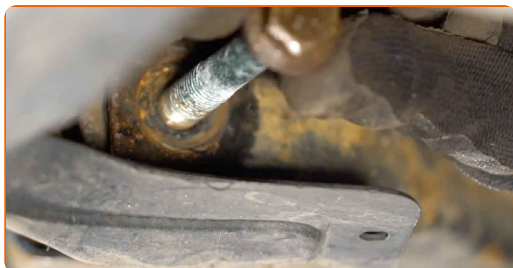
- 11** Remove the rear fastener of the control arm.



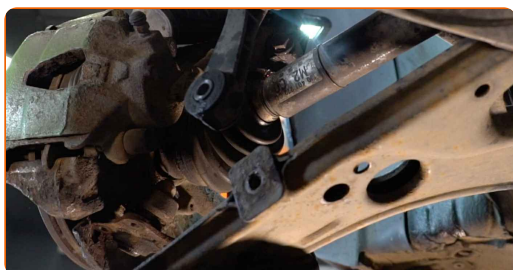
- 12** Unscrew the front arm fastener. Use a drive socket #18. Use a ratchet wrench.



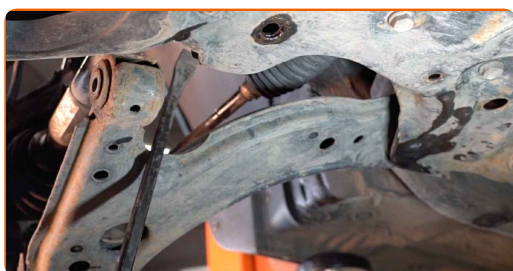
- 13** Remove the front fastener of the control arm.



- 14** Disconnect the spherical joint from the arm.



- 15** Remove the arm. Use a crowbar.



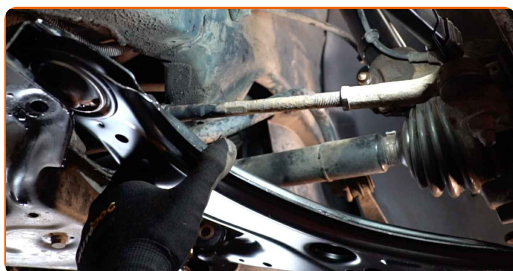
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Clean the mounting seats and the thread of the suspension arm. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.



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Install a new arm.

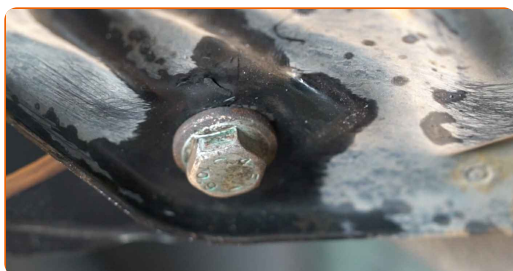


Replacement: front lower arm – VW Golf IV Variant (1J5). AUTODOC experts recommend:

- During the installation process, use only new bolts and nuts.
- Do not damage the ball joint cover.

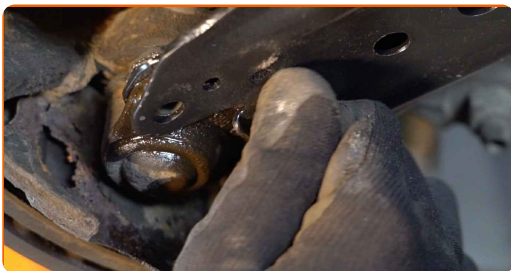
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Install the control arm fasteners.

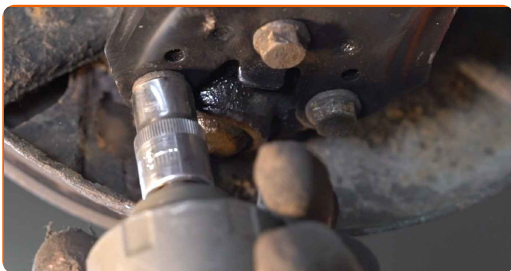




19 Attach the ball joint to the control arm.



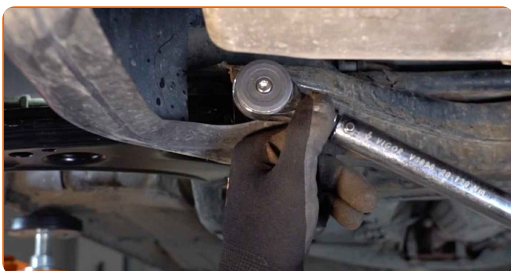
20 Screw the fasteners of the ball joint. Use a drive socket #13. Use a ratchet wrench.



21 Support the arm. Use a hydraulic transmission jack.



22 Tighten the front fastener connecting the control arm to the subframe. Use a drive socket #18. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 70 Nm torque. +90°



### AUTODOC recommends:

- Important! Be sure to use new fasteners.

- 23 Tighten the rear fastener of the control arm. Use a drive socket #18. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 70 Nm torque.+90°



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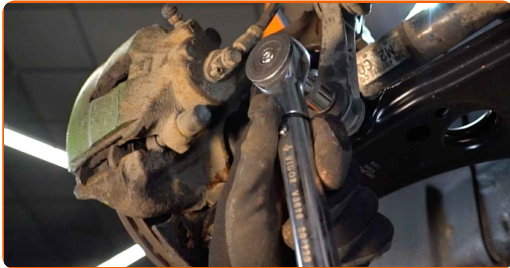
- 24 Remove the support from under the arm.



#### AUTODOC recommends:

- VW Golf IV Variant (1J5) – Do not lower the transmission jack sharply to avoid damaging components and mechanisms of the car.

- 25 Tighten the fastener connecting the stabilizer bar with the control arm. Use a drive socket #16. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 15 Nm torque.+90°



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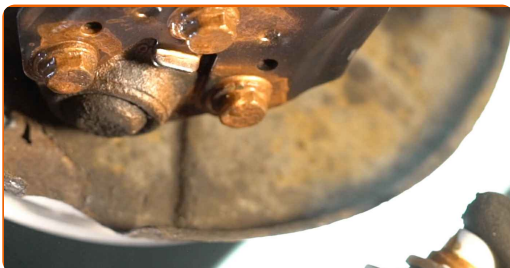
- 26 Tighten the ball joint fastener. Use a drive socket #13. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 20 Nm torque.+90°



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- 27 Treat all joints of the arm. Use copper grease.



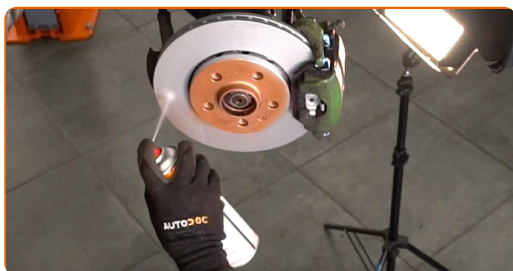
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Treat the surface where the brake disc contacts the wheel rim. Use copper grease.



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Clean the brake disk surface. Use a brake cleaner.



### AUTODOC recommends:

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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 Golf IV Variant (1J5)

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



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



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Remove the jacks and chocks.



**WELL DONE!** 

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