



How to change water pump & timing belt kit on **VW Golf IV Variant (1J5)** – 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:  
VW Golf IV Variant (1J5) 1.4 16V

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: SEAT Ibiza III Hatchback (6L) 1.4 16V

**REPLACEMENT: WATER PUMP + TIMING BELT KIT –  
VW GOLF IV VARIANT (1J5). LIST OF THE TOOLS  
YOU'LL NEED:**



- Wire brush
- WD-40 spray
- All-purpose cleaning spray
- Sealant
- Torque wrench
- Combination spanner #13
- Combination spanner #16
- HEX bit No.H6.
- Drive socket # 10
- Drive socket # 15
- Drive socket # 16
- 12-point socket #21
- Ratchet wrench
- Engine timing tool set
- Universal pulley holder
- Funnel
- Fluid container
- Crow bar
- Hydraulic transmission jack
- Microfibre towel
- Fender cover

**Buy tools**

Replacement: water pump + timing belt kit – VW Golf IV Variant (1J5).  
 AUTODOC experts recommend:

- Follow the terms, recommendations and requirements of the part operation provided by the manufacturer.
- Please note: all work on the car – VW Golf IV Variant (1J5) – should be done with the engine switched off.

## CARRY OUT REPLACEMENT IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

**1** Open the bonnet.

**2** Use a fender protection cover to prevent damaging paintwork and plastic parts of the car.

**3** Remove the protective cover.



**4** Unscrew the fasteners of the car battery terminals. Use a drive socket #10. Use a ratchet wrench.



**5** Remove the battery terminals.



**6** On the right side, detach the PCV valve hose from the engine cover.



**7** Remove the engine cover.



**Replacement: water pump + timing belt kit – VW Golf IV Variant (1J5). Tip:**

- Raise the engine cover, holding it on two sides simultaneously.
- Do not apply excessive force when removing the part. Otherwise you may damage it.

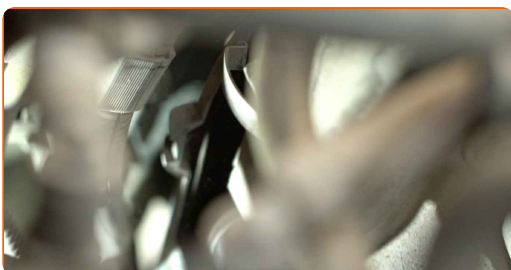
**8** Cover the throttle body with a microfibre towel to prevent dust and dirt from getting into the system.



**9** Undo the fasteners of the upper timing cover.



**10** Remove the upper timing cover.



**11** Unscrew the coolant reservoir cap.



**12** Lift the car using a jack or place it over an inspection pit.

**13** Prepare a container for fluids.



**14** Open the coolant drain tap.



**15** Drain the coolant from the engine.



**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Caution! The coolant can be very hot.
- Wear gloves to prevent contact with hot liquid.
- All work should be done with the engine stopped.



**16** Pull aside the V-ribbed belt tensioner pulley. Use a combination spanner #16.



**17** Remove the V-ribbed belt.



**18** Return the tensioner pulley to its initial position.



**19** Unscrew the fastener of the serpentine belt tensioner pulley. Use a combination spanner #16.



**20** Remove the serpentine belt tensioner pulley.





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Unscrew the crankshaft pulley fastener. Use 12-point socket No.21. Use a ratchet wrench.



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Remove the crankshaft pulley.



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Screw in the crankshaft pulley fastener. Use 12-point socket No.21. Use a ratchet wrench.



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Unscrew the fasteners of the lower timing cover. Use a drive socket #10. Use a ratchet wrench.



**25** Open the clips of the lower timing cover. Use a crowbar.



**26** Remove the lower timing cover.



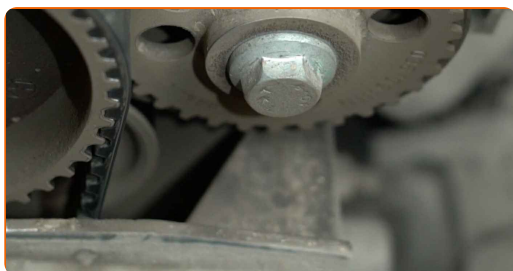
**27** Turn the crankshaft gear. Use 12-point socket No.21. Use a ratchet wrench.



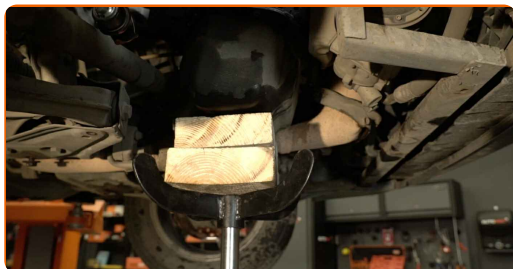
**Please note!**

- The piston should be at its top dead centre (TDC).

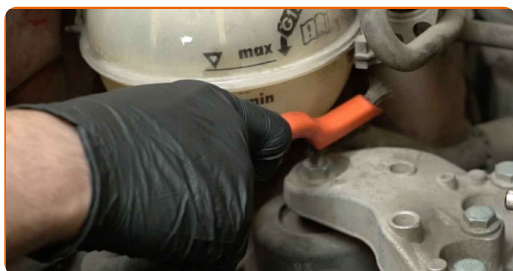
**28** Install the camshaft gear locking tool according to the factory marks. Use an engine timing tool set.



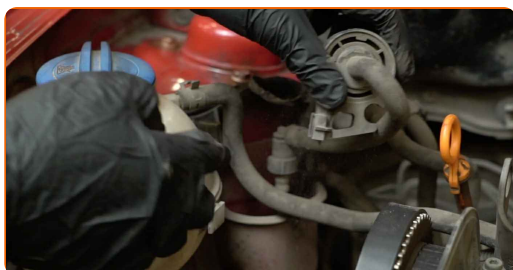
**29** Support the engine in the oil pan area. Use a hydraulic transmission jack.



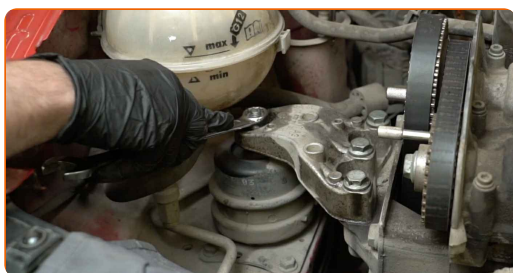
**30** Clean the engine mount fasteners. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.



**31** Detach the coolant pipe bracket.



**32** Unscrew the upper fastener of the engine mount. Use a combination spanner #16. Use a drive socket #16. Use a ratchet wrench.



**33** Remove the fastening bolts.



**34** Clean the engine mount fasteners. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.



**35** Unscrew the engine mount fasteners. Use a drive socket #16. Use a ratchet wrench.



**36** Remove the fastening bolts.



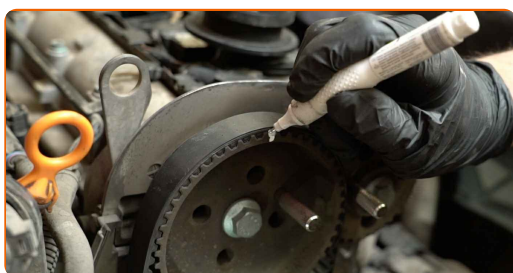
**37** Remove the engine mount.



**38** Make a mark on the crankshaft gear.



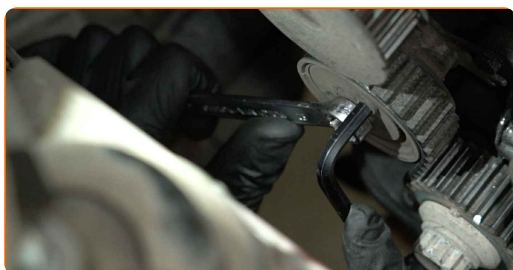
**39** Make a mark on the camshaft gear.



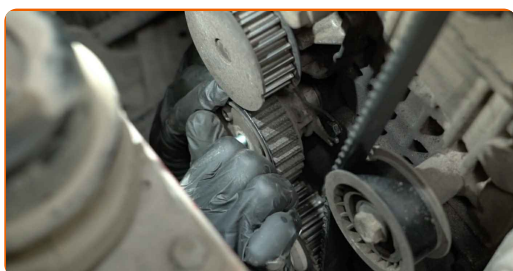
**40** Make a mark on the timing belt.



**41** Loosen the fastener of the timing belt tensioner pulley. Use a combination spanner #13. Use HEX No.H6.

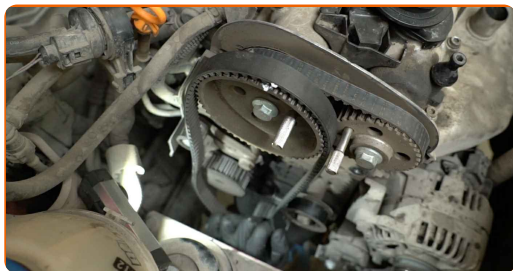


**42** Remove the timing belt tensioner pulley.





**43** Remove the timing belt.



**44** Clean the fastener of the timing belt idler pulley. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.



**45** Unscrew the fastener of the timing belt idler pulley. Use a drive socket #15. Use a ratchet wrench.



**46** Remove the timing belt idler pulley from its mounting seat.

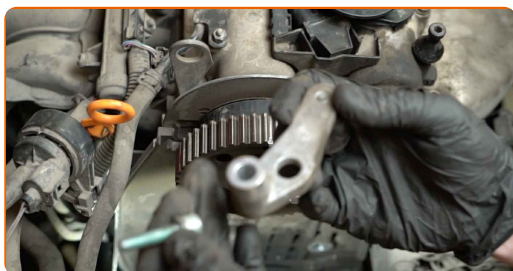




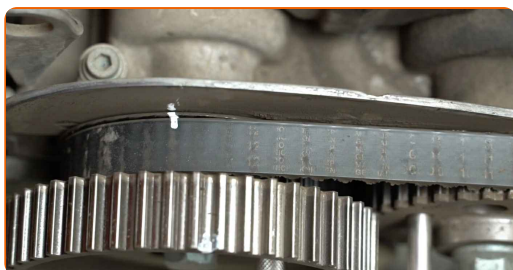
**47** Unscrew the timing belt idler pulley bracket with integrated pulley. Use a drive socket #16. Use a ratchet wrench.



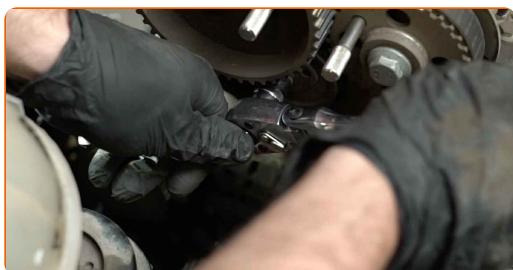
**48** Remove the timing belt idler pulley bracket with integrated pulley.



**49** Make a mark on the camshaft gear. Make a mark on the timing belt.



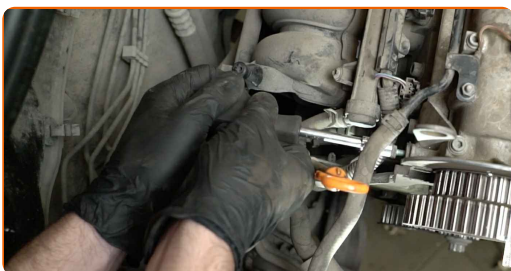
**50** Remove the timing belt tensioner pulley. Use a drive socket #16. Use a ratchet wrench.



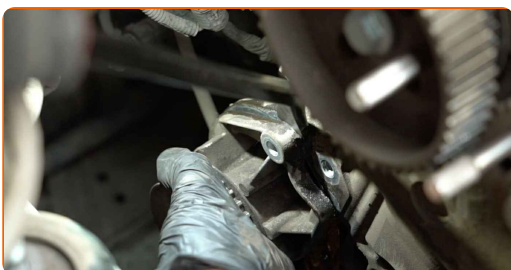
**51** Remove the timing belt.



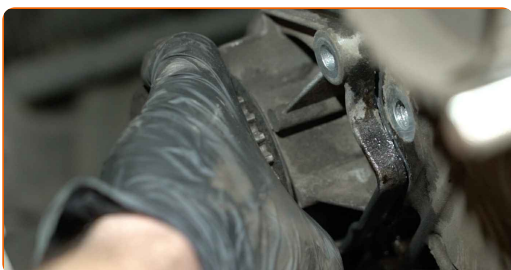
**52** Unscrew the fasteners of the side timing cover. Use a drive socket #10. Use HEX No.H6. Use a ratchet wrench.



**53** Remove the side timing cover.



**54** Unscrew the water pump fasteners. Use HEX No.H6. Use a ratchet wrench.



**55** Remove the water pump.



Replacement: water pump + timing belt kit – VW Golf IV Variant (1J5). Tip from AUTODOC:

- Caution! Coolant may come out from the water pump channels and body.

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Clean the water pump mounting seat. Use all-purpose cleaning spray.



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Treat the water pump mounting seat. Use a sealant.



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Install the water pump gasket.

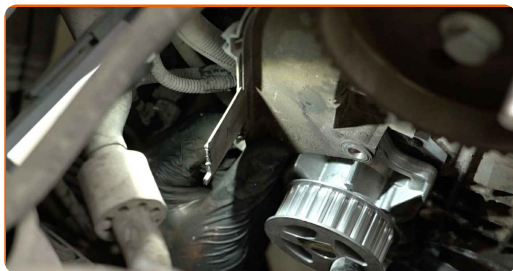


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Install the new water pump.



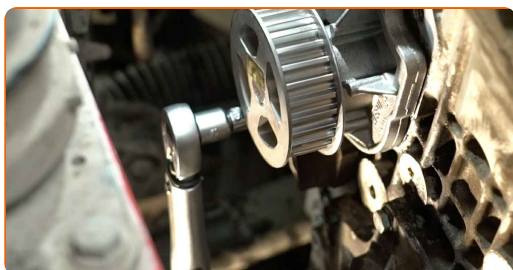
**60** Install the side timing cover.



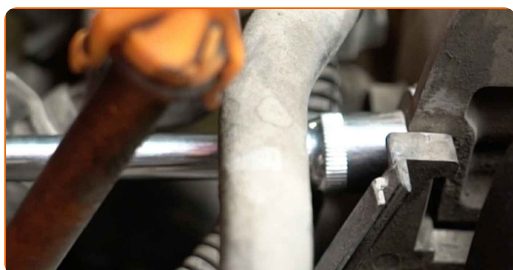
**61** Screw in the water pump fasteners. Use HEX No.H6. Use a ratchet wrench.



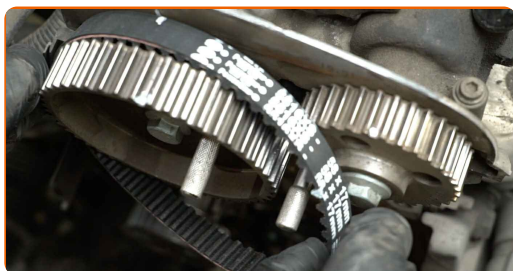
**62** Tighten the water pump fasteners. Use HEX No.H6. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 20 Nm torque.



**63** Screw in the fasteners of the side timing cover. Use a drive socket #10. Use a ratchet wrench.



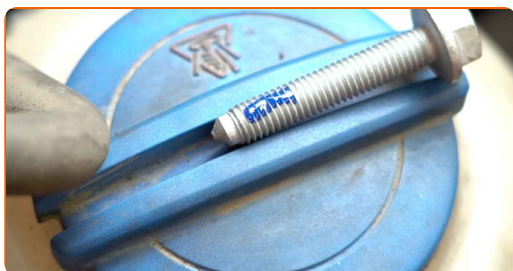
**64** Install the new timing belt according to the factory marks.



Replacement: water pump + timing belt kit – VW Golf IV Variant (1J5).  
AUTODOC experts recommend:

- Be careful not to damage the timing belt.

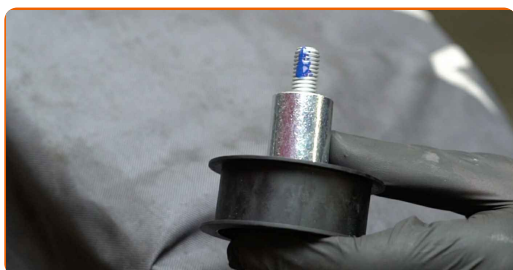
**65** Treat the fastening bolt. Use a sealant.



**66** Install the timing belt tensioner pulley. Use a drive socket #16. Use a ratchet wrench.



**67** Treat the fastening bolt. Use a sealant.

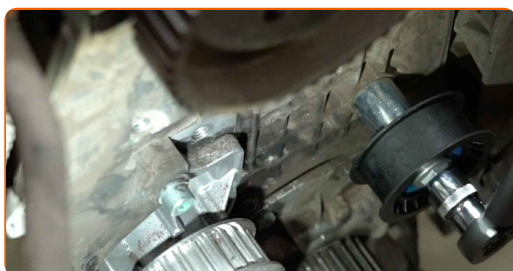




**68** Install the timing belt idler pulley.



**69** Tighten the fastener of the timing belt idler pulley. Use a drive socket #15. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 25 Nm torque.



**70** Treat the fastening bolt. Use a sealant.



**71** Install the timing belt idler pulley bracket with integrated pulley.





- 72** Tighten the timing belt idler pulley bracket with integrated pulley. Use a drive socket #16. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 50 Nm torque.



- 73** Adjust the timing belt tension by moving the tensioner pulley. Use a combination spanner #16. Use HEX No.H6.



**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Make sure that the timing belt is properly tensioned.

- 74** Tighten the fastener of the timing belt tensioner pulley. Use a combination spanner #16. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 20 Nm torque.



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Install the new timing belt according to the factory marks.



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AUTODOC recommends:

- Be careful not to damage the timing belt.
- Install the timing belt tensioner pulley.

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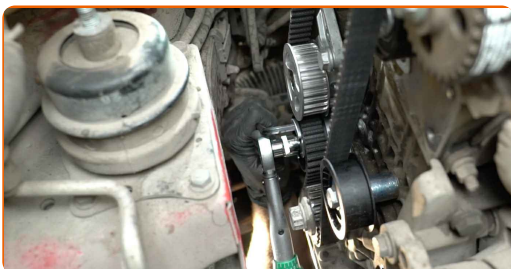
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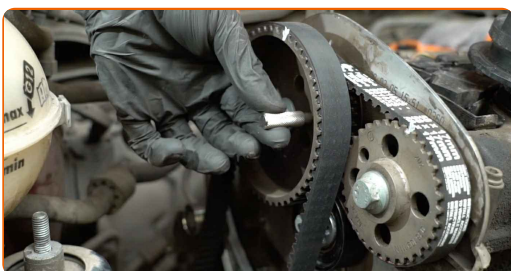
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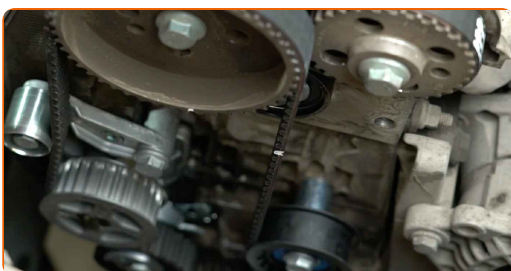
- 77** Tighten the fastener of the timing belt tensioner pulley. Use a drive socket #15. Use HEX No.H6. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 20 Nm torque.



- 78** Remove the camshaft gear locking tool.



- 79** Turn the crankshaft pulley. Use 12-point socket No.21. Use a ratchet wrench.



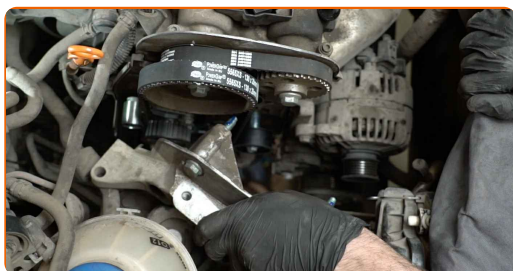
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- Make sure all the timing belt components are mounted correctly.

**80** Treat the engine mount fasteners. Use a sealant.



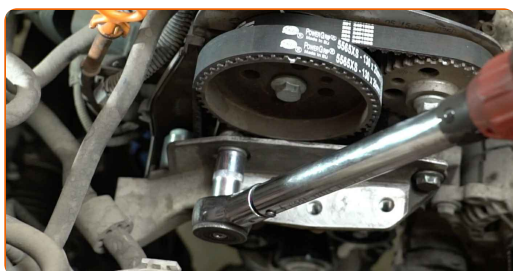
**81** Install the engine mount to its mounting seat.



**82** Install the fastening bolts.



**83** Tighten the engine mount fastening bolts. Use a drive socket #16. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 50 Nm torque.



**84** Treat the fastening bolts. Use a sealant.



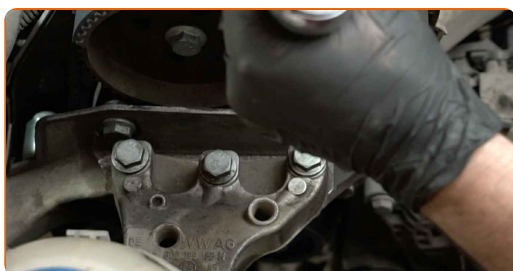
**85** Install the fastening bolts.



**86** Screw in the upper fasteners of the engine mount. Use a drive socket #16. Use a ratchet wrench.



**87** Tighten the upper fastener of the engine mount. Use a drive socket #16. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 50 Nm torque.



**88** Remove the support from under the engine.



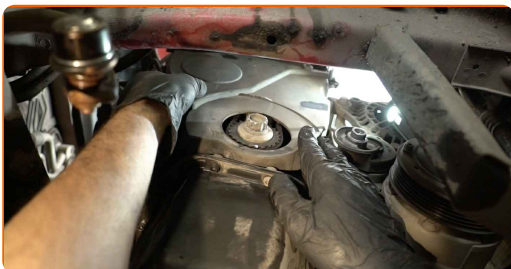


**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Replacement: water pump + timing belt kit – VW Golf IV Variant (1J5). Lower the transmission jack smoothly, without jerks, to avoid damaging components and mechanisms.

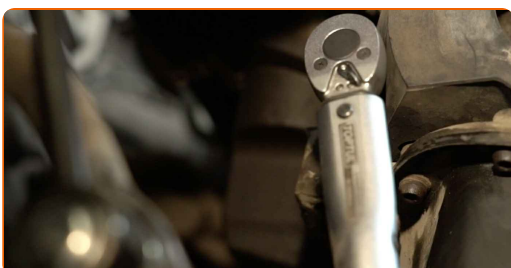
**89**

Install the lower timing cover. Make sure you hear a click indicating that it is locked in place.



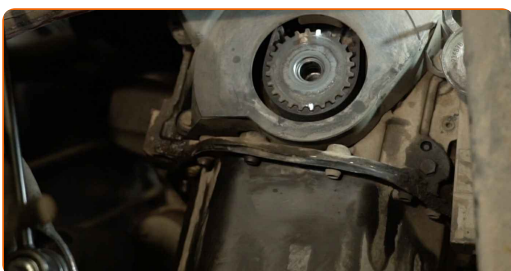
**90**

Tighten the fasteners of the lower timing cover. Use a drive socket #10. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 8 Nm torque.



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Unscrew the crankshaft pulley fastener. Use 12-point socket No.21. Use a ratchet wrench.

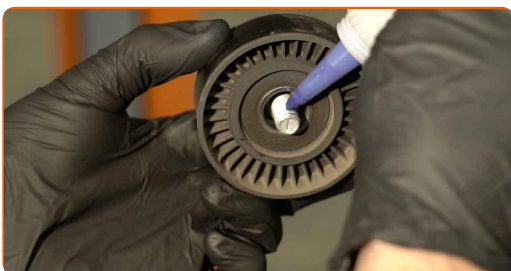




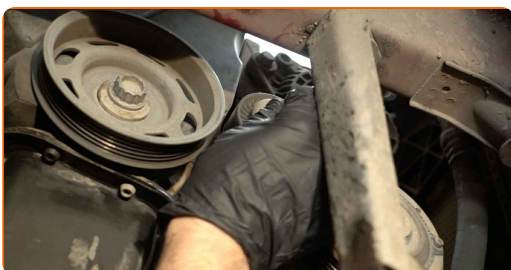
**92** Install the crankshaft pulley according to the factory marks.



**93** Treat the fastening bolt. Use a sealant.



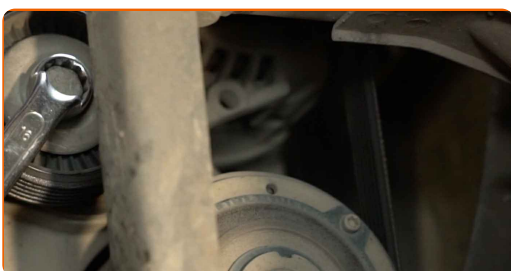
**94** Install the serpentine belt tensioner pulley.



**95** Screw in the fastener of the serpentine belt tensioner pulley. Use a combination spanner #16.



**96** Pull aside the V-ribbed belt tensioner pulley. Use a combination spanner #16.



97

Install the V-ribbed belt.



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- Make sure that the V-ribbed belt fits all pulleys snugly.

98

Install the crankshaft pulley locking tool. Use a universal pulley holder.



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Tighten the crankshaft pulley fastener. Use 12-point socket No.21. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 90 Nm torque.+90°



**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Important! Be sure to use new fasteners.

**100** Remove the crankshaft pulley locking tool.

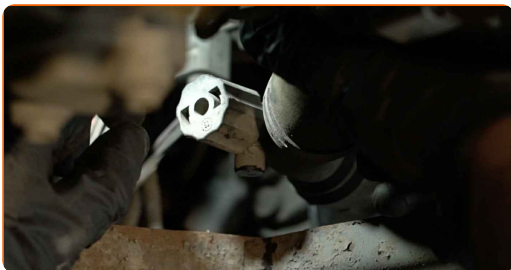


**101** Return the tensioner pulley to its initial position. Use a combination spanner #16.



**102** Lower the car.

**103** Close the coolant drain tap.

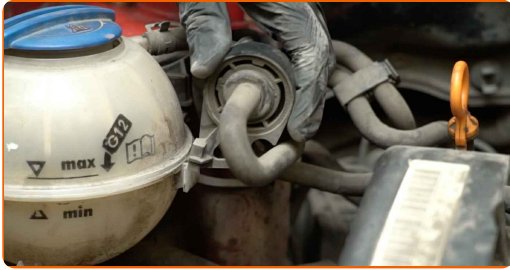


**104** Install the upper timing cover. Make sure you hear a click indicating that it is locked in place.



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Attach the coolant pipe bracket.



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Remove the microfibre towel from the throttle body.



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Install the engine cover and secure it. Make sure you hear a click indicating that it is locked in place.



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Professionals recommend:

- Do not apply excessive force when installing the part. Otherwise you may damage the fasteners.
- Make sure the engine cover is properly seated. It should not be displaced with respect to the guiding fasteners and the throttle body air intake hose.

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On the right side, attach the PCV valve hose to the engine cover.

**109**

Remove the coolant reservoir cap.

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Insert the funnel.

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Pour coolant in the coolant reservoir.



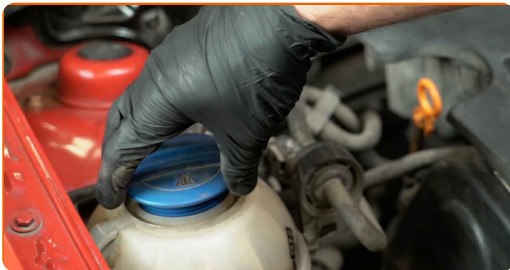


**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Only use the coolant recommended by the manufacturer.
- The coolant level should be at the MAX mark.
- Wait until the air goes out of the system.

**112**

Install the coolant reservoir cap.



**113**

Screw on the coolant reservoir cap.



**114**

Attach the terminals to the battery.





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AUTODOC recommends:

- Be careful! Do not mix up the positive and the negative terminals of the car battery.

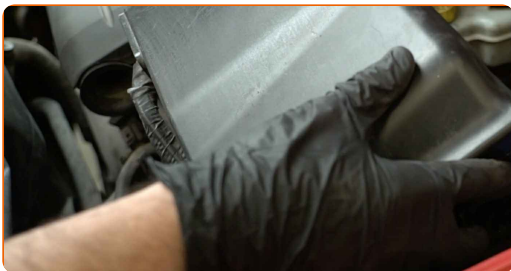
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Screw in the fasteners of the battery terminals. Use a drive socket #10. Use a ratchet wrench.



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Install the protective cover.



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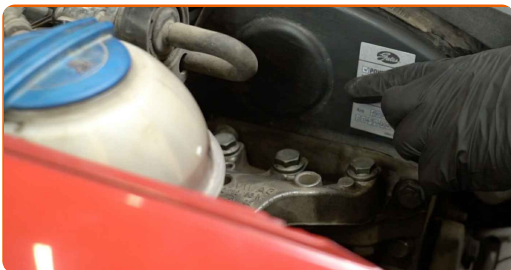
Run the engine for a few minutes. This should be done in order to remove residual air from the cooling system and to check if the components are operating correctly.

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Shut off the engine.

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Check the coolant level. If necessary, top up to the required level.



**Please note!**

- The coolant level should be at the MAX mark.

**120** Remove the fender protection cover.

**121** Close the hood.

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- Be sure to record the mileage at which you replaced the timing belt and water pump kits.

**WELL DONE!** 

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