



How to change rear  
wheel bearing on **VW**  
**GOLF PLUS (5M1, 521)** –  
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:

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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 Passat Saloon (362) 2.0 TDI

**REPLACEMENT: WHEEL BEARING – VW GOLF PLUS (5M1, 521). TOOLS YOU NEED:**



- Wire brush
- WD-40 spray
- Brake cleaner
- All-purpose cleaning spray
- Sealant
- Copper grease
- Torque wrench
- XZN socket bit # 14
- XZN socket bit # 18
- Torx bit T27
- Torx bit T30
- Wheel impact socket #17
- Tap wrench
- Hammer
- Rubber mallet
- Impact screwdriver
- Bush and bearing driver set
- Crow bar
- Wheel chock

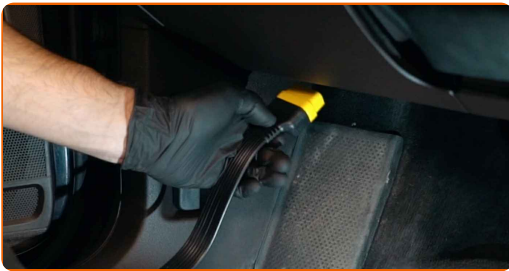
**Buy tools**

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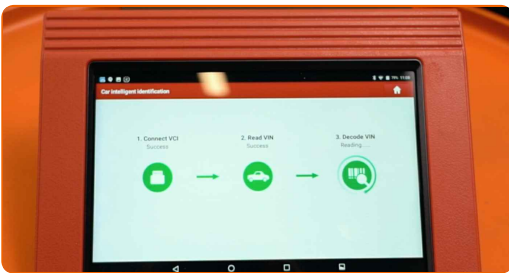
- Do not re-use the bearing assembly of your VW GOLF PLUS (5M1, 521) car.
- The wheel hub bearing replacement procedure is identical for both wheels on the same axle.
- Please note: all work on the car – VW GOLF PLUS (5M1, 521) – should be done with the engine switched off.

**CARRY OUT REPLACEMENT IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:**

**1** Connect the scan and service tool.



**2** Put the parking brake system into service mode.



**3** Open the hood.

**4** Clean the brake fluid reservoir cap. Use a brake cleaner.

**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Replacement: wheel bearing – VW GOLF PLUS (5M1, 521). After applying the spray, wait a few minutes.

5

Unscrew the engine solenoid valve bracket. Use Torx T27. Use a ratchet wrench.



6

Unscrew the brake fluid reservoir cap.



7

Secure the wheels with chocks.

8

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



9

Raise the rear of the car and secure on supports.

**10**

Unscrew the wheel bolts.



**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Warning! To avoid injury, hold the wheel while unscrewing the fastening bolts. VW GOLF PLUS (5M1, 521)

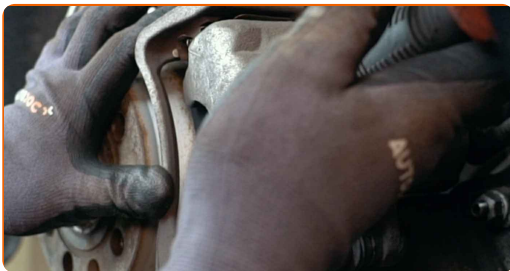
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Remove the wheel.



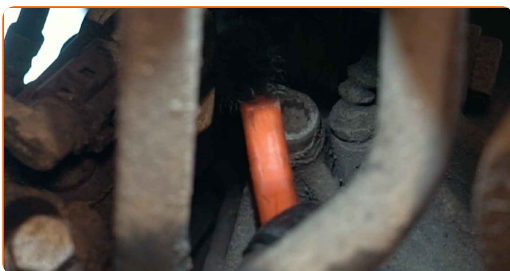
**12**

Spread the brake pads. Use a crowbar.



**13**

Clean the brake caliper bracket fasteners. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.



**14**

Unscrew the caliper bracket fastening. Use XZN #14. Use a tap wrench.



**15**

Remove the brake caliper together with its bracket.

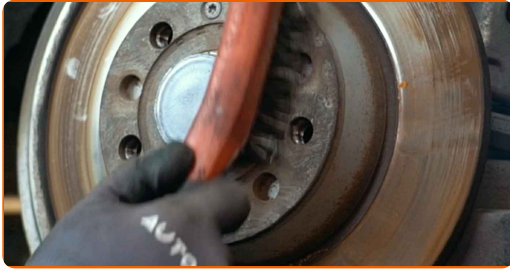


**Replacement: wheel bearing – VW GOLF PLUS (5M1, 521). Professionals recommend:**

- 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.



**16** Clean the brake disc fastener. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.



**17** Unscrew the brake disc fastening. Use Torx T30. Use an impact screwdriver.



**18** Remove the brake disc. Use a rubber mallet.



**19** Remove the hub bearing protection cap. Use a hammer. Use a crowbar.



**Please note!**

- Some cars are not equipped with wheel hub caps.



**20** Unscrew the hub bearing mounting. Use XZN #16. Use a tap wrench.



**21** Remove the fastening bolt.



**22** Remove the hub and the bearing together, since they are a sealed unit.



**23** Clean the hub bearing mounting seat. Use a wire brush. Use all-purpose cleaning spray.



**24** Install the new wheel hub with a bearing. Use a bush and bearing driver set. Use a hammer.



**25** Treat the fasteners of the wheel hub bearing. Use a sealant.



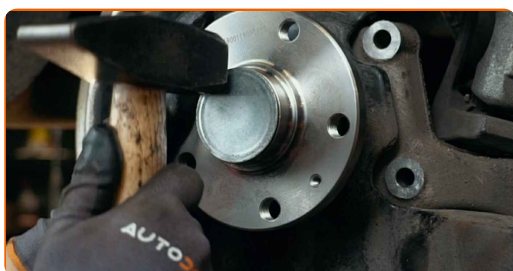
**26** Install the fastening bolt.



**27** Tighten the fastener of the wheel hub bearing. Use XZN #18. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 200 Nm torque.



**28** Install the hub bearing protection cap. Use a hammer.



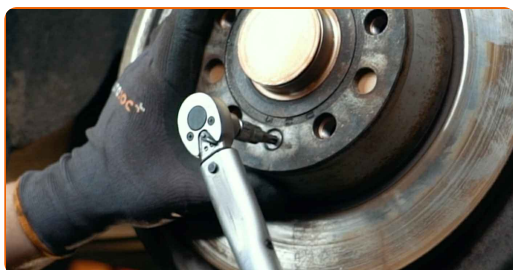
**29** Treat the hub where it contacts the brake disk. Use copper grease.



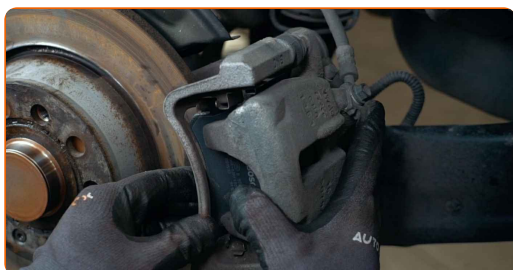
**30** Install the brake disc.



**31** Tighten the brake disc fastening. Use Torx T30. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 4 Nm torque.



**32** Install the brake caliper together with its bracket.



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Tighten the brake caliper bracket. Use XZN #14. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 90 Nm torque. +90°

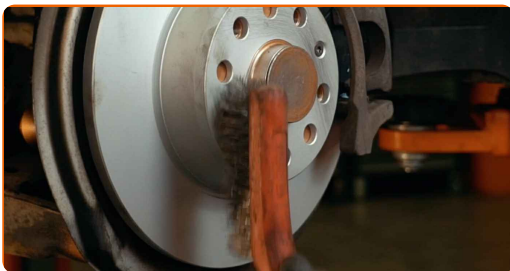


**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Important! Be sure to use new fasteners.

34

Clean the wheel rim mounting seat. Use a wire brush.



35

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



36

Clean the brake disk surface. Use a brake cleaner.



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**37**

Install the wheel.

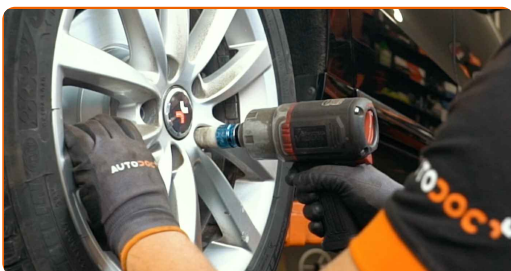


**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Warning! To avoid injury, hold the wheel while screwing in the fastening bolts on the car. VW GOLF PLUS (5M1, 521)

**38**

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



**39**

Lower the car and working in a cross order, tighten the wheel bolts. Use wheel impact socket #17. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 120 Nm torque.





**40** Remove the jacks and chocks.



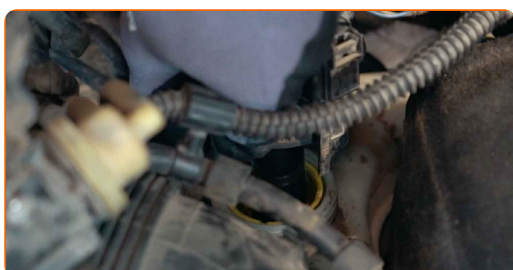
**41** Deactivate the service mode of the parking brake system. Disconnect the scan and service tool.



Replacement: wheel bearing – VW GOLF PLUS (5M1, 521). Tip from AUTODOC:

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

**42** Tighten the brake fluid reservoir cap.



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Install the engine solenoid valve bracket. Use Torx T27. Use a ratchet wrench.



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Close the hood.

**WELL DONE!** 

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