



How to change rear  
suspension lower control  
arm on **VW Golf V**  
**Variant (1K5)** –  
replacement guide

### SIMILAR VIDEO TUTORIAL



This video shows the replacement procedure of a similar car part on another vehicle

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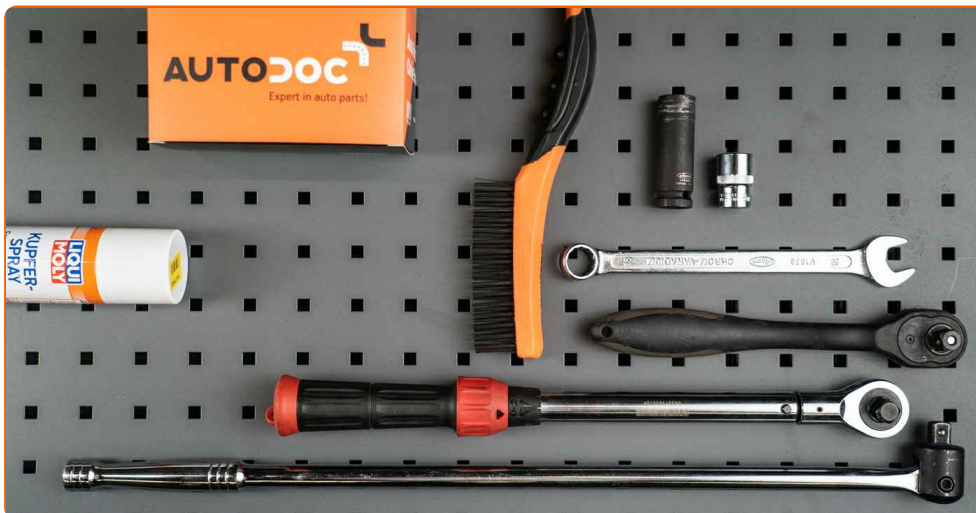
This replacement procedure can be used for:

VW Golf V Variant (1K5) 1.6, VW Golf V Variant (1K5) 1.4 TSI, VW Golf V Variant (1K5) 1.9 TDI, VW Golf V Variant (1K5) 2.0 TDI 16V, VW Golf V Variant (1K5) 2.0 TDI, VW Golf V Variant (1K5) 1.4, VW Golf V Variant (1K5) 2.0, VW Golf V Variant (1K5) 1.9 TDI 4motion, VW Golf V Variant (1K5) 1.6 MultiFuel, VW Golf V Variant (1K5) 2.5

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 (5K1) 2.0 GTi

**REPLACEMENT: REAR SUSPENSION LOWER CONTROL ARM – VW GOLF V VARIANT (1K5). TOOLS YOU NEED:**



- Wire brush
- WD-40 spray
- Copper grease
- Drive socket # 18
- Combination spanner #18
- Wheel impact socket #17
- Ratchet wrench
- Torque wrench
- Hydraulic transmission jack
- Wheel chock

**Buy tools**

Replacement: rear suspension lower control arm – VW Golf V Variant (1K5).  
AUTODOC experts recommend:

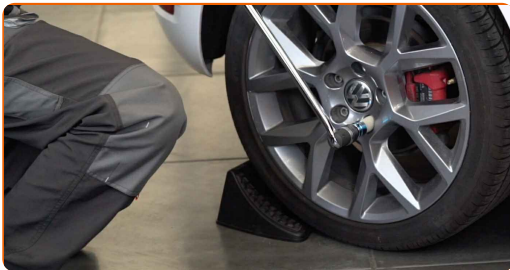
- The replacement procedure is identical for the left and right lower control arms.
- All work should be done with the engine stopped.

**REPLACEMENT: REAR SUSPENSION LOWER CONTROL ARM – VW GOLF V VARIANT (1K5). TAKE THE FOLLOWING STEPS:**

**1** Secure the wheels with chocks.

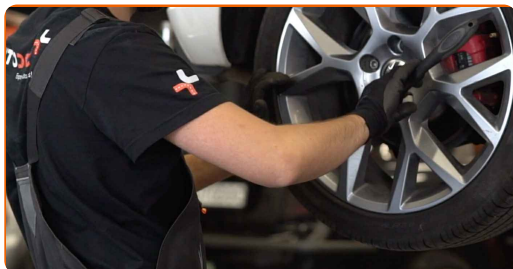


**2** Loosen the wheel mounting bolts. Use wheel impact socket #17.



**3** Raise the rear of the car and secure on supports.

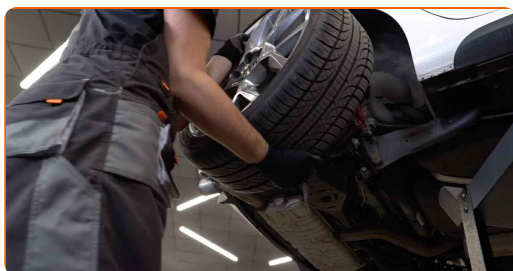
**4** Unscrew the wheel bolts.



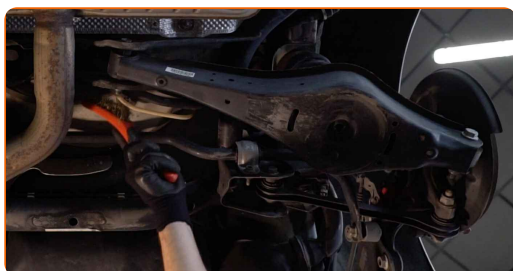
Replacement: rear suspension lower control arm – VW Golf V Variant (1K5).  
Tip:

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

**5** Remove the wheel.



**6** Clean the control arm fasteners. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.



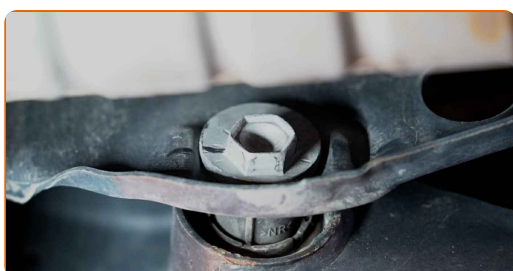
- 7 Unscrew the fastener connecting the control arm to the rear knuckle. Use a combination spanner #18. Use a drive socket #18. Use a ratchet wrench.



- 8 Remove the exhaust system fastener.



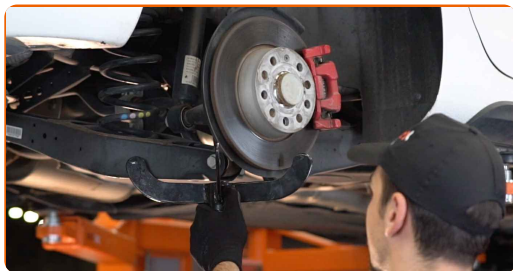
- 9 Make a mark on the crossmember and on the camber adjustment bolt.



- 10 Unscrew the arm fastening to the beam. Use a combination spanner #18. Use a drive socket #18. Use a ratchet wrench.



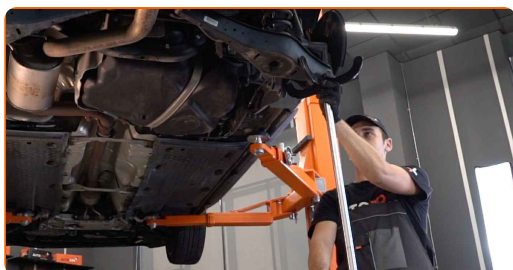
**11** Support the arm. Use a hydraulic transmission jack.



**12** Remove the fastening bolt.



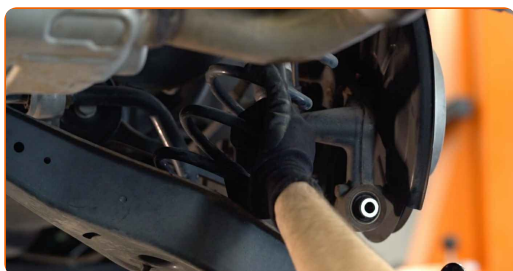
**13** Lower the hydraulic transmission jack by 10-15 cm.



**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Replacement: rear suspension lower control arm – VW Golf V Variant (1K5). Lower the transmission jack smoothly, without jerks, to avoid damaging components and mechanisms.

**14** Take out the spring.





**15** Remove the fastening bolt.



**16** Remove the arm.



**17** Install a new suspension arm.



**18** Install the control arm fasteners.



**19** Install the spring.





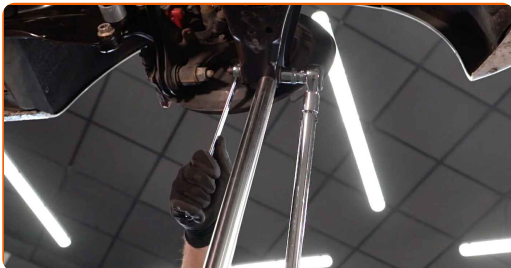
**20**

Support the arm. Use a hydraulic transmission jack.



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Tighten the fasteners connecting the control arm to the rear knuckle. Use a combination spanner #18. Use a drive socket #18. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 90 Nm torque.+90°

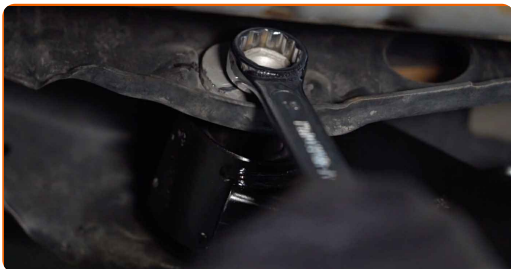


**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Important! Be sure to use new fasteners.

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Tighten the arm fastening to the beam. Use a drive socket #18. Use a combination spanner #18. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 95 Nm torque.



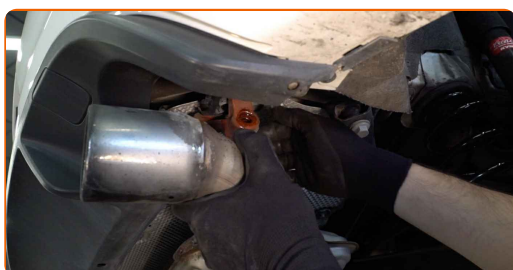
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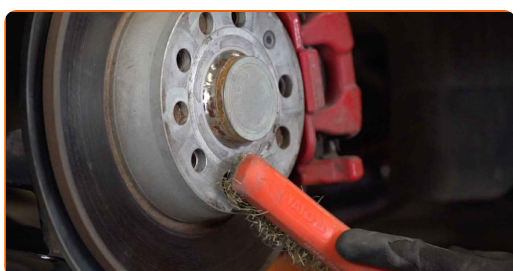
**23** Remove the support from under the rear arm.



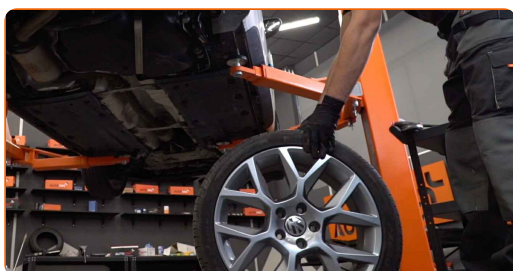
**24** Install the exhaust system fastener.



**25** Clean the brake disk surface. Use a wire brush. Treat the surface where the brake disc contacts the wheel rim. Use copper grease.



**26** Install the wheel.



Replacement: rear suspension lower control arm – VW Golf V Variant (1K5).  
Tip from AUTODOC:

- 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.



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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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