



How to change rear  
brake pads on **VW**  
**Passat B3/B4 Estate**  
**(3A5, 35i)** – 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 Golf V Hatchback (1K1) 1.6

REPLACEMENT: BRAKE PADS – VW PASSAT B3/B4  
ESTATE (3A5, 35I). TOOLS YOU NEED:



- Wire brush
- WD-40 spray
- Brake cleaner
- Anti-squeal paste
- Copper grease
- Combination spanner #13
- Drive socket # 13
- Wheel impact socket #17
- Brake caliper wind back tool
- Torque wrench
- Crow bar
- Wheel chock

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Replacement: brake pads – VW Passat B3/B4 Estate (3A5, 35i). 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.
- Please note: all work on the car – VW Passat B3/B4 Estate (3A5, 35i) – should be done with the engine switched off.

## CARRY OUT REPLACEMENT IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

**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.

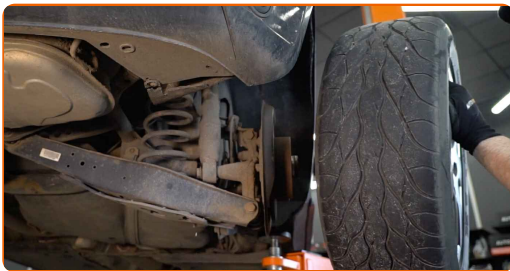


AUTODOC recommends:

- Important! Hold the wheel while unscrewing the fastening bolts. VW Passat B3/B4 Estate (3A5, 35i)

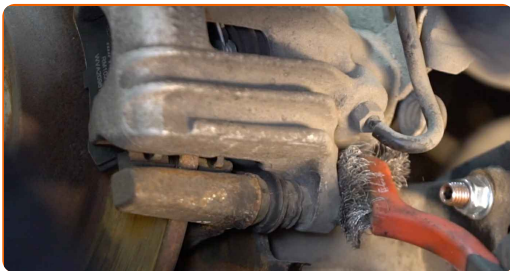
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Remove the wheel.



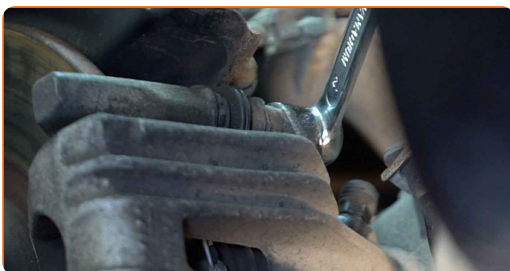
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Clean the brake caliper fasteners. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.



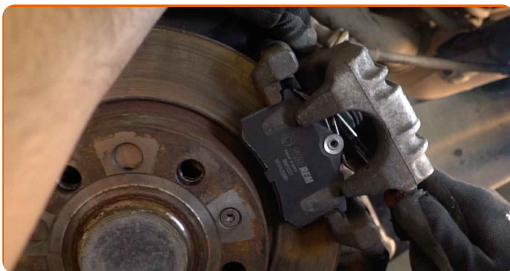
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Unscrew the brake caliper fastening. Use a combination spanner #13.



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Remove the brake caliper. Use a crowbar.

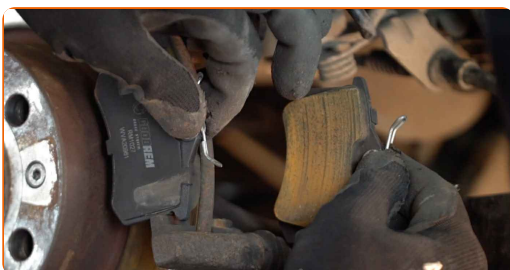


### Replacement: brake pads – VW Passat B3/B4 Estate (3A5, 35i). Tip:

- 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.

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Remove the brake pads.



Replacement: brake pads – VW Passat B3/B4 Estate (3A5, 35i). AUTODOC recommends:

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

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Treat the brake caliper piston. Use a brake cleaner.

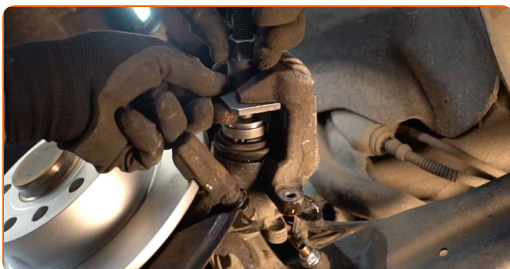


AUTODOC recommends:

- Replacement: brake pads – VW Passat B3/B4 Estate (3A5, 35i). After applying the spray, wait a few minutes.

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





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Clean the brake caliper bracket from dirt and dust. Use a wire brush. Use a brake cleaner.



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- After applying the spray, wait a few minutes.

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Treat the brake pads in the area where their surface comes into contact with the brake caliper bracket. Use anti-squeal paste.

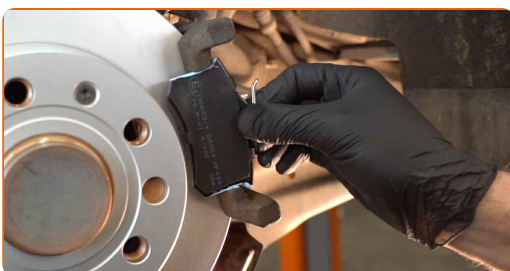


AUTODOC recommends:

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

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Install new brake pads.





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

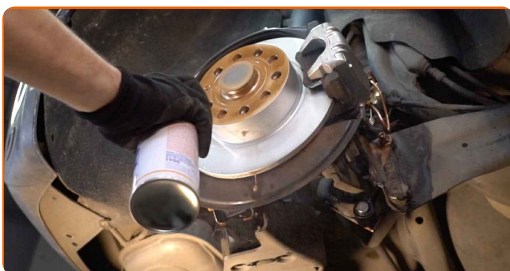
**16** Install the brake caliper and fix it. Use a drive socket #13. Use a combination spanner #13. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 35 Nm torque.



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



**18** Clean the brake disk surface. Use a brake cleaner.



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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 Passat B3/B4 Estate (3A5, 35i)

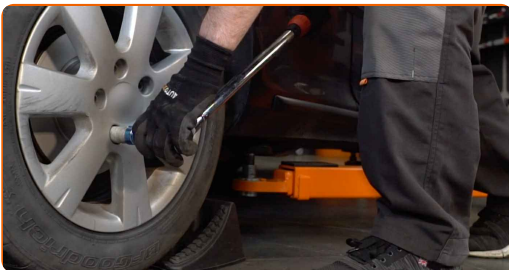
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Screw in the wheel bolts. Use wheel impact socket #17.



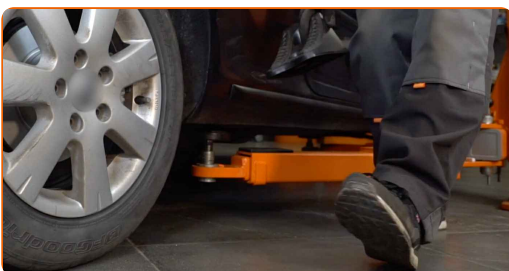
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Lower the car and working in a cross order, tighten the wheel bolts. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 120 Nm torque.



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Remove the jacks and chocks.

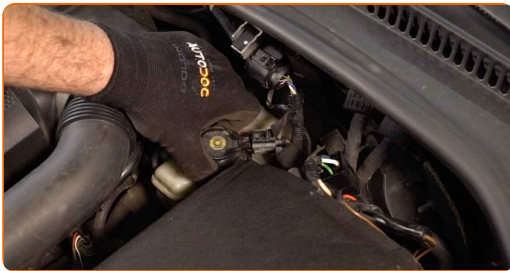


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- Check the brake fluid level in the expansion tank and refill if necessary.

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Tighten the brake fluid reservoir cap.



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- Without starting the engine, press the brake pedal several times until you feel significant resistance.

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Close the hood.

AUTODOC recommends:

- 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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