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# How to change rear strut mount on **VW Passat B6 Saloon (3C2)** – replacement guide

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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 VI Hatchback (5K1) 2.0 GTi

# REPLACEMENT: STRUT MOUNT – VW PASSAT B6 SALOON (3C2). LIST OF THE TOOLS YOU'LL NEED:

- Wire brush
- WD-40 spray
- Copper grease
- Drive socket # 14
- Drive socket # 15
- Drive socket # 18
- Drive socket # 21
- Combination spanner #14
- Combination spanner #18
- Combination spanner #21
- Wheel impact socket #17
- Ratchet wrench
- Torque wrench
- Tap wrench
- Vice
- Hydraulic transmission jack
- Wheel chock

Buy tools

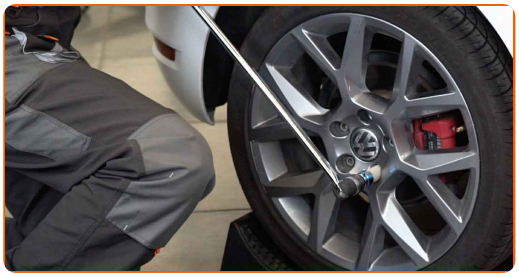
Replacement: strut mount – VW Passat B6 Saloon (3C2). AUTODOC recommends:

- The replacement procedure is identical for the mounts of the right and left shock absorbers of the rear suspension.
- Both mounts of the rear shock struts should be replaced simultaneously.
- All work should be done with the engine stopped.

## REPLACEMENT: STRUT MOUNT – VW PASSAT B6 SALOON (3C2). TAKE THE FOLLOWING STEPS:

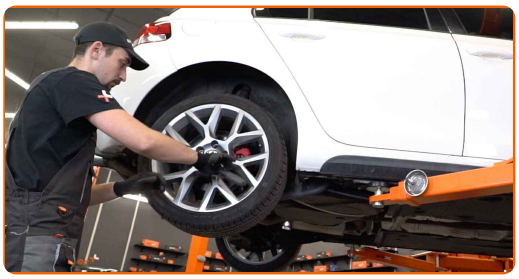
1 Secure the wheels with chocks.

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



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

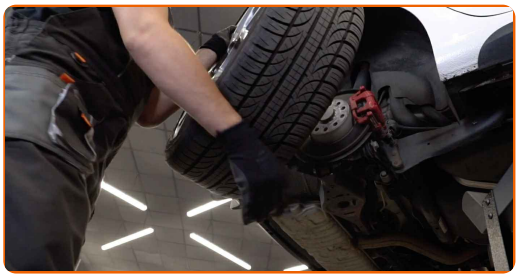
4 Unscrew the wheel bolts.



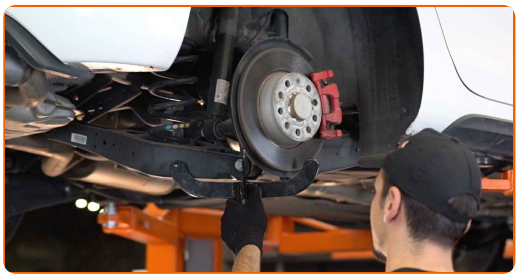
AUTODOC recommends:

- Important! Hold the wheel while unscrewing the fastening bolts. VW Passat B6 Saloon (3C2)

5 Remove the wheel.

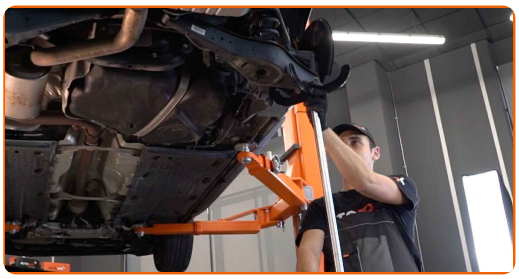


6 Support the arm. Use a hydraulic transmission jack.



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.

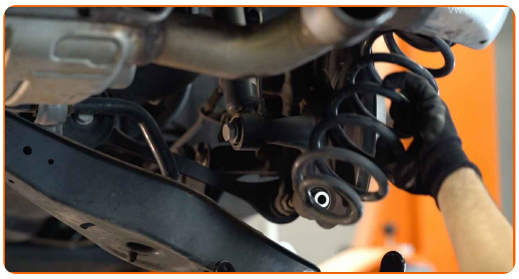
8 Lower the hydraulic transmission jack by 10-15 cm.



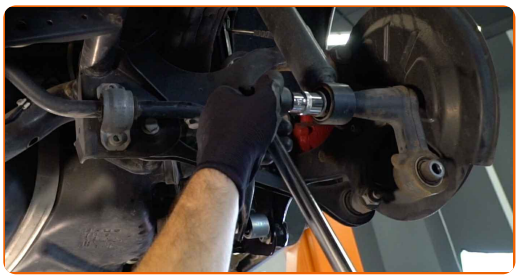
Replacement: strut mount – VW Passat B6 Saloon (3C2). Tip from AUTODOC experts:

- Lower the hydraulic transmission jack smoothly, without jerks, to avoid damaging assemblies and mechanisms.

9 Remove the spring.



10 Unscrew the lower fastener of the shock absorber. Use a drive socket #21. Use a tap wrench.

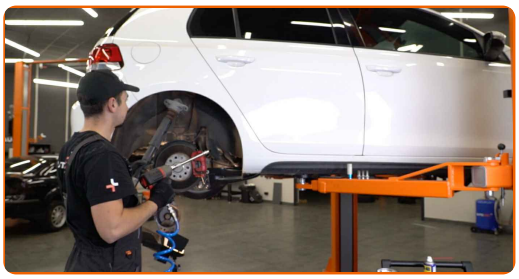


**11** Unscrew the upper fastener of the shock absorber. Use a drive socket #15. Use a ratchet wrench.

## Replacement: strut mount – VW Passat B6 Saloon (3C2). Tip:

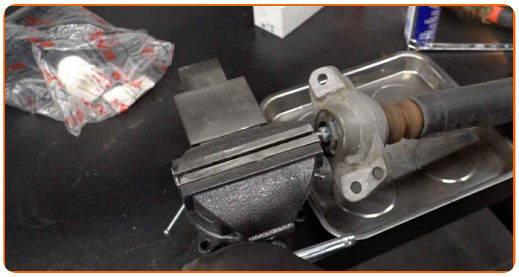
- To avoid injuries, hold the shock absorber when undoing the fastening bolts.

**12** Remove the shock absorber.

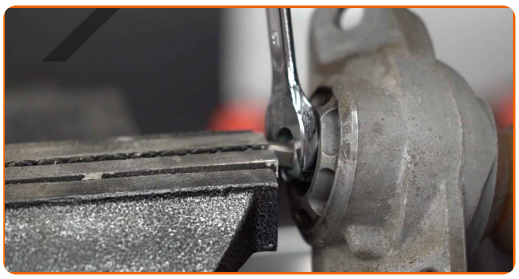


**13** Grip the shock absorber in a vice.

**14** Clean the shock absorber rod fastener. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.



**15** Remove the shock absorber piston rod fastening. Use a combination spanner #14.



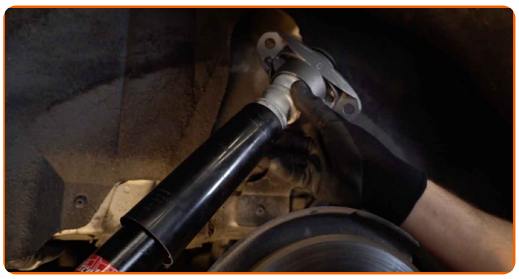
**16** Remove the shock absorber mount, boot and bump stop.

**17** Install the new mount, boot, and bump stop on the shock absorber.

**18** Fix the shock absorber mount. Use a combination spanner #14. Use a drive socket #14. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 25 Nm torque.

**19** Release the vice and take out the shock absorber.

**20** Place the shock absorber in the wheel arch and secure it.



AUTODOC recommends:

- VW Passat B6 Saloon (3C2) – To avoid injury, hold the shock absorber while screwing in the fastening bolts.

**21** Tighten the shock absorber mount fasteners. Use a drive socket #15. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 50 Nm torque.+45°

AUTODOC recommends:

- Important! Be sure to use new fasteners.

**22** Clean the shock absorber fasteners. Use WD-40 spray.

**23** Tighten the lower fastener of the shock absorber. Use a drive socket #21. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 180 Nm torque.

**AUTODOC recommends:**

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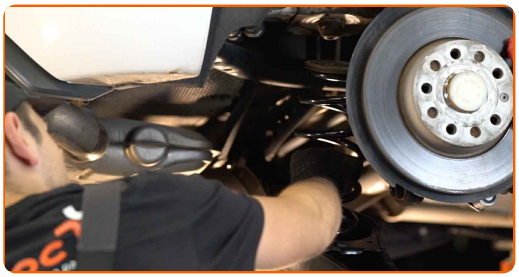
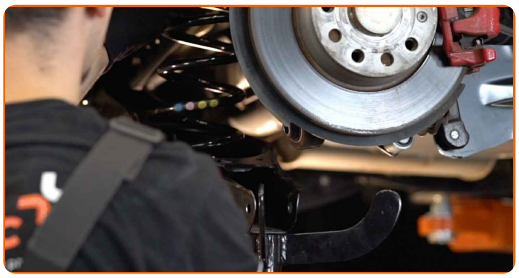
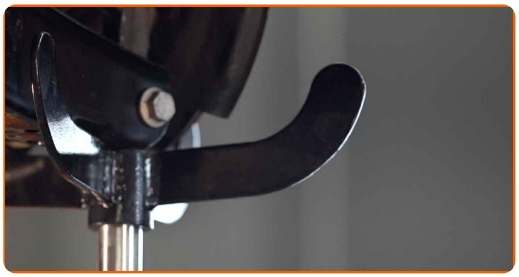
**24** Install the spring.



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



**26** 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°



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- Important! Be sure to use new fasteners.

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

AUTODOC recommends:

- Replacement: strut mount – VW Passat B6 Saloon (3C2). Lower the transmission jack smoothly, without jerks, to avoid damaging components and mechanisms.

**28** Clean the wheel rim mounting seat. Use a wire brush. Treat the contacting surface. Use copper grease.

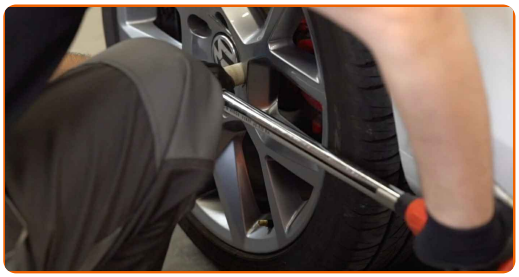
**29** Install the wheel.

## Replacement: strut mount – VW Passat B6 Saloon (3C2). Tip from AUTODOC:

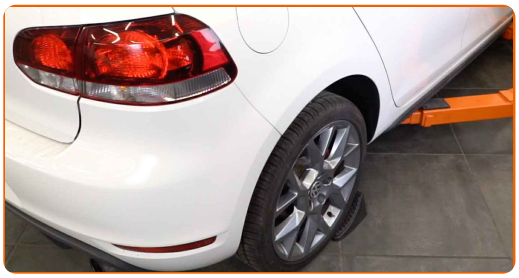
- To avoid injury, hold up the wheel when screwing in the fastening bolts.

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

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



32 Remove the jacks and chocks.



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