



How to change front  
brake caliper on **VW**  
**PASSAT Variant (33)** –  
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 PASSAT Variant (33) 1.6

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: AUDI A6 Avant (4B5, C5) 2.4

**REPLACEMENT: BRAKE CALIPER – VW PASSAT  
VARIANT (33). TOOLS YOU MIGHT NEED:**



- Wire brush
- Brake cleaner
- Electronic spray
- Copper grease
- Torque wrench
- Combination spanner #10
- Combination spanner #11
- Drive socket # 10
- HEX bit No.H7
- Wheel impact socket #17
- Ratchet wrench
- Brake hose clip
- Fluid container
- Brake bleeder kit
- Crow bar
- Wheel chock

**Buy tools**

Replacement: brake caliper – VW PASSAT Variant (33). Tip:

- The replacement procedure is identical for the left and right brake calipers on the same axle.
- All work should be done with the engine stopped.

**REPLACEMENT: BRAKE CALIPER – VW PASSAT VARIANT (33). USE THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURE:**

**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 front of the car and secure on supports.

**5** Unscrew the wheel bolts.

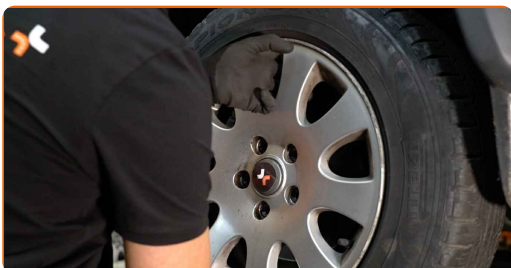


**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Warning! To avoid injury, hold the wheel while unscrewing the fastening bolts. VW PASSAT Variant (33)

**6**

Remove the wheel.



**7**

Disconnect the brake pad wear sensor plug.



**8**

Disconnect the brake pads wear sensor. Use a crowbar.



**Please note!**

- Some cars are not equipped with the brake pad wear sensor.

**9** Spread the brake pads. Use a crowbar.



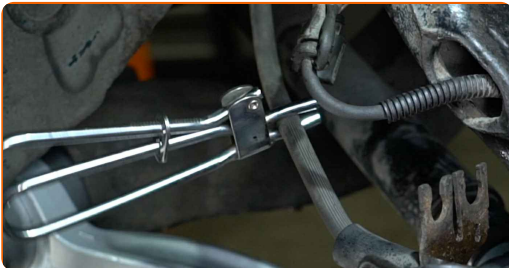
**10** Clean the area where the brake hose is connected to the caliper, and the guide pins area. Use a wire brush. Use a brake cleaner.



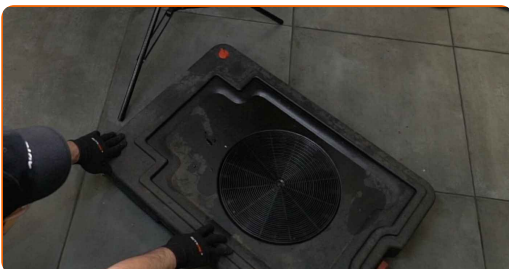
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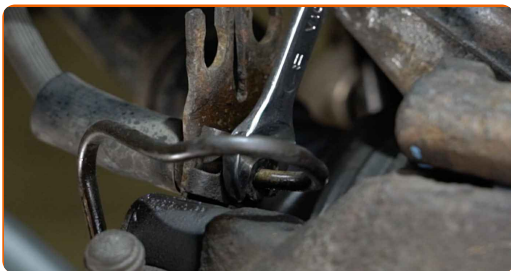
**11** Clamp the brake hose off using a brake hose clamp.



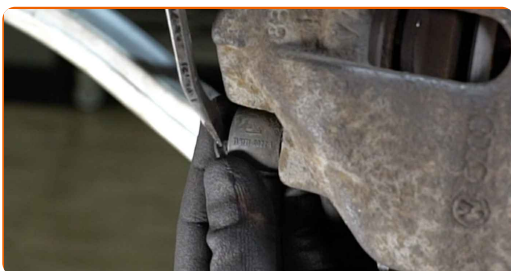
**12** Put a container for gathering brake fluid beneath.



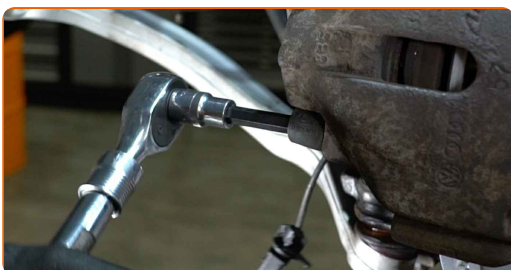
**13** Unscrew the fastener connecting the brake hose to the brake circuit pipe. Use a combination spanner #11.



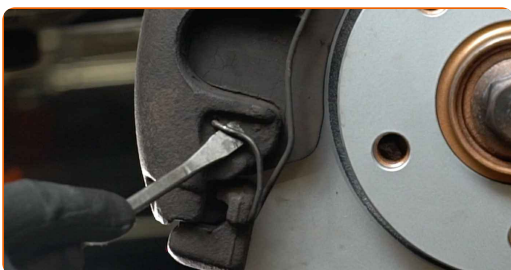
**14** Remove the dust boot caps of the brake caliper guide pins. Use a crowbar.



**15** Unscrew the brake caliper fastening. Use HEX No.H7. Use a ratchet wrench.



**16** Detach the brake caliper retaining spring. Use a crowbar.



**17**

Remove the brake caliper.



**Replacement: brake caliper – VW PASSAT Variant (33). Tip from AUTODOC:**

- When replacing the brake caliper, it is recommended to check the brake hose for damages and, if necessary, to replace it with a new one.
- When replacing a brake caliper it is recommended to replace brake pads, check the state of the brake discs and replace them with new ones if necessary.
- If no new guide pins were supplied in a kit with the new brake calipers, use the old pins.
- Check the brake caliper bracket, brake caliper guide pins and boots. Clean them. Replace, if necessary.

**18**

Unscrew the mounting bracket that connects the brake hose to the brake caliper.

**19**

Remove the brake pads.

**20**

Clean the brake pipe fastener. Use a wire brush. Use a brake cleaner.



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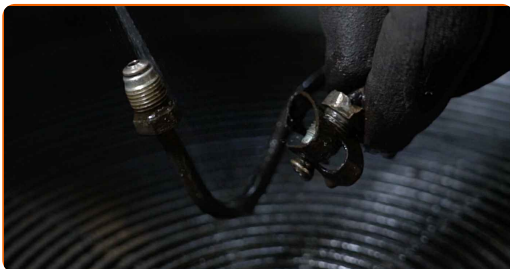
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Unscrew the fastener connecting the brake pipe to the brake caliper. Use a combination spanner #11.



**22**

Treat the brake pipe. Use a brake cleaner.

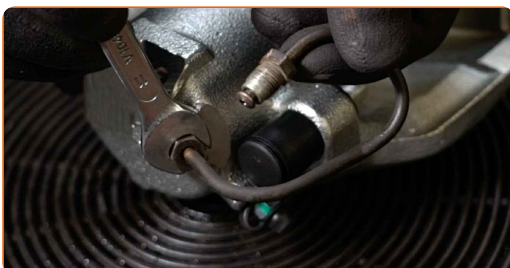


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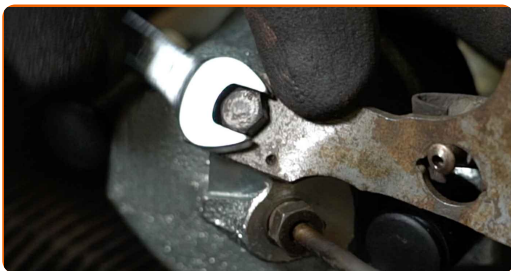
- After applying the spray, wait a few minutes.

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Screw in the fastener connecting the brake pipe to the brake caliper. Use a combination spanner #11.



**24** Screw in the fasteners of the brake hose bracket. Use a combination spanner #10.



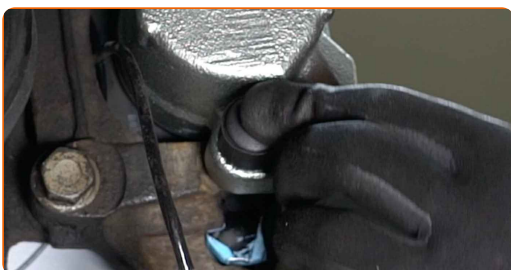
**25** Install the brake pads.



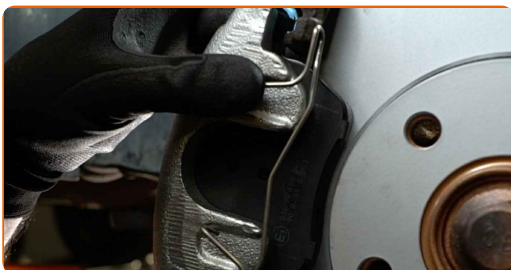
**26** Install the brake caliper and fix it. Use HEX No.H7. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 30 Nm torque.



**27** Install the dust boot caps of the brake caliper guide pins.



**28** Install the brake pad retaining clip. Use a crowbar.



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Treat the brake hose. Use a brake cleaner.

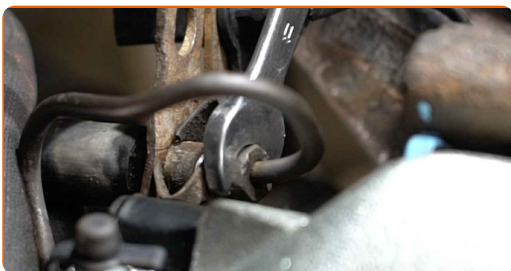


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Screw the brake pipe to the brake hose. Use a combination spanner #11.



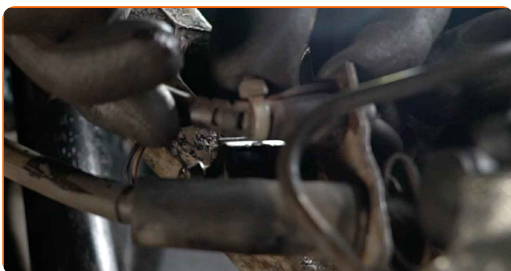
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Treat the brake pad wear sensor plug. Use dielectric grease.



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Connect the brake pads wear sensor.



**33** Connect the brake pad wear sensor plug.



**34** Remove the brake hose clamp.



**35** Connect the brake bleeder kit to the brake bleeder screw.



**36** Undo the brake bleeder screw. Use a combination spanner #10.



**37** Bleed the brake caliper system. Without starting the engine, press the brake pedal several times until you feel significant resistance.

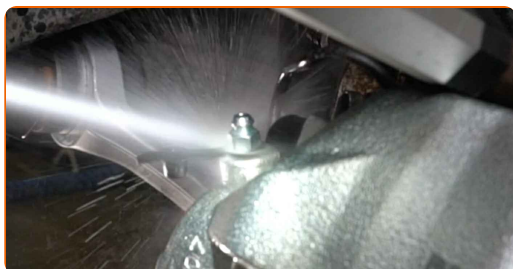


**38** Tighten the brake bleeder screw. Use a combination spanner #10.



**39** Disconnect the brake bleeder kit.

**40** Clean dirt from the brake hose bolt. Use a brake cleaner.



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- After applying the spray, wait a few minutes.

**41** Tighten the brake caliper bleed screw. Use a drive socket #10. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 7 Nm torque.



**42**

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



**43**

Clean the brake disk surface. Use a brake cleaner.

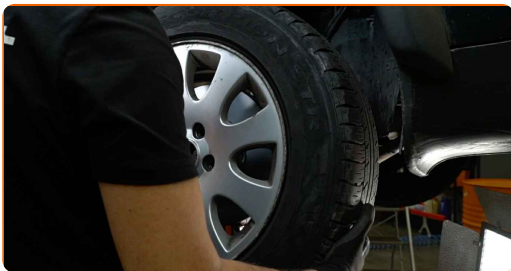


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Install the wheel.



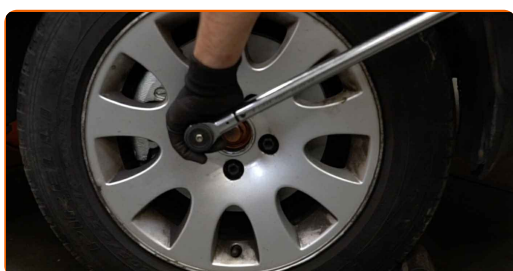
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**45** Screw in the wheel bolts. Use wheel impact socket #17.



**46** 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.



**47** 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. Close the hood.



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