



How to change brake  
drum 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) 1.3, VW PASSAT Variant (33) 1.6, VW PASSAT Variant (33) 1.5 D, VW PASSAT Variant (33) 1.6 i, VW PASSAT Variant (33) 1.6 D

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 Polo Hatchback (6N1) 1.0

**REPLACEMENT: BRAKE DRUM – VW PASSAT VARIANT  
(33). LIST OF THE TOOLS YOU'LL NEED:**



- Wire brush
- All-purpose cleaning spray
- Multipurpose grease
- Copper grease
- Torque wrench
- Combination spanner #10
- Drive socket # 24
- Wheel impact socket #17
- Ratchet wrench
- Hammer
- Crow bar
- Wheel chock

**Buy tools**

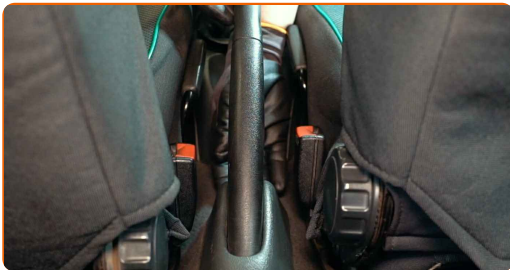
**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Replace the brake drums on VW PASSAT Variant (33) in pair for the rear axle. Disregarding the parts state. It ensures even braking.
- The replacement procedure is identical for the right and left brake drums on the same axle.
- When replacing the brake drums, be sure to also change the brake shoes.
- Please note: all work on the car – VW PASSAT Variant (33) – should be done with the engine switched off.

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

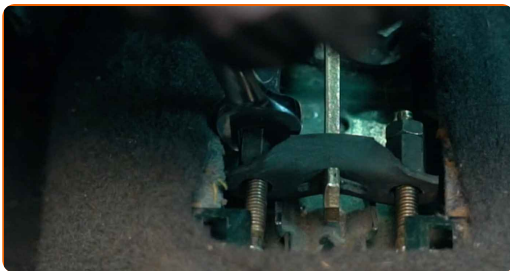
**1**

Engage the parking brake lever.



**2**

Loosen the parking brake cable. Use a combination spanner #10.



**3**

Secure the wheels with chocks.

4

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



5

Raise the rear of the car and secure on supports.

6

Unscrew the wheel bolts.



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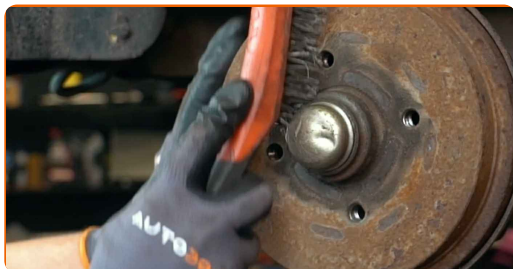
- Important! Hold the wheel while unscrewing the fastening bolts. VW PASSAT Variant (33)

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Remove the wheel.



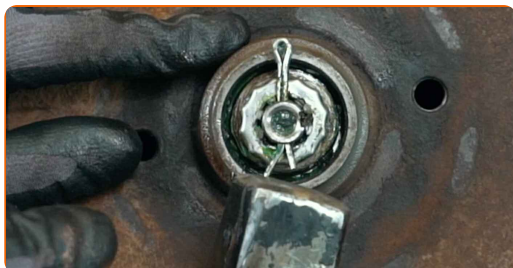
**8** Clean the brake drum. Use a wire brush. Use all-purpose cleaning spray.



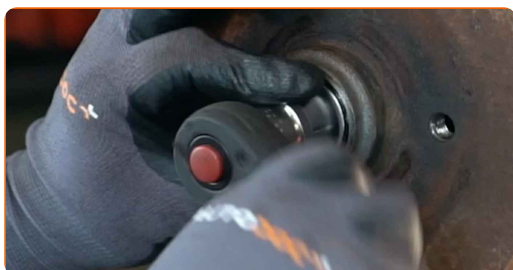
**9** Remove the wheel hub nut cap. Use a crowbar. Use a hammer.



**10** Remove the cotter pin securing the hub nut. Use a crowbar. Use a hammer.



**11** Unscrew the hub nut. Use a drive socket #24. Use a ratchet wrench.





**12** Remove the brake drum assembled with the wheel hub bearing.



**13** Clean the hub bearing mounting seat. Use all-purpose cleaning spray.



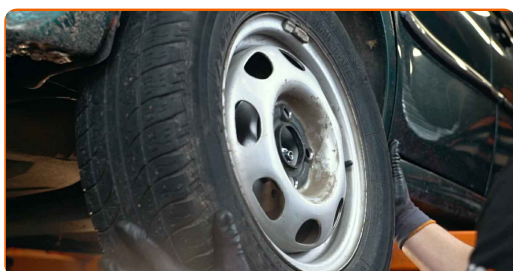
**14** Treat the wheel hub in the area where it contacts the brake drum. Use a multipurpose grease.



**15** Install the new brake drum assembled with the wheel hub bearing.



**16** Install the wheel.



**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Important! Hold the wheel while screwing in the fastening bolts. VW PASSAT Variant (33)

**17**

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



**18**

Screw on the hub nut. Use a drive socket #24. Use a ratchet wrench.



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

- Align the brake drum.

**19**

Unscrew the wheel bolts. Use wheel impact socket #17.





**AUTODOC recommends:**

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

**20**

Remove the wheel.



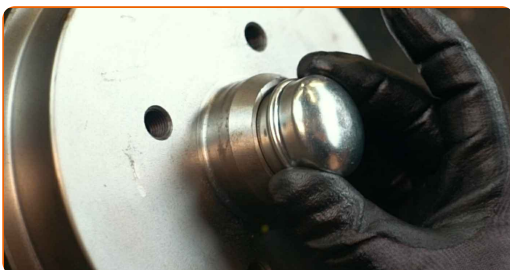
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Install a new hub nut cotter pin. Use a crowbar. Use a hammer.



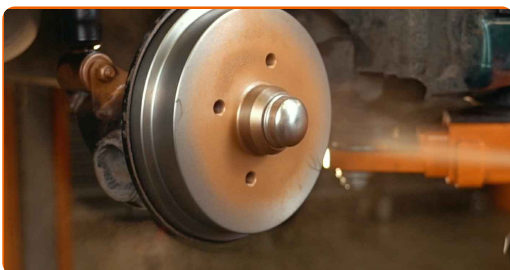
**22**

Install the cap of the hub nut. Use a hammer.



**23**

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



**24** Install the wheel.



**AUTODOC recommends:**

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

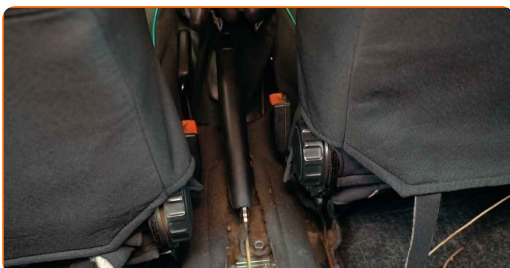
**25** Screw in the wheel bolts. Use wheel impact socket #17.



**26** Adjust the parking brake cable tension. Use a combination spanner #10.



**27** Release the parking brake lever.

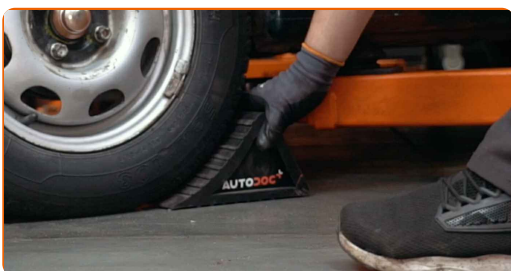


**28**

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 110 Nm torque.

**29**

Remove the jacks and chocks.



**WELL DONE!** 

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