



How to change front
brake discs on **VW**
PASSAT Variant (3B5) –
replacement guide

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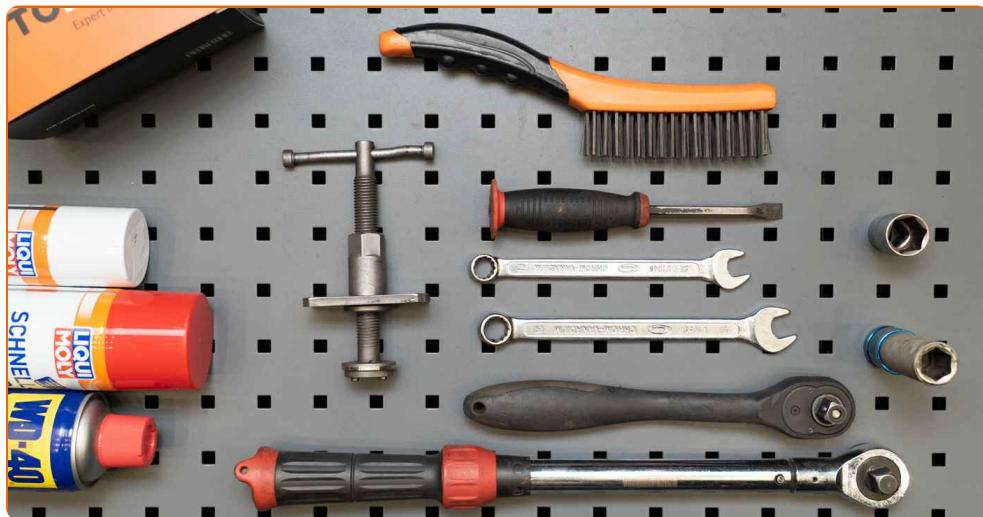
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The steps may slightly vary depending on the car design.

This tutorial was created based on the replacement procedure for a similar car part on: AUDI A4 Avant (8E5, B6) 1.9 TDI

REPLACEMENT: BRAKE DISCS – VW PASSAT VARIANT (3B5). TOOLS YOU MIGHT NEED:



- Wire brush
- WD-40 spray
- Brake cleaner
- Copper grease
- Drive socket # 21
- Combination spanner #13
- Combination spanner #15
- Wheel impact socket #17
- Brake caliper wind back tool
- Ratchet wrench
- Torque wrench
- Tap wrench
- Crow bar
- Wheel chock

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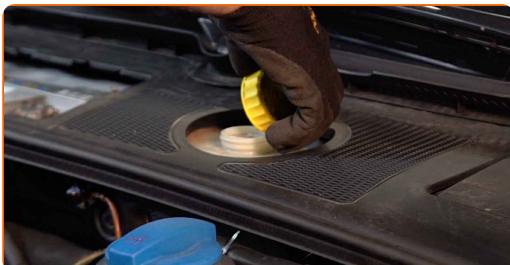
Replacement: brake discs – VW PASSAT Variant (3B5). AUTODOC experts recommend:

- Replace the brake disks on the car VW PASSAT Variant (3B5) in complete set for each axis. Regardless of the state of components. This will ensure even braking.
- The replacement procedure is identical for both brake disks on the same axle.
- When changing the brake discs, always replace the brake pads.
- Please note: all work on the car – VW PASSAT Variant (3B5) – 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 front of the car and secure on supports.

5

Unscrew the wheel bolts.



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

6

Remove the wheel.



7

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. Use a combination spanner #15.



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Disconnect the brake pads wear sensor. Use a crowbar.

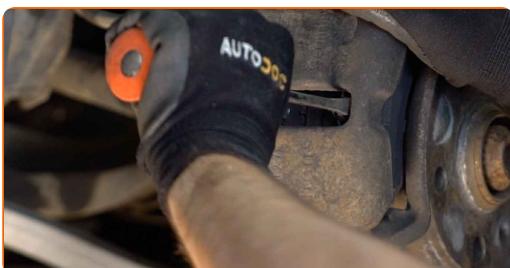


Please note!

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

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Spread the brake pads. Use a crowbar.



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Remove the brake caliper.

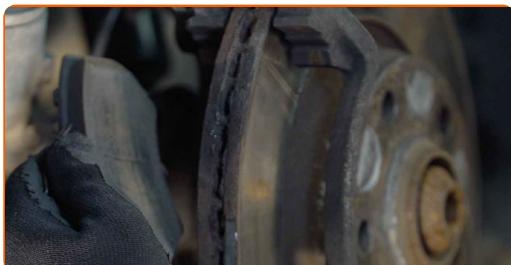


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- Tie the caliper to the suspension or to the body with a wire without disconnecting from the brake hose to prevent depressurization of the brake system.
- Make sure that the brake caliper is not hanging on the brake hose.
- Don't press the brake pedal 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.



13

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



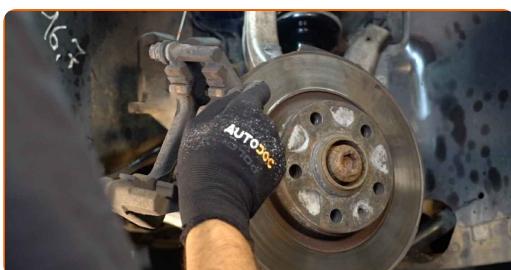
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Unscrew the caliper bracket fastening. Use a drive socket #21. Use a ratchet wrench. Use a tap wrench.



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Remove the caliper bracket.



16

Remove the retaining ring. Use a crowbar.



17

Remove the brake disc.



18

Clean the hub. Use a wire brush. Treat the contacting surface. Use copper grease.



19

Install the brake disc.



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Install the retaining ring.



21

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

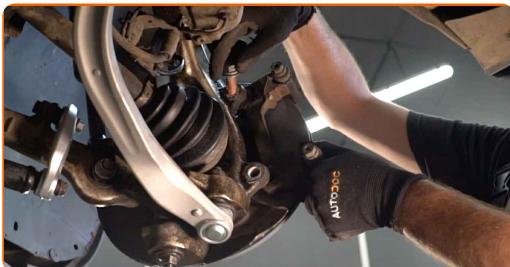


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Install the brake caliper bracket.



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Tighten the brake caliper bracket. Use a drive socket #21. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 190 Nm torque.



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Treat the brake caliper piston. Use a brake cleaner.



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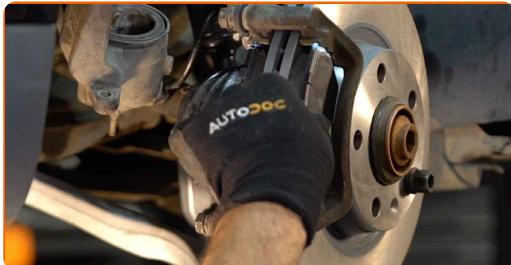
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Press in the brake caliper piston. Use brake caliper wind back tool.



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Install the brake pads.

**27**

Install the brake caliper and fix it. Use a combination spanner #13. Use a combination spanner #15. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 30 Nm torque.

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Connect the brake pads wear sensor.

**29**

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



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Clean the brake disk surface. Use a brake cleaner.

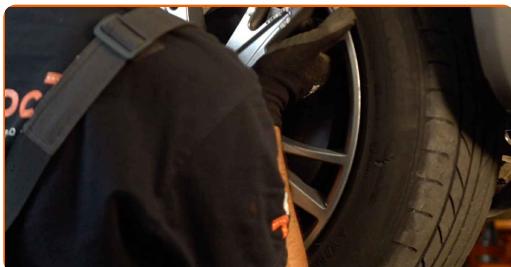


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Install the wheel.



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

32

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



33

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. Close the hood.



AUTODOC recommends:

- VW PASSAT Variant (3B5) – Press the brake pedal several times with the engine shut down until you feel the resistance built up.

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