



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

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This video shows the replacement procedure of a similar car part on another vehicle

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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: AUDI A6 Saloon (4F2, C6) 2.0 TDI

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



- Wire brush
- Brake cleaner
- Anti-squeal paste
- Copper grease
- HEX bit no.H7.
- Wheel impact socket #17
- Brake caliper wind back tool
- Ratchet wrench
- Torque wrench
- Crow bar
- Wheel chock

**Buy tools**

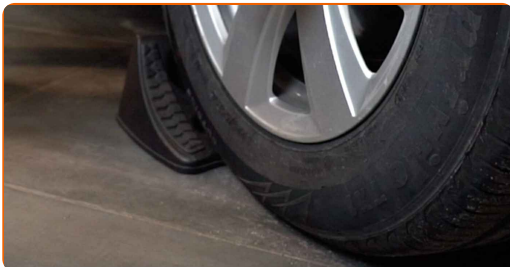
Replacement: brake pads – VW PASSAT Variant (3B5). AUTODOC recommends:

- 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.
- All work should be done with the engine stopped.

**REPLACEMENT: BRAKE PADS – VW PASSAT VARIANT (3B5). 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.

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Unscrew the wheel bolts.

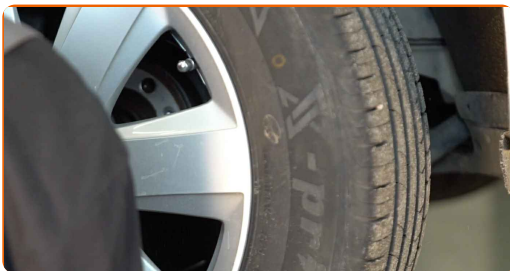


Replacement: brake pads – VW PASSAT Variant (3B5). Tip:

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

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Remove the wheel.



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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.

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



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



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



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



**12** Remove the brake caliper.

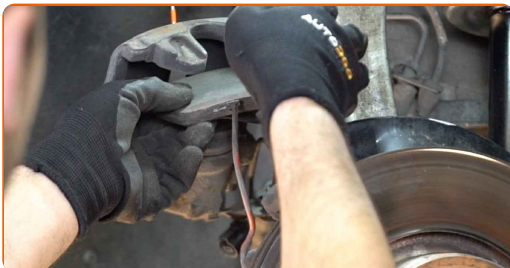


Replacement: brake pads – VW PASSAT Variant (3B5). AUTODOC experts recommend:

- 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.

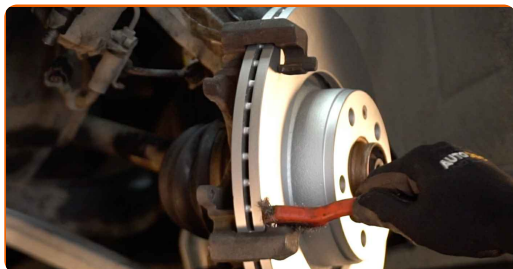


Replacement: brake pads – VW PASSAT Variant (3B5). Tip from AUTODOC:

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

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

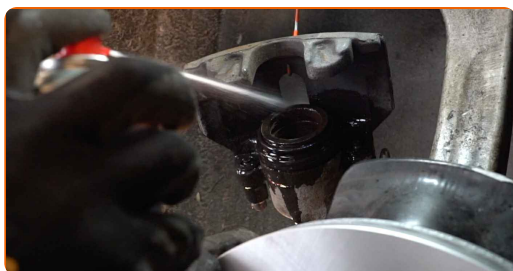


Replacement: brake pads – VW PASSAT Variant (3B5). Professionals recommend:

- After applying the spray, wait a few minutes.

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Treat the brake caliper piston. Use a brake cleaner.



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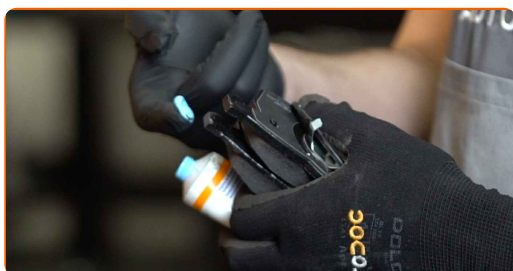
- Replacement: brake pads – VW PASSAT Variant (3B5). After applying the spray, wait a few minutes.



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



**17** 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.

**18** Install new brake pads.



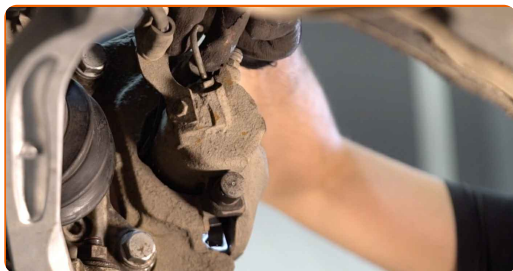
**Replacement: brake pads – VW PASSAT Variant (3B5). Tip from AUTODOC:**

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

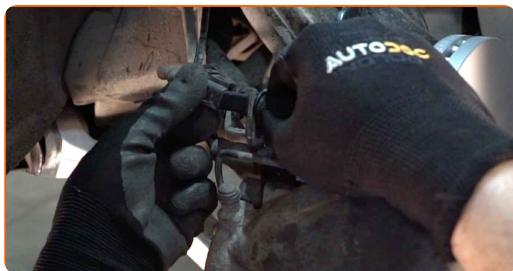
**19** Install the brake caliper and fix it. Use HEX No.H7. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 30 Nm torque.



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



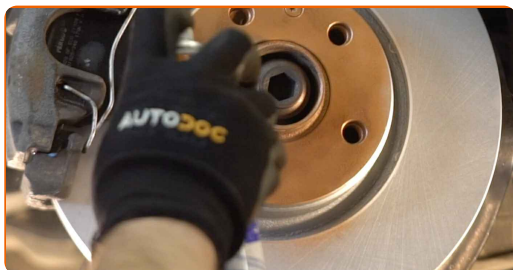
**21** Connect the brake pads wear sensor.



**22** Install the brake caliper retaining spring. Use a crowbar.



**23** 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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- After applying the spray, wait a few minutes.

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Install the wheel.

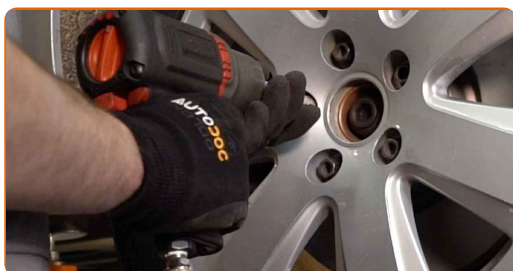


Replacement: brake pads – VW PASSAT Variant (3B5). AUTODOC recommends:

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

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



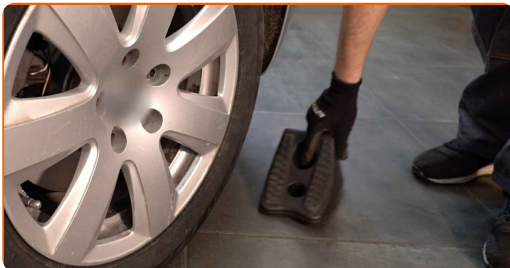
**27**

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



**28**

Remove the jacks and chocks.



**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Important! Replacement: brake pads – VW PASSAT Variant (3B5). Check the brake fluid level in the reservoir and top up if necessary.

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Tighten the brake fluid reservoir cap.

**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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Close the hood.

Replacement: brake pads – VW PASSAT Variant (3B5). Professionals recommend:

- 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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