



How to change front  
strut mount on **VW**  
**PASSAT Variant (3B5)** –  
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:

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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 PASSAT Variant (3B5) 1.8 T

REPLACEMENT: STRUT MOUNT – VW PASSAT  
VARIANT (3B5). TOOLS YOU'LL NEED:



- Wire brush
- WD-40 spray
- Brake cleaner
- Copper grease
- Combination spanner #18
- Drive socket # 13
- Drive socket # 18
- Drive socket # 19
- HEX bit no.H5.
- Wheel impact socket #17
- Ratchet wrench
- Torque wrench
- Flat Screwdriver
- Pin punch
- Hammer
- Hydraulic transmission jack
- Hydraulic strut spring compressor
- Fender cover
- Wheel chock

**Buy tools**

Replacement: strut mount – VW PASSAT Variant (3B5). AUTODOC recommends:

- All mounts of the front shock struts should be replaced simultaneously.
- The replacement procedure is identical for the mounts of the left and right shock struts of the front suspension.
- Be sure to replace all self-locking nuts and bolts during installation.
- Warning! Shut down the engine before starting any work – VW PASSAT Variant (3B5).

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

**1** Secure the wheels with chocks.

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



**3** Raise the front of the car and secure on supports.

**4** Unscrew the wheel bolts.

Replacement: strut mount – VW PASSAT Variant (3B5). Tip:

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

**5** Remove the wheel.



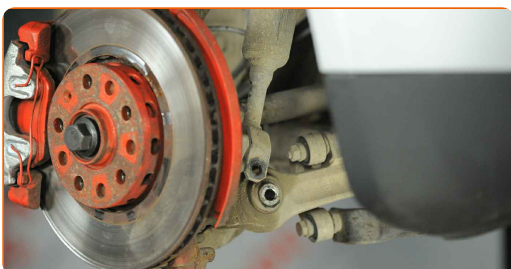
**6** Clean the fastening bolt that connects the shock absorber fork with the lower control arm. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.



**7** Unscrew the fastening bolt that connects the shock absorber fork with the lower control arm. Use a combination spanner #18. Use a drive socket #18. Use a ratchet wrench.



**8** Remove the fastening bolt. Use a pin punch. Use a hammer.

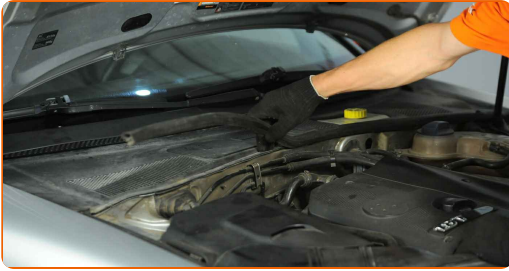


**9** Lower the car.

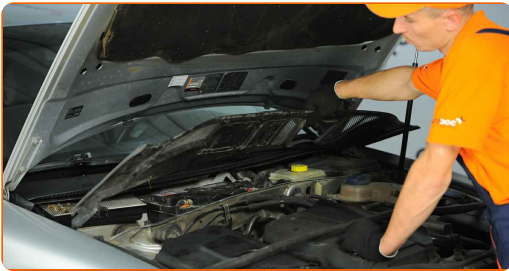
**10** Open the hood.

**11** Use a fender protection cover to prevent damaging paintwork and plastic parts of the car.

**12** Remove the cowl grille seal.



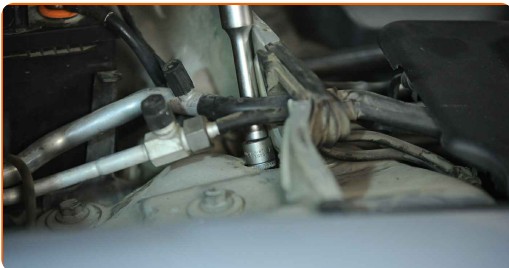
**13** Raise up and remove the cowl grille.



**14** Remove the shock strut mount cap. Use a flat screwdriver.



**15** Unscrew the top fastening of the shock strut. Use a drive socket #13. Use a ratchet wrench.

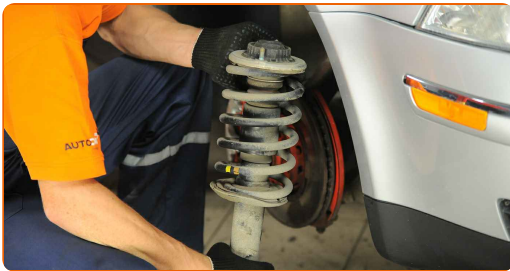


Replacement: strut mount – VW PASSAT Variant (3B5). AUTODOC experts recommend:

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

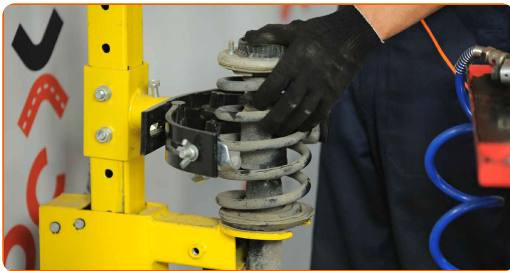
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Remove the suspension strut.



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Set the shock absorber strut on the spring compressor tool.



AUTODOC recommends:

- Note that when using a spring compressor, spring coils need to be securely gripped, compressing the spring on the opposite sides.
- Ensure the correct position of the spring in the retainer.
- Make sure that the spring coils tightly entered the lock handles.

**18** Compress the spring.

**19** Treat the shock strut rod. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.



**20** Remove the strut piston rod nut. Use a drive socket #19. Use a ratchet wrench.



**21** Remove the top strut mount. Use a flat screwdriver.



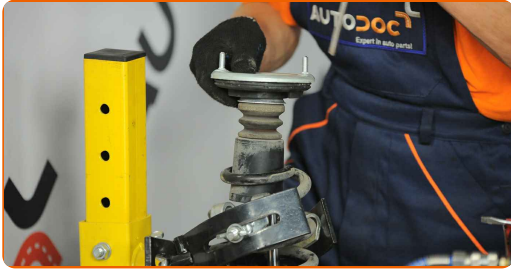
Replacement: strut mount – VW PASSAT Variant (3B5). Professionals recommend:

- Examine the shock absorber dust cap and the bump stop. Replace them if necessary.



**22**

Install a new strut mount.



**23**

Tighten the shock strut piston rod nut. Use HEX No.H5. Use a drive socket #19. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 50 nm torque.



Replacement: strut mount – VW PASSAT Variant (3B5). Tip from AUTODOC experts:

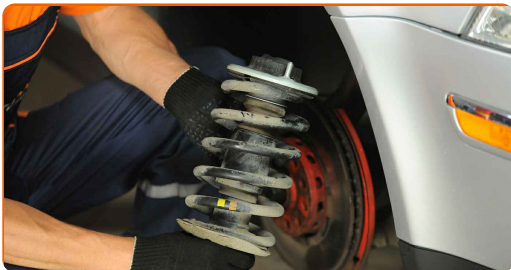
- Check to make sure the spring is positioned correctly. Avoid its misalignment.

**24**

Decompress the spring.

**25**

Remove the assembled shock strut.



**26**

Install the shock strut into the wheel arch.

**27** Screw the top fastening of the shock strut mount.



**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Important! Hold the suspension strut while screwing in the fastening bolts. VW PASSAT Variant (3B5)

**28** Tighten the upper fastener of the shock absorber strut mount. Use a drive socket #13. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 22 nm torque. Install the shock strut mount cap. Use a flat screwdriver.



**29** Install and secure the cowl grille.



**30** Install the cowl grille seal.



**31** Remove the fender protection cover.

**32** Close the hood.

**33** Raise the front of the car and secure on supports.

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



**35** Install the fastening bolt. Use a pin punch. Use a hammer.

**36** Raise the hydraulic transmission jack by 10-15 cm.



**37** Tighten the fastening bolt that connects the shock absorber fork to the lower control arm. Use a combination spanner #18. Use a drive socket #18. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 90 Nm torque.



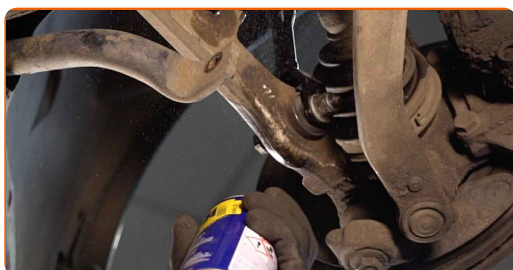
**38** Remove the support from under the arm.

**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Replacement: strut mount – VW PASSAT Variant (3B5). Lower the transmission jack smoothly, without jerks, to avoid damaging components and mechanisms.

**39**

Treat all joints of the arm. Treat the shock strut fasteners. Use copper grease.



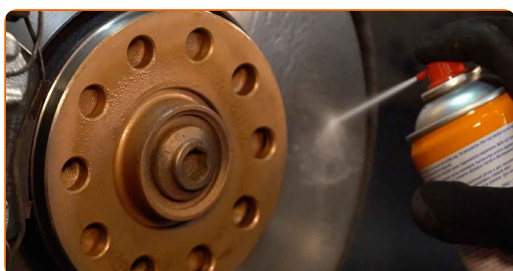
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Treat the surface where the brake disc contacts the wheel rim. Use copper grease.



**41**

Clean the brake disk surface. Use a brake cleaner.



**Replacement: strut mount – VW PASSAT Variant (3B5). Tip:**

- After applying the spray, wait a few minutes.

**42** Install the wheel.



**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Important! Hold the wheel while screwing in the fastening bolts. VW PASSAT Variant (3B5)

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

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



**45** Remove the jacks and chocks.

**WELL DONE!** 

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