



How to change front  
brake pads on **VW**  
**Passat Variant (3G5,**  
**CB5)** – 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 (3G5, CB5) 1.4 TSI, VW Passat Variant (3G5, CB5) 2.0 TDI, VW Passat Variant (3G5, CB5) 1.6 TDI, VW Passat Variant (3G5, CB5) 2.0 TDI 4motion, VW Passat Variant (3G5, CB5) 1.4 TSI 4motion, VW Passat Variant (3G5, CB5) 1.8 TSI, VW Passat Variant (3G5, CB5) 2.0 TSI, VW Passat Variant (3G5, CB5) 1.4 GTE Hybrid, VW Passat Variant (3G5, CB5) 1.5 TSI

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 Golf VII Hatchback (5G1, BQ1, BE1, BE2) 1.8 TSI

REPLACEMENT: BRAKE PADS – VW PASSAT VARIANT  
(3G5, CB5). LIST OF THE TOOLS YOU'LL NEED:



- Wire brush
- Nylon cleaning brush
- Brake cleaner
- Anti-squeal paste
- Ceramic grease
- Torque wrench
- Combination spanner #17
- Drive socket # 13
- Wheel impact socket #17
- Ratchet wrench
- Brake caliper wind back tool
- Crow bar
- Wheel chock

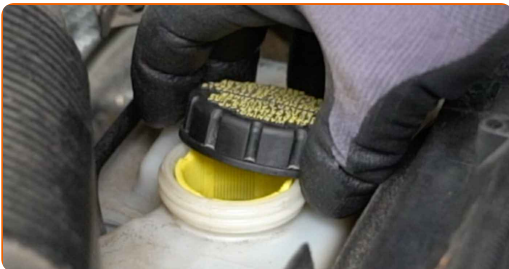
**Buy tools**

Replacement: brake pads – VW Passat Variant (3G5, CB5). AUTODOC experts recommend:

- 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.
- Please note: all work on the car – VW Passat Variant (3G5, CB5) – 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 car.

Replacement: brake pads – VW Passat Variant (3G5, CB5). Professionals recommend:

- If you are using a jack, make sure it rests on a flat surface without any unevenness.
- Be sure to additionally secure the car with jack stands.

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Unscrew the wheel bolts.



AUTODOC recommends:

- Warning! To avoid injury, hold the wheel while unscrewing the fastening bolts. VW Passat Variant (3G5, CB5)

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Remove the wheel.



7

Clean the brake caliper fasteners. Use a wire brush. Use a brake cleaner.



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Unscrew the brake caliper fasteners. Use a combination spanner #17. Use a drive socket #13. Use a ratchet wrench.



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Remove the fastening bolts.



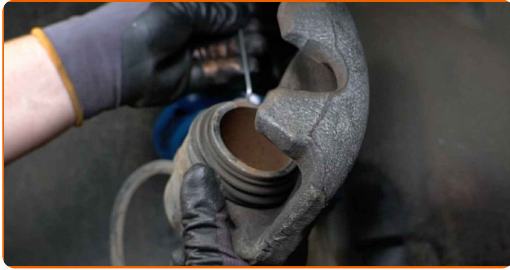
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Spread the brake pads. Use a crowbar.



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Remove the brake caliper.

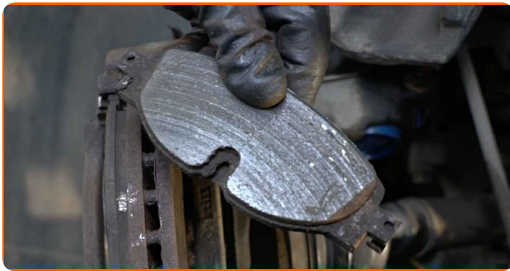


**Replacement: brake pads – VW Passat Variant (3G5, CB5). Tip from AUTODOC experts:**

- 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.

**12**

Remove the brake pads. Use a crowbar.



**Replacement: brake pads – VW Passat Variant (3G5, CB5). Tip from AUTODOC:**

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

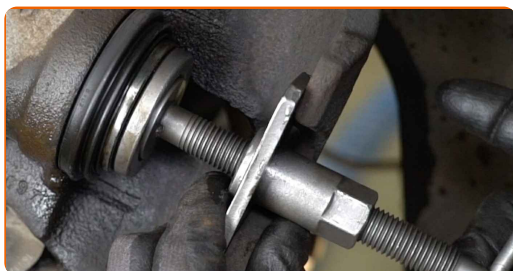
**13** Treat the brake caliper piston. Use a nylon cleaning brush. Use a brake cleaner.



**AUTODOC recommends:**

- After applying the spray, wait a few minutes.

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



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





**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Replacement: brake pads – VW Passat Variant (3G5, CB5). After applying the spray, wait a few minutes.
- Check the brake caliper bracket, brake caliper guide pins and boots. Clean them. Replace, if necessary.

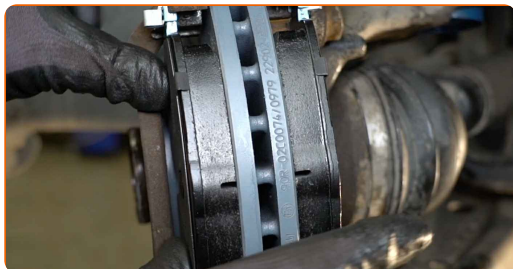
**16** Treat the brake pads in the area where their surface comes into contact with the brake caliper bracket. Use anti-squeal paste.



**Replacement: brake pads – VW Passat Variant (3G5, CB5). AUTODOC experts recommend:**

- Make sure the disc surface is clean before installing the pads.

**17** Install new brake pads.



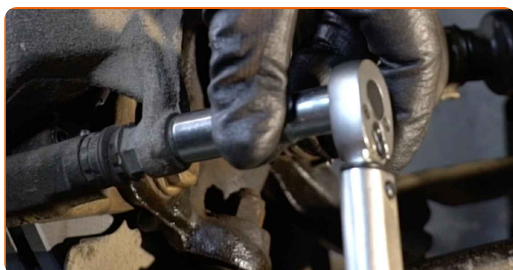
**18** Install the brake caliper and fix it.



**19** Install the fastening bolts.



**20** Tighten the brake caliper fasteners. Use a drive socket #13. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 35 Nm torque.



**21** Clean the wheel rim mounting seat. Use a wire brush.

**22** Treat the surface where the brake disc contacts the wheel rim. Use ceramic grease.



23

Clean the brake disk surface. Use a brake cleaner.



**AUTODOC recommends:**

- After applying the spray, wait a few minutes.

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 (3G5, CB5)

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



- 26** 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.



- 27** Remove the jacks and chocks.



**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Without starting the engine, press the brake pedal several times until you feel significant resistance.
- Check the brake fluid level in the expansion tank and refill if necessary.

- 28** Tighten the brake fluid reservoir cap. Close the hood.



**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Slow down smoothly for first 150-200 km after the brake pads replacement.  
Avoid unnecessary and sharp braking to a stop.

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