



How to change rear  
shock absorbers 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:

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

**REPLACEMENT: SHOCK ABSORBERS – VW PASSAT  
VARIANT (3G5, CB5). TOOLS YOU MIGHT NEED:**



- Wire brush
- WD-40 spray
- Brake cleaner
- Ceramic grease
- Copper grease
- Torque wrench
- Combination spanner #18
- Drive socket # 13
- Drive socket # 16
- Drive socket # 18
- Shock absorber socket DD#5,2
- Shock absorber socket DD#6
- Torx bit T25
- Wheel impact socket #17
- Ratchet wrench
- Vice
- Crow bar
- Hydraulic transmission jack
- Wheel chock

**Buy tools**

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

- Both shock absorbers of the rear suspension should be replaced simultaneously.
- The replacement procedure is identical for the left and right shock absorbers of the rear suspension.
- 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** Secure the wheels with chocks.

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



**3** Raise the car.

Replacement: shock absorbers – VW Passat Variant (3G5, CB5). AUTODOC experts 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.

**4** Unscrew the wheel bolts.



**AUTODOC recommends:**

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

**5** Remove the wheel.



**6** Clean the lower shock absorber fastener. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.



**7** Support the rear knuckle. Use a hydraulic transmission jack.



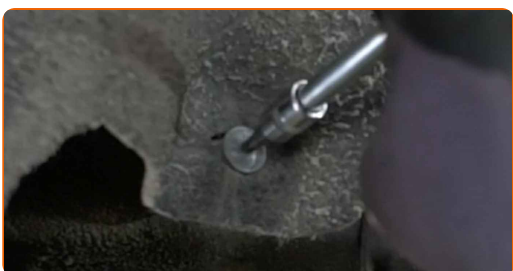
- 8 Unscrew the lower fastener of the shock absorber. Use a combination spanner #18. Use a drive socket #18. Use a ratchet wrench.



- 9 Clean the locker fasteners. Use a wire brush.



- 10 Unscrew the locker fasteners. Use Torx T25. Use a ratchet wrench.



- 11 Move the locker aside to gain access to the upper shock absorber fasteners.



**12** Clean the charcoal canister fastener. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.



**13** Unscrew the charcoal canister fastener. Use a drive socket #13. Use a ratchet wrench.



**14** Move the charcoal canister aside to gain access to the upper shock absorber fasteners.



**15** Clean the fasteners of the shock absorber upper mount. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.



**16** Unscrew the shock absorber mount fasteners. Use a drive socket #16. Use a ratchet wrench.



**17** Remove the fastening bolts.



**18** Lower the hydraulic transmission jack by 10-15 cm.



**19** Remove the fastening bolt.



**20** Remove the shock absorber.





**21**

Clean the shock absorber mounting seats. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.

**22**

Grip the shock absorber in a vice.

**23**

Remove the shock absorber mount cap. Use a crowbar.

**24**

Clean the shock absorber rod fastener. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.



**25**

Remove the fastener of the shock absorber piston rod. Use a drive socket #16. Use a shock absorber socket DDN<sup>o</sup>5,2. Use a ratchet wrench.



**26**

Remove the shock absorber mount, boot and bump stop.



**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Replacement: shock absorbers – VW Passat Variant (3G5, CB5). Carefully inspect the mount, the boot, and the bump stop of the shock absorber. Replace if necessary.

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Install the mount, dust boot, and bump stop on a new shock absorber.



**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Before installing a new shock absorber you should pump it manually 3-5 times.

- 28 Tighten the shock absorber rod nut. Use a drive socket #16. Use a shock absorber socket DDN#6. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 25 Nm torque.



- 29 Treat the shock absorber rod fastener. Use copper grease.



- 30 Install the shock absorber mount cap.



- 31 Release the vice and take out the shock absorber.



- 32 Place the shock absorber in the wheel arch and secure it.



**33** Install the fastening bolt.



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



**35** Install the fastening bolts.



**36** Tighten the shock absorber mount fasteners. Use a drive socket #16. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 50 Nm torque. +45°



**37** Treat the shock absorber mount fasteners. Use copper grease.



**38** Reinstall the charcoal canister.



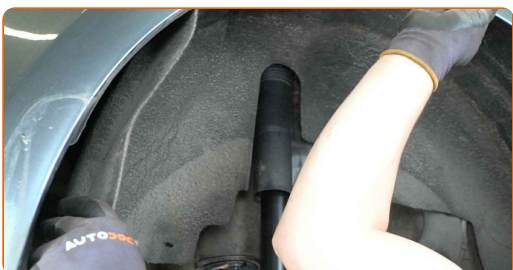
**39** Tighten the charcoal canister fastener. Use a drive socket #13. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 12 Nm torque.



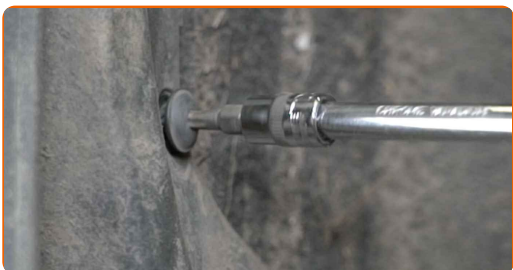
**40** Treat the charcoal canister fastener. Use copper grease.



**41** Install the wheel arch cover to its mounting seat.



**42** Screw in the locker fasteners. Use Torx T25. Use a ratchet wrench.



**AUTODOC recommends:**

- For tightening the fasteners correctly, you have to jack up the suspension components to their working position.

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Tighten the lower fastener of the shock absorber. Use a combination spanner #18. Use a drive socket #18. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 70 Nm torque. +180°



**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Important! Be sure to use new fasteners.

**44**

Remove the support from under the rear knuckle.



**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Replacement: shock absorbers – VW Passat Variant (3G5, CB5). Lower the transmission jack smoothly, without jerks, to avoid damaging components and mechanisms.

**45** Treat the shock absorber fasteners. Use copper grease.



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



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



**48** Clean the brake disk surface. Use a brake cleaner.



**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Replacement: shock absorbers – VW Passat Variant (3G5, CB5). After applying the spray, wait a few minutes.

**49** 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)

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



**51** 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.





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Remove the jacks and chocks.



**WELL DONE!** 

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