



How to change water  
pump on **VW Polo**  
**Variant (6V5)** –  
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 Polo Variant (6V5) 1.8, VW Polo Variant (6V5) 1.6

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 II (19E, 1G1) 1.6

REPLACEMENT: WATER PUMP – VW POLO VARIANT (6V5). TOOLS YOU NEED:



- Wire brush
- WD-40 spray
- All-purpose cleaning spray
- Sealant
- Torque wrench
- Combination spanner #13
- Drive socket # 7
- Drive socket # 10
- Drive socket # 13
- HEX bit No.H6
- Ratchet wrench
- Seal scraper
- Funnel
- Fluid container
- Fender cover

**Buy tools**

**Replacement: water pump – VW Polo Variant (6V5). Tip from AUTODOC:**

- Follow the terms, recommendations and requirements of the part operation provided by the manufacturer.
- Check the coolant condition and replace it if necessary.
- Inspect the thermostat and the thermostat housing. Replace if necessary.
- Please note: all work on the car – VW Polo Variant (6V5) – should be done with the engine switched off.

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

**1** Open the hood.

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

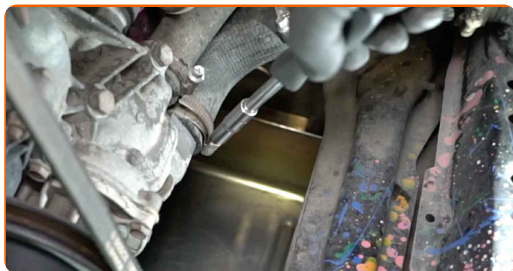
**3** Unscrew the coolant reservoir cap.



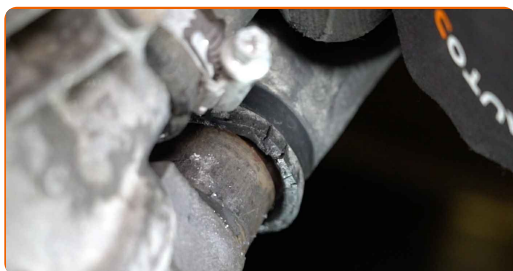
**4** Prepare a container for fluids.



**5** Loosen the coolant hose clamp. Use a drive socket #7. Use a ratchet wrench.



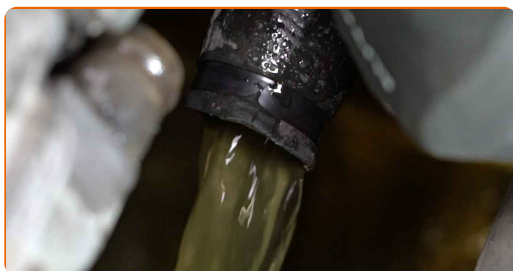
**6** Detach the coolant hose.



**Replacement: water pump – VW Polo Variant (6V5). Tip:**

- Caution! Coolant may come out from the water pump channels and body.

**7** Drain the coolant from the engine.



Replacement: water pump – VW Polo Variant (6V5). AUTODOC experts recommend:

- Caution! The coolant can be very hot.
- Wear gloves to prevent contact with hot liquid.
- All work should be done with the engine stopped.
- Wait until the coolant has completely flowed out of the drain hole.

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Unscrew the thermostat housing fasteners. Use a drive socket #13. Use a ratchet wrench.



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Remove the thermostat housing.



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Remove the thermostat.



**AUTODOC recommends:**

- Replacement: water pump – VW Polo Variant (6V5). Do not use excessive force when removing the part as this may damage it.
- Caution! Coolant may leak out of the coolant lines and thermostat housing.

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Clean the water pump pulley fastener. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.



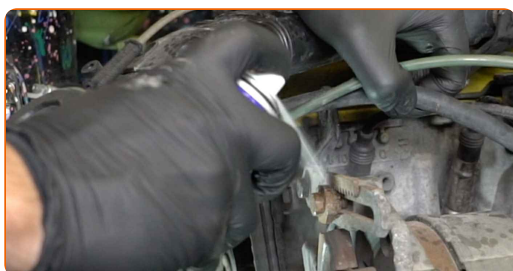
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Unscrew the water pump pulley fastener. Use HEX No.H6. Use a ratchet wrench.



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Clean the alternator fasteners. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.



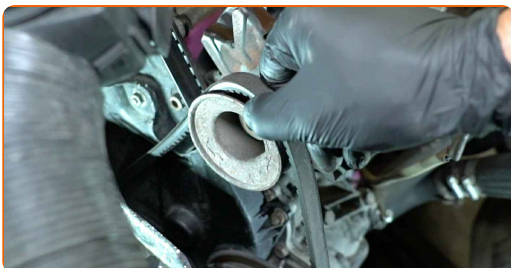
**14** Loosen the alternator fasteners. Use a combination spanner #13.



**15** Move the alternator aside.



**16** Remove the V belt.



**17** Remove the water pump pulley.

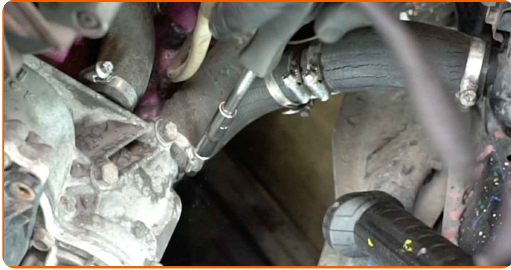


**18** Unscrew the fasteners of the water pump housing. Use a drive socket #10. Use a ratchet wrench.





**19** Loosen the coolant hose clamp. Use a drive socket #7. Use a ratchet wrench.



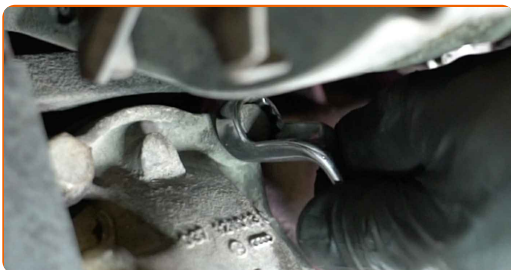
**20** Detach the coolant hose.



Replacement: water pump – VW Polo Variant (6V5). Tip from AUTODOC:

- Caution! Coolant may come out from the water pump channels and body.

**21** Unscrew the water pump fasteners. Use a combination spanner #13. Use a drive socket #13. Use a ratchet wrench.



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Remove the water pump.



Replacement: water pump – VW Polo Variant (6V5). AUTODOC recommends:

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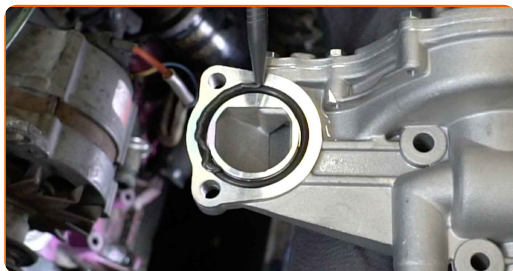
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Clean the water pump mounting seat. Use a seal scraper. Use all-purpose cleaning spray.



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Treat the water pump mounting seat. Use a sealant.



**25** Install the new water pump.



**26** Tighten the water pump fasteners. Use a combination spanner #13. Use a drive socket #13. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 14 nm torque.



**27** Attach the coolant hose.



**28** Secure the coolant hose clamp. Use a drive socket #7. Use a ratchet wrench.



**29** Install the water pump pulley.



**30** Install the V belt.



**31** Put the alternator back in place.



**32** Tighten the alternator fasteners. Use a drive socket #13. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 10 nm torque.



**33** Tighten the water pump pulley fastener. Use HEX No.H6. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 9 nm torque.



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Screw in the fasteners of the water pump housing. Use a drive socket #10. Use a ratchet wrench.



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Install the thermostat.



**AUTODOC recommends:**

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Install the thermostat housing.



- 37 Tighten the thermostat housing fasteners. Use a drive socket #10. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 13 nm torque.



- 38 Attach the coolant hose.



- 39 Secure the coolant hose clamp. Use a drive socket #7. Use a ratchet wrench.



- 40 Remove the coolant reservoir cap.

- 41 Insert the funnel.



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Pour coolant in the coolant reservoir.



**Replacement: water pump – VW Polo Variant (6V5). Professionals recommend:**

- Only use the coolant recommended by the manufacturer.
- The coolant level should be at the MAX mark.
- Wait until the air goes out of the system.

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Run the engine for a few minutes. This should be done in order to remove residual air from the cooling system and to check if the components are operating correctly.

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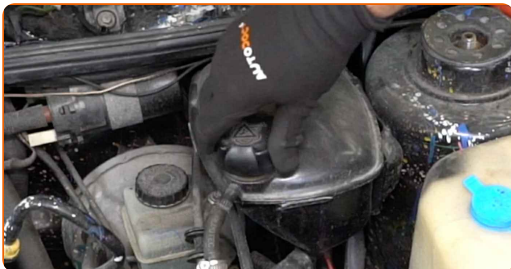
Shut off the engine.

**45**

Install the coolant reservoir cap.

**46**

Screw on the coolant reservoir cap.



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Remove the fender protection cover.

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Close the hood.

**WELL DONE!** 

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