# How to replace the lower arm of the front independent suspension on VOLKSWAGEN CADDY III (2KB, 2KJ, 2CB, 2CJ)

VIDEO TUTORIAL

## ⓘ Important!

This replacement procedure can be used for:
VW CADDY III Box (2KA, 2KH, 2CA, 2CH) 1.4, VW CADDY III Estate (2KB, 2KJ, 2CB, 2CJ) 1.4, VW GOLF PLUS (5M1, 521) 1.4 16V, VW GOLF V (1K1) 1.4 16V

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The steps may slightly vary depending on the car design.

# REQUIRED TOOLS:

- Wire brush
- WD-40 spray
- Drive socket # 16
- Drive socket # 18
- Combination spanner #18
- Copper grease
- Torque wrench
- Wheel impact socket #17
- Ball joint puller
- Crow bar
- Hydraulic transmission jack
- Wheel chock

## AUTODOC recommends:

- The replacement procedure is identical for the left and right lower control arms.
- Replacement of the independent suspension lower arm in some cars requires a part of the outlet piping of the additional heater to be removed.
- All work should be done with the engine stopped.

## CARRY OUT REPLACEMENT IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

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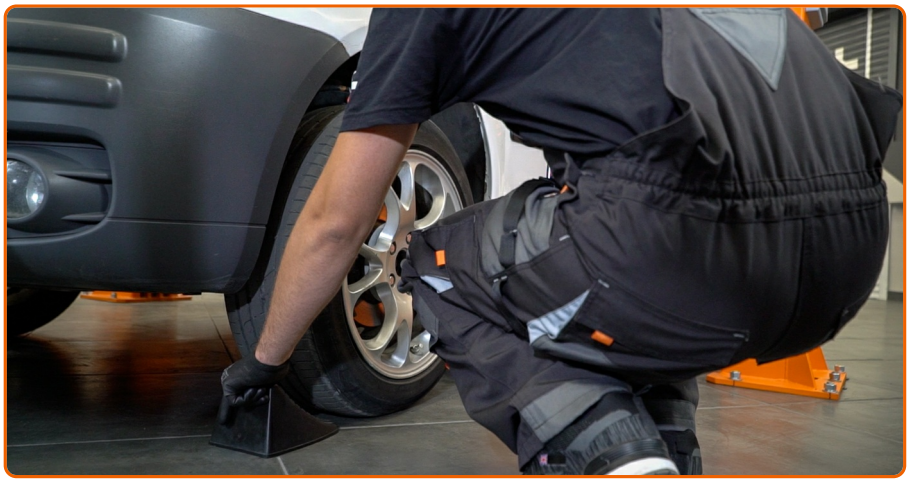

Secure the wheels with chocks.

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

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Raise the front of the car and secure on supports.

4

Unscrew the wheel bolts.

## AUTODOC recommends:

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

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Remove the wheel.

6

Remove the lower sound insulation.

## Please note!

- Some cars are not equipped with the lower sound insulation.

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Clean all joints of the arm. Use a wire brush. Treat all joints of the arm. Use WD-40 spray.

## AUTODOC recommends:

- After applying the spray, wait a few minutes.
- Wear protective goggles.

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Unscrew the ball joint fastening nut. Use a combination spanner #18.

9

Loosen the fastening nut, remove the arm from the steering knuckle using a ball joint puller. If necessary, use a crowbar.

10

Unscrew the front arm fastener. Use a drive socket No.18 or ring spanner No.18.

11

Unscrew the rear arm fastener. Use a drive socket #16, #18.

12

Remove the arm. Use a crowbar.

## AUTODOC recommends:

- Clean the mounting seats and the thread of the suspension arm.

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Install a new arm. Insert the ball joint into the steering knuckle and fix it with a new nut.

## AUTODOC recommends:

- Do not damage the ball joint cover.

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Install the front fastener of the arm. Do not tighten it.

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Install the rear fastener of the arm.

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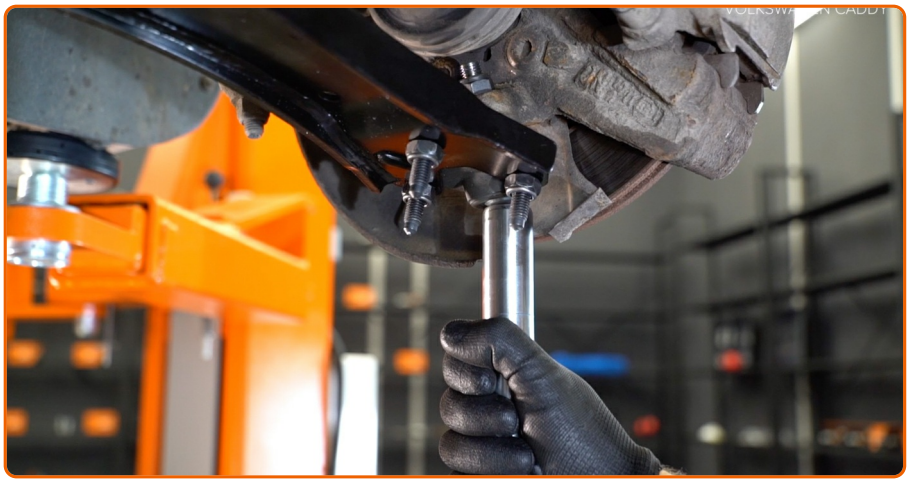

Support the arm. Use a hydraulic transmission jack.

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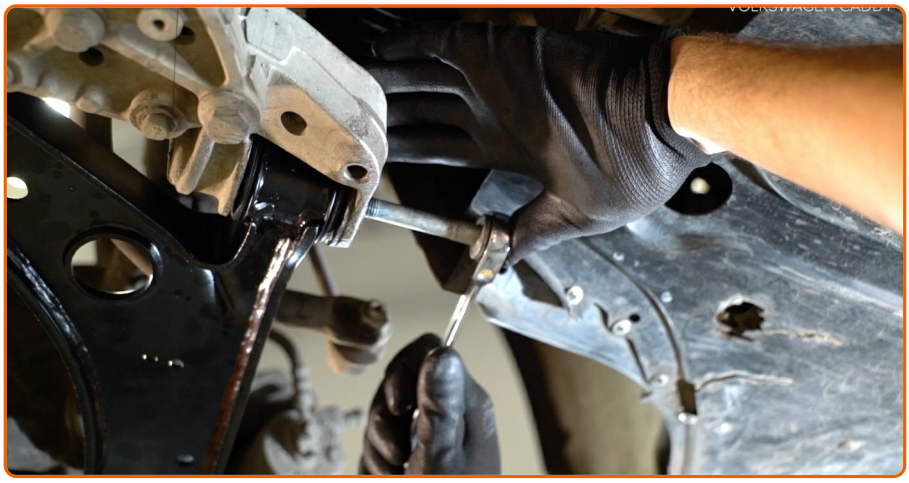

Screw the front arm fastener. Use a drive socket No.18 or ring spanner No.18. Tighten it to 70 nm torque.

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Tighten the rear fastener connecting the arm to the car body. Use a drive socket #18. Tighten it to 70 nm torque.

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Tighten the rear fastener connecting the arm to the body subframe. Use a drive socket #16. Tighten it to 50 nm torque.

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Tighten the ball joint fastening nut. Use a combination spanner #18. Tighten it to 60 nm torque.

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Install the lower sound insulation.

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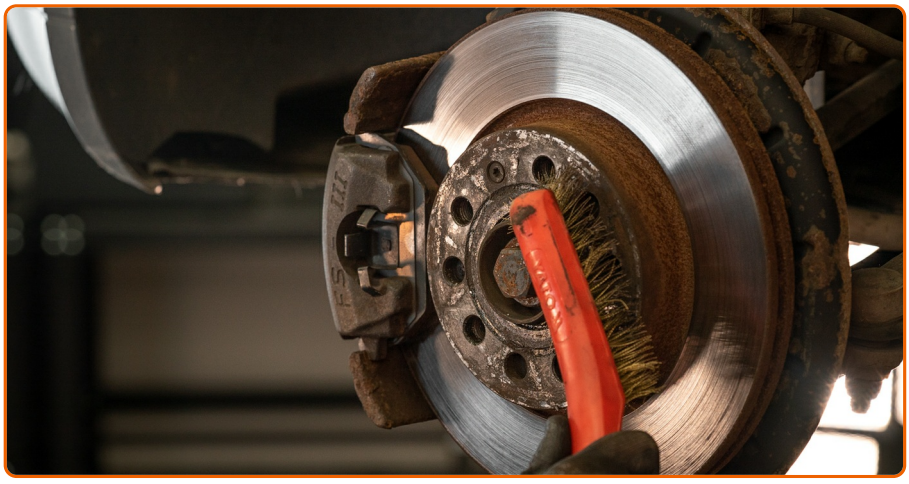

Clean the wheel rim mounting seat. Use a wire brush. Treat the contacting surface. Use copper grease.

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Install the wheel.

## 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.

25

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

26

Remove the jacks and chocks.

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