





SIMILAR VIDEO TUTORIAL



This video shows the replacement procedure of a similar car part on another vehicle

(i) Important!

This replacement procedure can be used for: BMW 7 (E38) 740i / iL 4.0, BMW 7 (E38) 740i / iL 4.4, BMW 7 (E38) 735i , iL 3.5

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: BMW X5 (E53) 3.0 i

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REPLACEMENT: BRAKE PADS – BMW 7 (E38). TOOLS YOU'LL NEED:



- Wire brush
- WD-40 spray
- Brake cleaner
- Anti-squeal paste
- Copper grease
- HEX bit no.H7.

- Wheel impact socket #19
- Ratchet wrench
- Torque wrench
- Brake caliper wind back tool
- Crow bar
- Wheel chock

Buy tools

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Replacement: brake pads – BMW 7 (E38). AUTODOC recommends:

- 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.
- All work should be done with the engine stopped.

REPLACEMENT: BRAKE PADS – BMW 7 (E38). RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE OF STEPS:

Open the bonnet.

Remove the rubber strip.



Remove the protective cover.



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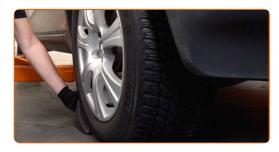




4 Unscrew the brake fluid reservoir cap.



Secure the wheels with chocks.



Loosen the wheel mounting bolts. Use wheel impact socket #19.



- Raise the front of the car and secure on supports.
- Unscrew the wheel bolts.



AUTODOC recommends:

Warning! To avoid injury, hold the wheel while unscrewing the fastening bolts.
 BMW 7 (E38)

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9 Remove the wheel.

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Spread the brake pads. Use a crowbar.



Remove the dust boot caps of the brake caliper guide pins. Use a crowbar.



Unscrew the brake caliper fastening. Use HEX No.H7. Use a ratchet wrench.



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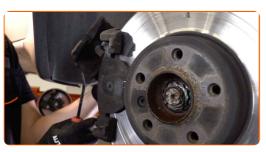




Detach the brake caliper retaining spring. Use a crowbar.



Remove the brake caliper.



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- 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.

Remove the brake pads. Use a crowbar.

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Replacement: brake pads – BMW 7 (E38). Tip from AUTODOC:

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

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Treat the brake caliper piston. Use a brake cleaner.



Replacement: brake pads – BMW 7 (E38). AUTODOC experts recommend:

• After applying the spray, wait a few minutes.

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



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



AUTODOC recommends:

- Replacement: brake pads BMW 7 (E38). After applying the spray, wait a few minutes.
- Treat the brake caliper bracket where it contacts the brake pads. Use anti-squeal paste.



Replacement: brake pads – BMW 7 (E38). Tip from AUTODOC experts:

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

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20 Install new brake pads.



Replacement: brake pads – BMW 7 (E38). Tip:

- Make sure the pads are installed with linings facing the disc.
- Install the brake caliper and fix it. Use HEX No.H7. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 30 Nm torque.



Install the dust boot caps of the brake caliper guide pins.



Install the brake caliper retaining spring.



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



25 Install the wheel.



AUTODOC recommends:

- Important! Hold the wheel while screwing in the fastening bolts. BMW 7 (E38)
- Screw in the wheel bolts. Use wheel impact socket #19.



Lower the car and working in a cross order, tighten the wheel bolts. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 140 nm torque.



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