





#### 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 3 Compact (E46) 318ti 2.0, BMW 3 Compact (E46) 318td 2.0, BMW 3 Compact (E46) 318Ti 2.0

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 3 Convertible (E46) 318Ci 2.0

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# REPLACEMENT: BRAKE DISCS – BMW 3 COMPACT (E46). TOOLS YOU'LL NEED:



- Wire brush
- WD-40 spray
- Brake cleaner
- Copper grease
- Torx bit T30
- Drive socket # 16
- HEX bit No.H7.
- Wheel impact socket #17

- Ratchet wrench
- Torque wrench
- Brake caliper wind back tool
- Tap wrench
- Impact screwdriver
- Rubber mallet
- Crow bar
- Wheel chock

**Buy tools** 

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#### Replacement: brake discs – BMW 3 Compact (E46). AUTODOC recommends:

- Replace the brake disks on the car BMW 3 E46 in complete set for each axis.
  Regardless of the state of components. This will ensure even braking.
- The replacement procedure is identical for both brake disks on the same axle.
- When changing the brake discs, always replace the brake pads.
- All work should be done with the engine stopped.

# REPLACEMENT: BRAKE DISCS – BMW 3 COMPACT (E46). USE THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURE:

Open the bonnet. Unscrew the brake fluid reservoir cap.

Secure the wheels with chocks.



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



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



#### **AUTODOC** recommends:

- Important! Hold the wheel while unscrewing the fastening bolts. BMW 3 Compact (E46)
- 6 Remove the wheel.



Spread the brake pads. Use a crowbar.



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



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



Detach the brake caliper retaining spring. Use a crowbar.



11 Remove the brake caliper.



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## Replacement: brake discs – BMW 3 Compact (E46). Professionals recommend:

- 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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Disconnect the brake pads wear sensor. Use a crowbar.



#### Please note!

• Some cars are not equipped with the brake pad wear sensor.

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Clean the brake caliper bracket fasteners. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.



Unscrew the caliper bracket fastening. Use a drive socket #16. Use a ratchet wrench. Use a tap wrench.



Remove the caliper bracket.

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Clean the brake disk surface. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.



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Unscrew the brake disc fastening. Use Torx T30. Use an impact screwdriver.



Replacement: brake discs – BMW 3 Compact (E46). AUTODOC experts recommend:

• If necessary, use a rubber mallet.

19 Remove the brake disc.



Clean the hub. Use a wire brush. Treat the contacting surface. Use copper grease.



Move the parking brake shoes against the drum. Use a crowbar.



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22 Install the brake disc.



Tighten the brake disc fastening. Use Torx T30. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 16 Nm torque.



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



### **AUTODOC** recommends:

• Replacement: brake discs – BMW 3 Compact (E46). After applying the spray, wait a few minutes.

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Install the brake caliper bracket.



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Tighten the brake caliper bracket. Use a drive socket #16. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 65 Nm torque.



Treat the brake caliper piston. Use a brake cleaner.



#### **AUTODOC** recommends:

- After applying the spray, wait a few minutes.
- Press in the brake caliper piston. Use brake caliper wind back tool.



29 Install the brake pads.



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