



How to change front
windshield wipers on
BMW 3 Compact (E46) –
replacement guide

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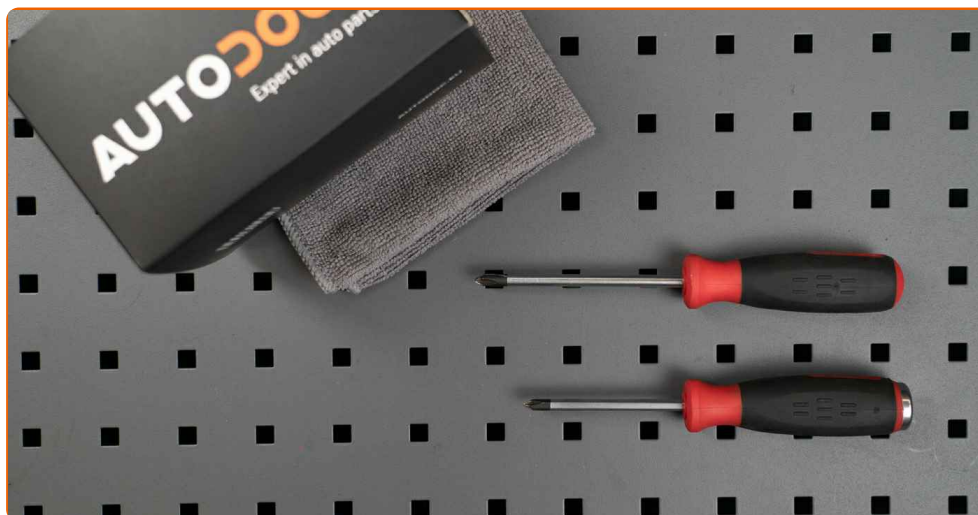
This replacement procedure can be used for:

BMW 3 Compact (E46) 316ti 1.8, BMW 3 Compact (E46) 325ti 2.5, BMW 3 Compact (E46) 318ti 2.0, BMW 3 Compact (E46) 320td 2.0, BMW 3 Compact (E46) 318td 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 5 Saloon (E39) 530i 3.0

REPLACEMENT: WINDSHIELD WIPERS – BMW 3 COMPACT (E46). TOOLS YOU MIGHT NEED:



- Flat Screwdriver

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Replacement: windshield wipers – BMW 3 Compact (E46). Tip from AUTODOC experts:

- Always replace front wiper blades together. It will ensure efficient and uniform cleaning of the windshield.
- Don't confuse the wiper blades of the driver and passenger side.
- The replacement procedure for both wiper blades is identical.
- All work should be done with the engine stopped.

REPLACEMENT: WINDSHIELD WIPERS – BMW 3 COMPACT (E46). USE THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURE:

1

Prepare the new windscreen wipers.



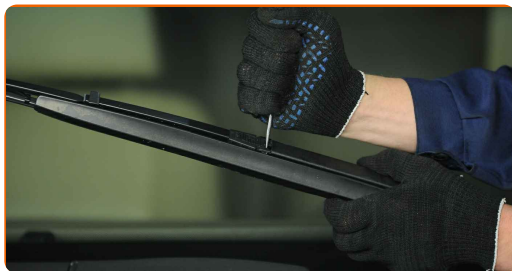
2

Pull the wiper arm away from the glass surface until it stops.



3

Press the clip. Use a flat screwdriver.



4

Remove the blade from the wiper arm.

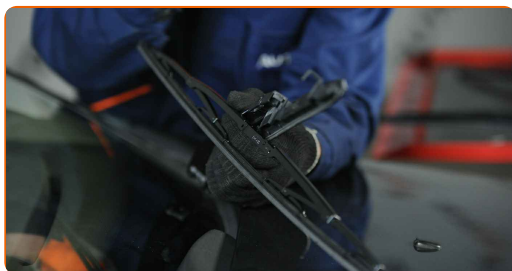


Replacement: windshield wipers – BMW 3 Compact (E46). Tip:

- When replacing the wiper blade, take caution to prevent the spring-loaded wiper arm from hitting the glass.

5

Install the new wiper blade and carefully press the wiper arm down to the glass.

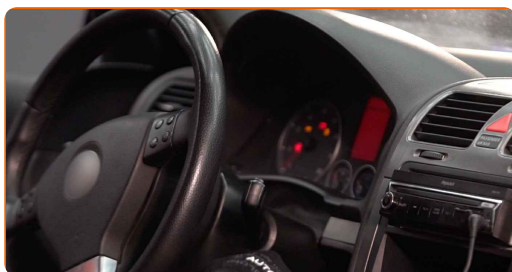


Replacement: windshield wipers – BMW 3 Compact (E46). AUTODOC recommends:

- Don't touch the wiper blade at the working rubber edge to prevent damage to the graphite coating.
- Ensure that the blade rubber strip fits tightly to the glass along the entire length.

6

Switch on the ignition.



7

After installation check the wipers performance. The blades shouldn't intersect or bump against the windshield seal.

WELL DONE! 👍

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