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This replacement procedure can be used for:

BMW X3 (E83) xDrive 20 d, BMW X3 (E83) xDrive 30 d, BMW 3 Saloon (E46) 330d 2.9, BMW 3 Touring (E46) 330d 2.9, BMW 3 Touring (E46) 330xd 2.9, BMW 3 Saloon (E46) 330xd 2.9, BMW 3 Saloon (E46) 330xi 3.0, BMW 3 Touring (E46) 330xi 3.0, BMW 3 Saloon (E46) 330i 3.0, BMW 3 Convertible (E46) 330Ci 3.0, BMW 3 Saloon (E46) 325i 2.5, BMW 3 Saloon (E46) 325xi 2.5, BMW 3 Coupe (E46) 330Cd 3.0, BMW 3 Saloon (E46) 330d 3.0, (+ 18)

The steps may slightly vary depending on the car design.

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# REPLACEMENT: BRAKE PADS – BMW E46 TOURING. TOOLS YOU'LL NEED:



- Wire brush
- Brake cleaner
- Copper grease
- Anti-squeal paste
- HEX bit No.H7.
- Wheel impact socket #17

- Ratchet wrench
- Torque wrench
- Brake caliper wind back tool
- Crow bar
- Wheel chock

**BUY TOOLS** 

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### Replacement: brake pads – BMW E46 touring. Tip from AUTODOC:

- 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.
- Warning! Shut down the engine before starting any work BMW E46 touring.

## CARRY OUT REPLACEMENT IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

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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A Raise the front of the car and secure on supports.



5 Unscrew the wheel bolts.



Replacement: brake pads – BMW E46 touring. AUTODOC experts recommend:

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

6 Remove the wheel.



Spread the brake pads. Use a crowbar.



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Detach the brake caliper retaining spring. 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.



11 Remove the brake caliper.



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#### Replacement: brake pads – BMW E46 touring. AUTODOC recommends:

- 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.

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Remove the brake pads.



# Replacement: brake pads – BMW E46 touring. Tip:

 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.



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### Replacement: brake pads – BMW E46 touring. Professionals recommend:

• After applying the spray, wait a few minutes.





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



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#### **AUTODOC** recommends:

- Replacement: brake pads BMW E46 touring. After applying the spray, wait a few minutes.
- Treat the brake caliper bracket where it contacts the brake pads. Use anti-squeal paste.



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## Replacement: brake pads – BMW E46 touring. Tip from AUTODOC experts:

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

17 Install new brake pads.



#### Replacement: brake pads – BMW E46 touring. 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.



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20 Install the brake caliper retaining spring.



Clean the brake disk surface. Use a brake cleaner.



#### **AUTODOC** recommends:

- Replacement: brake pads BMW E46 touring. After applying the spray, wait a few minutes.
- Treat the surface where the brake disc contacts the wheel rim. Use copper grease.



Install the wheel.



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### Replacement: brake pads – BMW E46 touring. Tip from AUTODOC experts:

• To avoid injury, hold up the wheel when screwing in the fastening bolts.





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



Remove the jacks and chocks.



Replacement: brake pads – BMW E46 touring. AUTODOC recommends:

• Check the brake fluid level in the expansion tank and refill if necessary.

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