





#### 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 Convertible (E36) 320i 2.0, BMW 3 Convertible (E36) 325i 2.5, BMW 3

Convertible (E36) 318i 1.8, BMW 3 Convertible (E36) M3 3.0, BMW 3 Convertible (E36) 328i 2.8, BMW 3 Convertible (E36) 323i 2.5, BMW 3 Convertible (E36) M3 3.2

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 PADS – BMW 3 CONVERTIBLE (E36). TOOLS YOU'LL NEED:



- Wire brush
- WD-40 spray
- 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 3 Convertible (E36). 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 3 CONVERTIBLE (E36). TAKE THE FOLLOWING STEPS:

Open the bonnet. Unscrew the brake fluid reservoir cap.

Secure the wheels with chocks.



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



Raise the rear of the car and secure on supports.

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5 Unscrew the wheel bolts.



#### **AUTODOC** recommends:

 Important! Hold the wheel while unscrewing the fastening bolts. BMW 3 Convertible (E36)

6 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.



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



Detach the brake caliper retaining spring. Use a crowbar.



Remove the brake caliper.



## Replacement: brake pads – BMW 3 Convertible (E36). 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.

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Remove the brake pads. Use a crowbar.



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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Treat the brake caliper piston. Use a brake cleaner.



#### **AUTODOC** recommends:

 Replacement: brake pads – BMW 3 Convertible (E36). After applying the spray, wait a few minutes.

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



Treat the back side of the new brake pads. Use anti-squeal paste.



#### **AUTODOC** recommends:

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

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Install new brake pads.



Replacement: brake pads – BMW 3 Convertible (E36). Tip from AUTODOC:

• Make sure the pads are installed with linings facing the disc.

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Connect the brake pads wear sensor.



Install the brake caliper and fix it. Use HEX No.H7. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 30 Nm torque.



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



Install the brake caliper retaining spring.

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Clean the brake disk surface. Use a brake cleaner.



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



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Install the wheel.



### Replacement: brake pads – BMW 3 Convertible (E36). Tip:

• 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.



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



#### **AUTODOC** recommends:

• BMW 3 Convertible (E36) – Press the brake pedal several times with the engine shut down until you feel the resistance built up.

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Remove the jacks and chocks.



Replacement: brake pads – BMW 3 Convertible (E36). Tip from AUTODOC experts:

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

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Tighten the brake fluid reservoir cap. Close the hood.

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