2015-2018 Audi A3 - Brake Pad Replacement

2015-2018 Audi A3 | Advanced | 1-3 hours | $205 DIY

TOOLS

Floor jack, rated jack stands, and wheel chocks Lug wrench and calibrated torque wrench Brake piston compressor or suitable spreader Socket set, wire brush, brake cleaner, gloves, and eye protection

PARTS

Front or rear brake pad set for 2015-2018 Audi A3; verify axle, brake package, and VIN fitment $180.00

Replacement pad hardware or wear sensor only if the kit requires it $25.00

STEPS

1. **Confirm the front brake setup - The 2015-2018 A3 (8V) uses single-piston floating** calipers. Order front pads plus a wear sensor - one front wheel carries it and the old one is usually brittle. Check rotors for a lip and scoring; A3 rotors are often replaced with the pa...
2. **Lift and secure the A3 - Park level, chock rear wheels, and set the parking brake. Break** wheel bolts loose on the ground - the A3 uses bolts, so keep one loosely threaded while jacking. Raise onto stands, remove the wheel, and turn the steering toward the side y...
3. **Remove the caliper and old pads - Pop the guide-pin dust caps off, pry the anti-rattle** spring off, and remove the two HEX H7 guide bolts. Lift the caliper off the rotor and tie it to the strut - never by the hose. Unplug the wear sensor and slide out the pads.
4. **Prep the hardware and retract the piston - Clean the bracket’s pad slides and check rotor** thickness against the wear limit. Grease the pad contact points, keeping grease off the friction faces. Re-grease the pins with silicone brake grease. Siphon the reservoir below MAX, then push...
5. **Install pads, torque, pump, and bed in - Seat the pads, slide the caliper over, and** torque the HEX H7 bolts to 30 Nm. Refit the dust caps and spring, reconnect the wear sensor, and refit the wheel. Torque the bolts to spec, pump the pedal until firm, then bed the pads.

TORQUE

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