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Congratulations, and thank you for choosing a BMW.

Thorough familiarity with your vehicle will provide you with enhanced control and security when you drive it. We therefore have this request:

Please take the time to read this Owner's Manual and familiarize yourself with the information that we have compiled for you before starting off in your new vehicle. It contains important data and instructions intended to assist you in gaining maximum use and satisfaction from your BMW's unique range of technical features. The manual also contains information on maintenance designed to enhance operating safety and contribute to maintaining the value of your BMW throughout an extended service life.

This manual is supplemented by a Service and Warranty Information Booklet for US models or a Warranty and Service Guide Booklet for Canadian models.

We wish you an enjoyable driving experience.

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Using this Owner's Manual

We have tried to make all the information in this Owner's Manual easy to find. The fastest way to find specific topics is to refer to the detailed index at the back of the manual. If you wish to gain an initial overview of your vehicle, you will find this in the first chapter.

Should you sell your BMW some day, please remember to hand over the Owner's Manual as well; it is an important component of your vehicle.

Additional sources of information

Should you have any other questions, your BMW center will be glad to advise you at any time.

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Symbols used

Indicates precautions that must be followed precisely in order to avoid the possibility of personal injury and serious damage to the vehicle.◀

Indicates information that will assist you in gaining the optimum benefit from your vehicle and enable you to care more effectively for your vehicle.◀

Refers to measures that can be taken to help protect the environment.◀

◀ Marks the end of a specific item of information.

* Indicates special equipment, country-specific equipment and optional accessories, as well as equipment and functions not yet available at the time of printing.

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When you ordered your BMW, you chose various items of equipment. This Owner's Manual describes the entire array of options and equipment available with a specific BMW model.

Please bear in mind that the manual may contain information on accessories and equipment that you have not specified for your own vehicle. Sections describing options and special equipment are marked by asterisks * to assist you in identifying possible differences between the descriptions in this manual and your own vehicle's equipment.

If equipment in your BMW is not described in this Owner's Manual, please refer to the accompanying Supplementary Owner's Manuals.

Editorial notice

BMW pursues a policy of continuous, ongoing development that is conceived to ensure that our vehicles continue to embody the highest quality and safety standards combined with advanced, state-of-the-art technology. For this reason, it is possible in exceptional cases that features described in this Owner's Manual could differ from those on your vehicle.

For your own safety

Maintenance and repair

Advanced technology, e.g., the use of modern materials and powerful electronics, requires specially adapted maintenance and repair methods. You should therefore have the corresponding work on your vehicle performed only by your BMW center or at a workshop that works according to BMW repair procedures with correspondingly trained personnel. If this work is not carried out properly, there is a danger of subsequent damage and related safety hazards.◀

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For your own safety, use genuine parts and accessories approved by BMW.

When you purchase accessories tested and approved by BMW and Original BMW Parts, you simultaneously acquire the assurance that they have been thoroughly tested by BMW to ensure optimum performance when installed on your vehicle.

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▷ Maintenance, replacement, or repair of the emission control devices and systems may be performed by any automotive repair establishment or individual using any certified automotive part.◀

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Battery posts, terminals and related accessories contain lead and lead compounds. Wash your hands after handling.

Used engine oil contains chemicals that have caused cancer in laboratory animals. Always protect your skin by washing thoroughly with soap and water.◀

Service and warranty

We recommend that you read this publication thoroughly.

Your BMW is covered by the following warranties:

- ▷ New Vehicle Limited Warranty
- ▷ Rust Perforation Limited Warranty
- ▷ Federal Emissions System Defect Warranty
- ▷ Federal Emissions Performance Warranty
- ▷ California Emission Control System Limited Warranty

Detailed information about these warranties is listed in the Service and Warranty Information Booklet for US models or in the Warranty and Service Guide Booklet for Canadian models.

Your vehicle has been specifically adapted and designed to meet the particular operating conditions and homologation requirements in your country and continental region in order to deliver the full BMW driving pleasure while the vehicle is operated under those conditions. If you wish to operate your vehicle in another country or region, you may be required to adapt your vehicle to meet different prevailing operating conditions and homologation requirements. You should also be aware of any applicable warranty limitations or exclusions for such country or region. In such case, please contact Customer Relations for further information.

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For US customers

The following only applies to vehicles owned and operated in the US.

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To contact NHTSA, you may call the Vehicle Safety Hotline toll-free at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); go to http://www.safercar.gov; or write to: Administrator, NHTSA, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. You can also obtain other information about motor vehicle safety from http://www.safercar.gov

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Canadian customers who wish to report a safety-related defect to Transport Canada, Defect Investigations and Recalls, may call 1-800-333-0510 toll-free from anywhere in Canada or 1-613-993-9851 from the Ottawa region and from other countries, or contact Transport Canada by mail at: Transport Canada, ASFAD, Place de Ville, Tower C, 330 Sparks Street, Ottawa, ON, K1A 0N5.

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You can also obtain other information about motor vehicle safety from http://www.tc.gc.ca

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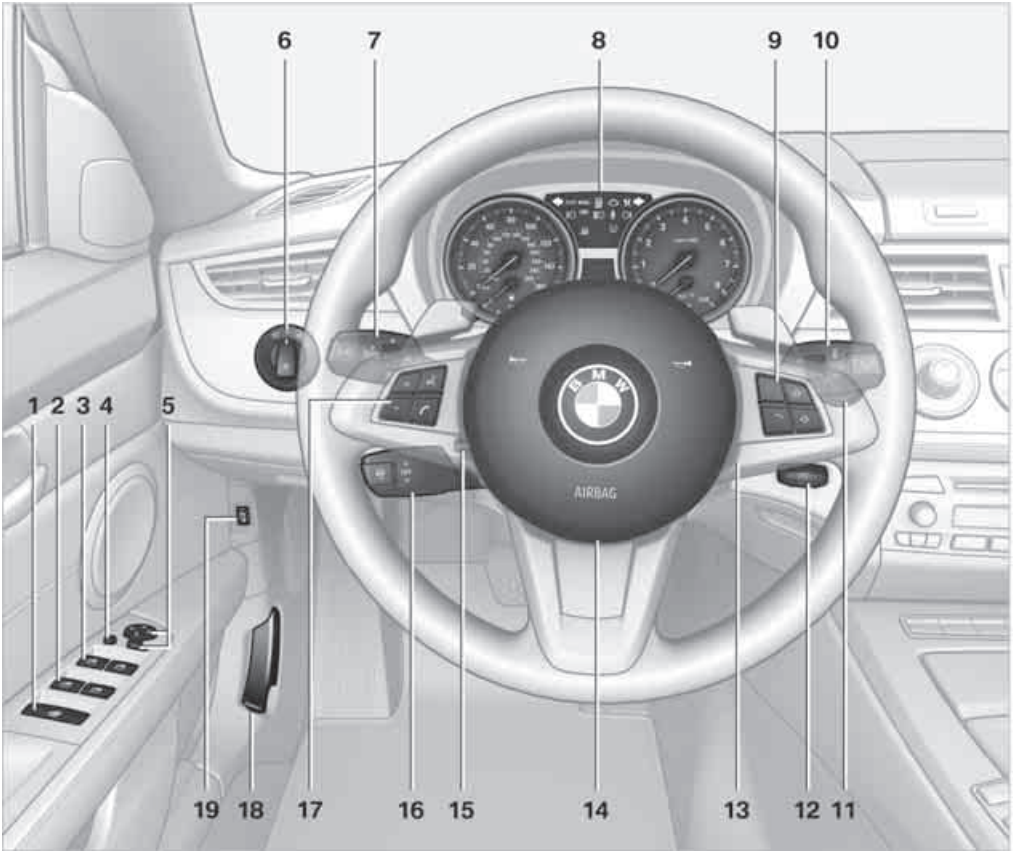
At a glance

This overview of buttons, switches and displays is intended to familiarize you with your vehicle's operating environment. The section will also assist you in becoming acquainted with the control concepts and options available for operating the various systems.

Cockpit

Around the steering wheel: controls and displays



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Indicator and warning lamps

The concept

Indicator and warning lamps can light up in a variety of combinations and colors.

Some lamps are checked for proper functioning and thus come on briefly when the engine is started or the ignition is switched on.

What to do in case of a malfunction

A list of all indicator and warning lamps, as well as notes on possible causes of malfunctions and on how to respond, can be found starting on page 135.

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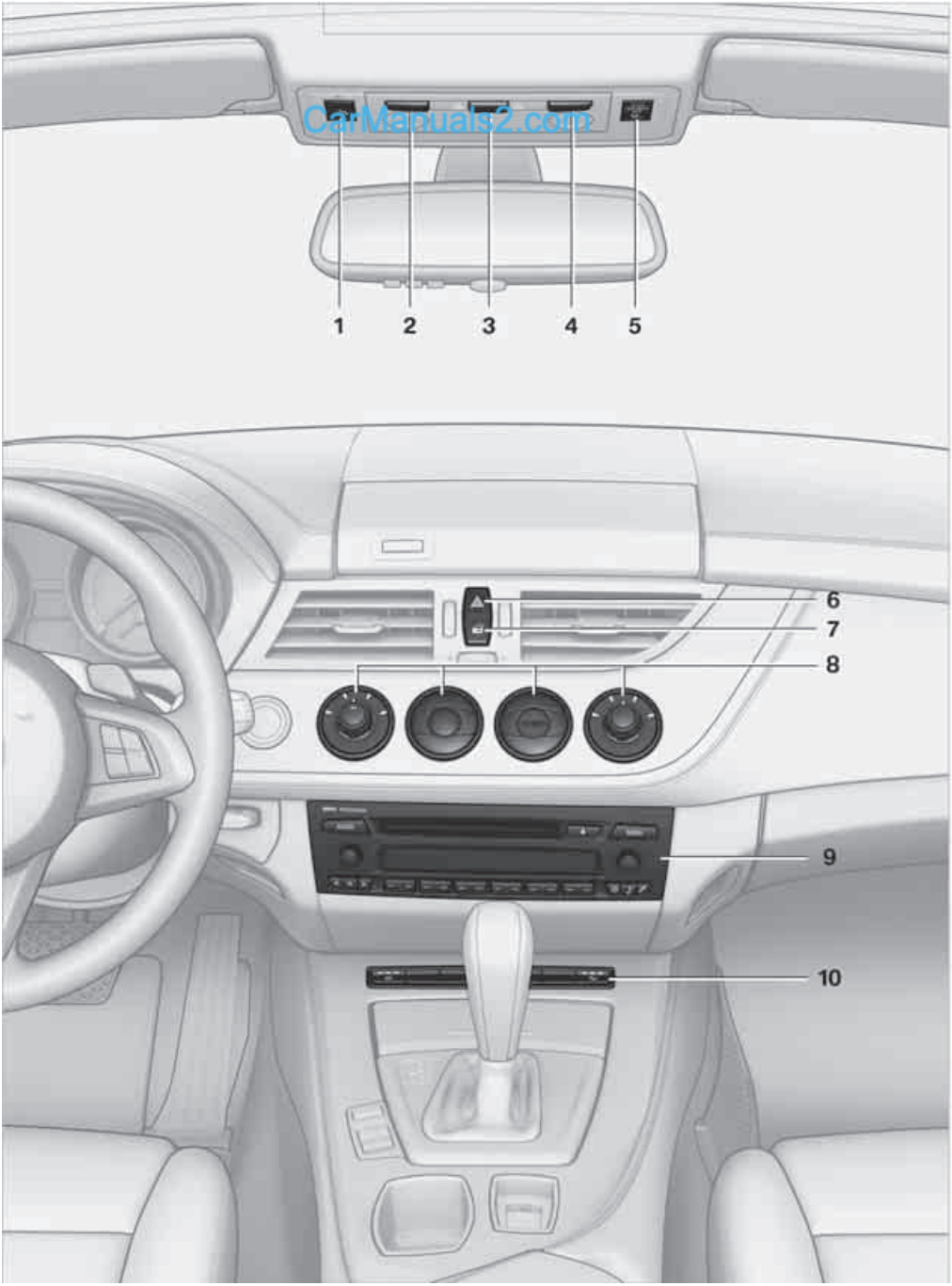
Around the center console: controls and displays



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Controls

This chapter is intended to provide you with information for complete control of your vehicle. All features and accessories that are useful for driving and your safety, comfort and convenience, are described here.

Opening and closing

Remote control

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Each remote control contains a rechargeable battery that is automatically recharged when it is in the ignition lock while the car is being driven. Use each remote control at least twice a year for longer road trips in order to maintain the batteries' charge status. In cars with Comfort Access*, the remote control contains a replaceable battery, refer to page 27.

The settings called up and implemented when the car is unlocked depend on which remote control is used to unlock the car, refer to Personal Profile, next column.

In addition, information about service requirements is stored in the remote control, refer to Service data in the remote control, page 119.

Integrated key

Press button **1** to release the key.

The integrated key fits the following locks:

- ▷ Glove compartment, refer to page 89
- ▷ Driver's door, refer to page 22

New remote controls

Your BMW center can supply new remote controls with integrated keys as additional units or as replacements in the event of loss.

Personal Profile

The concept

You can set many of your BMW's functions to suit your personal needs and preferences. Without any action on your part, Personal Profile ensures that most of these settings are stored for the remote control currently in use. When you unlock the car, the remote control used for the purpose is recognized and the settings stored for it are called up and implemented.

This means that your personal settings will be activated for you, even if in the meantime your car was used by someone else with another remote control and the corresponding settings. The individual settings are stored for a maximum of four remote controls. They are stored for two remote controls if Comfort Access* is in use.

Personal Profile settings

For more information on specific settings, refer to the specified pages.

- ▷ Response of the central locking system when the car is unlocked, refer to page 19
- ▷ Automatic locking of the vehicle, refer to page 22
- ▷ Automatic call-up* of the driver's seat position, refer to page 34
- ▷ Triple turn signal activation, refer to page 51

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- Settings for the display in the instrument cluster:
  - 12h/24h format of the clock, refer to page 61
  - Date format, refer to page 62
  - Units of measure for fuel consumption, distance covered/remaining distances, and temperature, refer to page 59
- Light settings:
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- Automatic climate control*: AUTO program, cooling function and automatic recirculated-air control activated/deactivated, setting temperature, air flow rate and distribution, refer to the section beginning on page 83
- Entertainment:
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Central locking system

The concept

The central locking system functions when the driver's door is closed.

The system simultaneously engages and releases the locks on the following:

- Doors
- Luggage compartment lid
- Fuel filler flap
- Center armrest*

Operating from outside

- Via the remote control
- Using the door lock
- In cars with Comfort Access*, via the handles on the driver's and passenger doors

In addition, if the remote control is used, the welcome lamps, interior lamps and the door's courtesy lamps* are switched on or off. The alarm system* is also armed or disarmed. For further details of the alarm system, refer to page 24.

Operating from inside

By means of the button for central locking, refer to page 22.

In the event of a sufficiently severe accident, the central locking system unlocks automatically. In addition, the hazard warning flashers and interior lamps come on.

Opening and closing: Using the remote control

Persons or animals in a parked vehicle could lock the doors from the inside. You should therefore take the remote control with you when you leave the vehicle so that the latter can be opened from outside.◀

To operate the retractable hardtop with the remote control, the doors and luggage compartment lid must be closed and the cargo area partition must be folded down and engaged on both sides. Refer also to page 29.◀

Unlocking

Press the button.
The interior lamps, the courtesy lamps* and the welcome lamps come on.

Setting unlocking characteristics

You can set whether only the driver's door or the entire vehicle is to be unlocked when the button is pressed for the first time.

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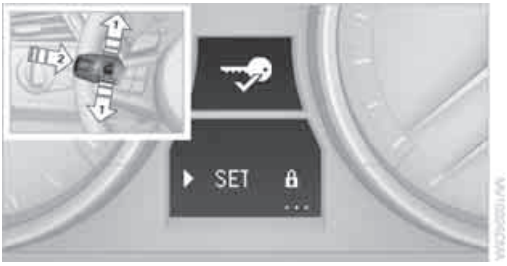
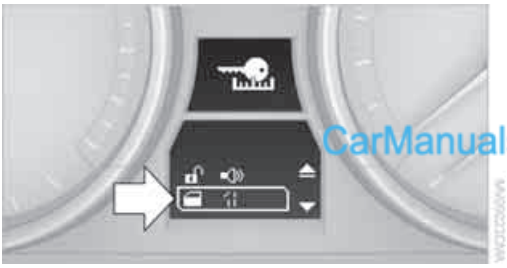
For operating principle refer to page 58.

1. Switch on the ignition, refer to page 41.
2. Lightly push button **1** in the turn indicator lever up or down repeatedly until the symbol appears in the display accompanied by the word "SET".



3. Press button **2**.
4. Lightly push button **1** in the turn indicator lever down repeatedly until the symbol appears in the display.



5. Press button **2**.
6. Use button **1** to select one of the following:
   - ▷
     Press the button once to unlock only the driver's door and the fuel filler flap. Press the button twice to unlock the entire vehicle.
   - ▷
     Press the button once to unlock the entire vehicle.
7. Press button **2**.
   The setting is stored for the remote control currently in use.

Convenient opening*: Windows and hardtop

When you are close to the vehicle, the remote control for Comfort Access can be used to open the retractable hardtop.

Hold the button down.
The windows and the retractable hardtop are opened if the doors are closed.

When you are close to the vehicle, the windows move up if you continue to press the button after opening the hardtop.

Watch during the opening process to ensure that no one is injured. Releasing the button interrupts the opening process.◀

Locking

Press the LOCK button.

Convenient closing*

When you are close to the vehicle, the remote control for Comfort Access can be used to close the retractable hardtop and the windows.

Hold the LOCK button down.
The retractable hardtop and the windows are closed.

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Watch during the closing process to ensure that no one is injured. Releasing the button interrupts the closing process.◀

Switching on interior lamps

While the car is locked:
Press the LOCK button.
You can also use this function to locate your vehicle in parking garages etc.

Unlocking the luggage compartment lid

Press the button for approx. 1 second.

The luggage compartment lid swings back and up when opened. Ensure that there is sufficient clearance. To avoid locking yourself out by accident, do not place the remote control in the cargo area. A previously locked luggage compartment lid is locked again after closing.

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Before and after each trip, check that the luggage compartment lid has not been inadvertently unlocked.◀

Convenient loading*

When you are close to the vehicle, the remote control for Comfort Access can be used to partially raise the open hardtop for more convenient loading of the cargo area.

1. Briefly press the button and, within one second, press again until the retractable hardtop stops in an intermediate position. The luggage compartment lid opens slightly.
2. Open the luggage compartment lid, press the cargo area partition upward and stow the cargo in the cargo area.
3. Press down the cargo area partition until it engages on both sides and close the luggage compartment lid.
4. Press the button for a longer period to fold the retractable hardtop back in.

Confirmation signals

You can activate or deactivate the confirmation signals.

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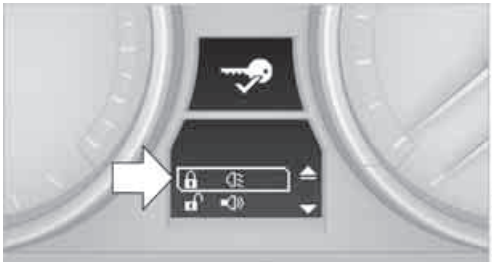
For operating principle refer to page 58.

1. Switch on the ignition, refer to page 41.
2. Lightly push button **1** in the turn indicator lever up or down repeatedly until the symbol appears in the display accompanied by the word "SET".

3. Press button **2**.
4. Lightly push button **1** in the turn indicator lever down repeatedly until the desired symbol appears in the display.



▷ Confirmation signal during unlocking

▷ Confirmation signal during locking

5. Press button **2**.
6. Use button **1** to select one of the following:
   ▷ The hazard warning flashers flash during unlocking/locking.
   ▷ An acoustic signal sounds during unlocking/locking.
   ▷ The hazard warning flashers flash and an acoustic signal* sounds during unlocking/locking.
   ▷ off
   The function is deactivated.
7. Press button **2**.
   The setting is stored.

Malfunctions

The remote control may malfunction due to local radio waves. If this occurs, unlock and lock the car at the door lock with the integrated key.

If the car can no longer be locked with a remote control, the battery in the remote control is discharged. Use the remote control on an extended trip to recharge the battery, refer to page 18. The remote control for Comfort Access* contains a battery that may have to be changed, refer to page 27.

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For US owners only

The transmitter and receiver units comply with part 15 of the FCC/Federal Communications Commission regulations. Operation is governed by the following:

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LX8766E
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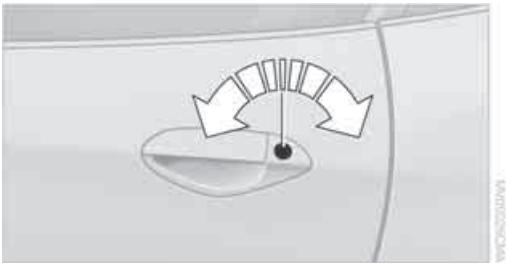
Compliance statement:
This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

- This device must not cause harmful interference, and
- This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

Any unauthorized modifications or changes to these devices could void the user's authority to operate this equipment.◀

Opening and closing: Using the door lock



You can set the way in which the car is unlocked, refer to page 19.

Convenient operation*

You can operate the windows and the retractable hardtop via the door lock.

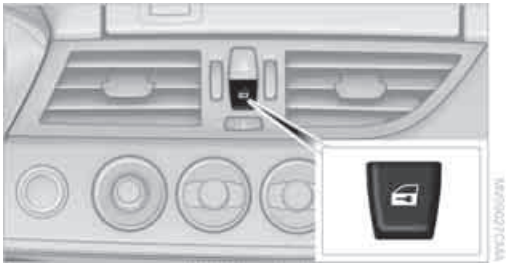
Hold the key in the position for unlocking or locking.

During each closing procedure, and when opening the retractable hardtop, watch the process and ensure that no one becomes trapped. Releasing the key stops the operation.◀

Manual operation

In the event of an electrical malfunction, you can lock and unlock the driver's door by turning the integrated key to the corresponding limit positions in the door lock.

Opening and closing: From the inside*



This button* serves to unlock or lock doors and the luggage compartment lid, but does not activate the anti-theft system. The fuel filler flap remains unlocked.

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Automatic locking

You can also set the situations in which the car locks:

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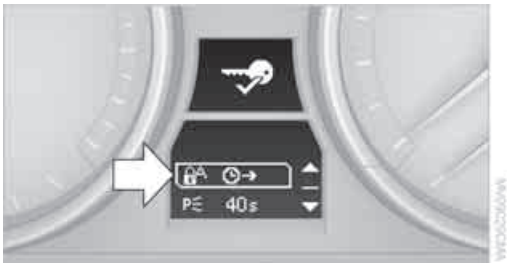
3. Press button **2**.
4. Lightly push button **1** in the turn indicator lever down repeatedly until the symbol appears in the display.



5. Press button **2**.
6. Use button **1** to select one of the following:
   - ▷ on
     The central locking system automatically locks the vehicle after some time if no door has been opened.
   - ▷ → on
     The central locking system automatically locks the vehicle as soon as you drive off.
   - ▷ →
     The central locking system automatically locks the vehicle after some time if no door has been opened, or as soon as you drive off.
   - ▷ off
     The central locking system remains unlocked.
7. Press button **2**.
   The setting is stored for the remote control currently in use.

Unlocking and opening doors

- ▷ Either unlock the doors together using the button for the central locking system and then pull the door handle above the armrest or
- ▷ Pull on the door handle of each door twice: the first time unlocks the door, the second time opens it.

Locking

- ▷ Use the central locking button to lock all of the doors simultaneously, or
- ▷ Press down the safety lock button of a door. To prevent you from being locked out, the open driver's door cannot be locked using the lock button.

⚠ Persons or animals in a parked vehicle could lock the doors from the inside. You should therefore take the remote control with you when you leave the vehicle so that the latter can be opened from outside.◀

Luggage compartment lid

▷ In order to avoid damage, make sure there is sufficient clearance before opening the luggage compartment lid.◀

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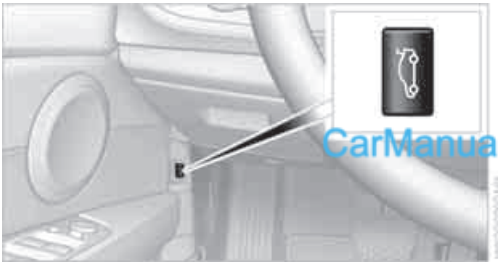
Opening from inside



Press the button: the luggage compartment lid opens unless it has been locked.

Opening from outside

Press on the top half of the BMW emblem or, for approx. 1 second, on the button of the remote control:
The luggage compartment can be opened.

Emergency release*

Pull the lever in the cargo area. The luggage compartment lid is unlocked.

Closing

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The handle recesses on the interior trim of the luggage compartment lid make it easier to pull down.

Make sure that the closing path of the luggage compartment lid is clear; otherwise, injuries may result.◀

To close the luggage compartment lid, press it down lightly. The lid is closed automatically.◀

Alarm system*

The concept

The vehicle alarm system responds:

- When a door, the hood or the luggage compartment lid is opened
- To movements inside the vehicle: Interior motion sensor, refer to page 25
- When the car's inclination changes, for instance if an attempt is made to jack it up and steal the wheels or to raise it prior to towing away
- When there is an interruption in the power supply from the battery

The alarm system signals unauthorized entry attempts for a short time by means of:

- An acoustic alarm
- Switching on the hazard warning flashers
- Flashing the high beams

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Arming and disarming

When you lock or unlock the vehicle, either with the remote control or at the door lock, the alarm system is armed or disarmed at the same time.

You can open the luggage compartment lid using the button of the remote control even if the alarm system is armed, refer to page 20. The lid is locked and monitored again as soon as it is closed.

Panic mode*

You can trigger the alarm system if you find yourself in a dangerous situation:

Press the button for at least three seconds.

To switch off the alarm: press any button.

Switching off an alarm

- ▷ Unlock the car with the remote control, refer to page 19.
- ▷ Insert the remote control all the way into the ignition lock.

Indicator lamp displays

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- ▷ The indicator lamp under the inside rear-view mirror flashes continuously: the system is armed.
- ▷ The indicator lamp flashes after locking: doors, hood or luggage compartment lid are not properly closed. Even if you do not close the alerted area, the system begins to monitor the remaining areas, and the indicator lamp flashes continuously after approx. 10 seconds. The interior motion sensor and the tilt alarm sensor are not activated.
- ▷ The indicator lamp goes out after unlocking: your vehicle has not been disturbed while you were away.
- ▷ If the indicator lamp flashes after unlocking until the remote control is inserted in the ignition, but for no longer than approx. 5 minutes: your vehicle has been disturbed while you were away.

Tilt alarm sensor

The tilt of the vehicle is monitored. The alarm system reacts, e.g., to attempts to steal a wheel or tow the vehicle.

Interior motion sensor

The interior of the car is monitored up to the height of the seat cushions. Thus the alarm system is activated together with the interior motion sensor even if the hardtop is open. An alarm can be triggered unintentionally by falling objects such as leaves, refer to Avoiding unintentional alarms.

Avoiding unintentional alarms

The tilt alarm sensor and interior motion sensor may be switched off at the same time. This prevents unintentional alarms, e.g., in the following situations:

- ▷ In duplex garages
- ▷ During transport on car-carrying trains, boats/ships or on a trailer
- ▷ When animals are to remain in the vehicle

Switching off tilt alarm sensor and interior motion sensor

Press the LOCK button on the remote control again as soon as the vehicle is locked.

The indicator lamp lights up briefly and then flashes continuously. The tilt alarm sensor and the interior motion sensor are switched off until the next time the vehicle is unlocked and subsequently locked again.

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Comfort Access*

Comfort Access enables you to enter your vehicle without needing to hold the remote control in your hand. All you need to do is wear the remote control close to your body, e.g., in your jacket pocket. The vehicle detects the corresponding remote control within the immediate vicinity or in the passenger compartment.

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Comfort Access supports the following functions:

- ▷ Unlocking/locking the vehicle
- ▷ Unlocking the luggage compartment lid separately
- ▷ Starting the engine
- ▷ Convenient opening
- ▷ Convenient closing

Functional requirement

- ▷ The vehicle or the luggage compartment lid can only be locked when the vehicle detects that the remote control currently in use is outside of the vehicle.
- ▷ The vehicle cannot be locked or unlocked again until after approx. 2 seconds.
- ▷ The engine can only be started when the vehicle detects that the remote control currently in use is inside the vehicle.

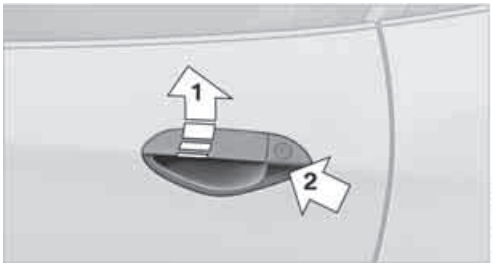
Comparison to the standard remote control

In general, there is no difference between using Comfort Access or pressing the buttons on the remote control to carry out the functions mentioned above. You should therefore first familiarize yourself with the instructions on opening and closing starting on page 18.

Special features regarding the use of Comfort Access are described below.

▷ If you notice a brief delay while opening or closing the windows or retractable hardtop, the system is checking whether a remote control is inside the vehicle. Please repeat the opening or closing procedure, if necessary.◀

Releasing



Pull the handle up, arrow **1**. This corresponds to pressing the button.

Locking

Press on the surface, arrow **2**. This corresponds to pressing the LOCK button.

▷ To preserve the battery, please make sure that the ignition and all electrical consumers are switched off before locking the vehicle.◀

Window and convertible top operation

With the ignition at radio readiness or beyond, you can open and close the windows and the convertible top when a remote control is located inside the vehicle.

Unlocking the luggage compartment lid separately

Press on the top half of the BMW emblem. This corresponds to pressing the button.

▷ If the vehicle detects that a remote control has been accidentally left inside the locked vehicle's cargo area after the luggage compartment lid is closed, the lid will reopen. The hazard warning flashers flash and an acoustic signal* sounds.◀

Switching on radio readiness

Radio readiness is switched on by pressing the start/stop button, refer to page 41.

▷ Do not depress the brake or the clutch; otherwise, the engine will start.◀

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Starting the engine

You can start the engine or switch on the ignition when a remote control is inside the vehicle. It is not necessary to insert a remote control into the ignition switch, refer to page 41.

Switching off the engine in cars with automatic transmission

The engine can only be switched off when the selector lever is in position P, refer to page 43. To switch the engine off when the selector lever is in position N, the remote control must be in the ignition switch.

Before driving a vehicle with automatic transmission into a car wash

1. Insert the remote control into the ignition switch.
2. Depress the brake.
3. Move the selector lever to position N.
4. Switch off the engine.

The vehicle can roll.

Malfunction

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Comfort Access may malfunction due to local radio waves. If this happens, open or close the vehicle via the buttons on the remote control or using the integrated key. To start the engine afterward, insert the remote control into the ignition switch.

Warning lamps

The warning lamp in the instrument cluster lights up when you attempt to start the engine: the engine cannot be started. The remote control is not inside the vehicle or is malfunctioning. Take the remote control with you inside the vehicle or have it checked. If necessary, insert another remote control into the ignition switch.

The warning lamp in the instrument cluster lights up while the engine is running: the remote control is no longer inside the vehicle. After the engine is switched off, the engine can only be restarted within approx. 10 seconds.

The indicator lamp in the instrument cluster comes on: replace the battery in the remote control.

Replacing the battery

The remote control for Comfort Access contains a battery that will need to be replaced from time to time.

1. Take the integrated key out of the remote control, refer to page 18.

2. Remove the cover.
3. Insert the new battery with the plus side facing up.
4. Press the cover on to close.

Take the old battery to a battery collection point or to your BMW center.◀

Windows

To prevent injuries, watch the windows while closing them.

Take the remote control with you when you leave the car; otherwise, children could operate the electric windows and possibly injure themselves.◀

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Opening, closing

Individually

▷ Press the switch to the resistance point:
The window opens as long as you press the switch.
You can close the windows in the same manner by pulling the switch.

▷ Press the switch beyond the resistance point:
The window opens automatically. Press the switch again to stop the opening movement.

Jointly

▷ Press the switch to the resistance point:
All windows open as long as you press the switch.
You can close all windows in the same manner by pulling the switch.

▷ Press the switch beyond the resistance point:
All windows open automatically. Press the switch again to stop the opening movement.

After switching off the ignition

When the remote control is removed or the ignition is switched off, you can still operate the windows for approx. 1 minute as long as no door is opened.

Convenient operation

For information on convenient operation via the remote control or the door lock, refer to page 19 or 22. For information on Convenient closing with Comfort Access, refer to Locking on page 20.

Pinch protection system

If the closing force exceeds a specific value as one of the front side windows closes, the window stops closing and reopens slightly.

⚠ Despite the pinch protection system check and clear the window's travel path prior to closing it; otherwise, the safety system might fail to detect certain kinds of obstructions, such as thin objects, and the window would continue closing.
Do not install any accessories that might interfere with window movement. Otherwise, the pinch protection system could be impaired.◀

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Closing without pinch protection

If there is an external danger, or if ice on the windows, etc., prevents you from closing the windows normally, proceed as follows:

1. Pull the switch past the resistance point and hold it there. Pinch protection is limited and the window reopens slightly if the closing force exceeds a certain value.
2. Pull the switch again past the resistance point within approx. 4 seconds and hold it there. The window closes without pinch protection.

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Retractable hardtop

The retractable hardtop combines reliable weather protection with simple and convenient operation.

Please note:

- ▷ It is advisable that you close the retractable hardtop when you park the vehicle. Not only does the closed hardtop protect the vehicle interior against unanticipated weather damage, it also offers theft protection. However, even when the hardtop is closed, valuables should only be stored in the locked cargo area.
- ▷ Do not attach roof rack systems to the retractable hardtop, and in particular do not attach magnetic racks.
- ▷ Do not attach rack systems to the luggage compartment lid, and in particular do not attach magnetic racks.
- ▷ When the retractable hardtop is operated, the luggage compartment lid swings back and up. Before operating the retractable hardtop, ensure that there is enough clearance, e.g., in tight parking spaces.
- ▷ If you open the hardtop while it is wet, e.g., after driving in the rain, water may drip into the cargo area. If necessary, remove items from the cargo area beforehand to avoid water stains or soiling.

⚠ Do not place any objects on the retractable hardtop or on the luggage compartment lid; otherwise, they could fall during movements of the retractable hardtop and cause damage or injury.
Driving when the hardtop is not fully opened or not fully closed may result in damage or injury. Do not reach into the mechanism while the hardtop is opening or closing. Keep children away from the swiveling area of the retractable hardtop.◀

▷ The retractable hardtop cannot be moved at temperatures below +14 °F /–10 °C. A message appears on the Control Display.◀

⚠ The retractable hardtop can only be opened and closed when the vehicle is stationary. To avoid causing damage, do not drive off until the hardtop has stopped moving.◀

Before opening and closing

⚠ Do not let the hardtop stop in an intermediate position when opening or closing. Otherwise, there is the danger of personal injury since the hardtop will be lowered automatically after a few minutes.◀

- ▷ Comply with the safety precautions described above.
- ▷ Ensure that the luggage compartment lid is closed.
- ▷ The vehicle should be parked on fairly level ground. Excessive angle is indicated by a lamp.
- ▷ Fold down the cargo area partition and make sure it engages, refer to the instructions below.
- ▷ Do not place any objects next to or on the cargo area partition and close the storage compartment on the left side of the cargo area.
- ▷ Do not exceed the maximum loading height under the cargo area partition; refer to the label in the cargo area showing a line indicating the maximum height.

Folding down the cargo area partition

Before opening the hardtop, close the cargo area partition, arrow, and make sure it engages on both sides.

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Opening and closing

When the vehicle is stationary and at radio readiness or beyond, refer to page 41:

▷ If possible, conserve the battery by only operating the retractable hardtop when the engine is running.
Before closing the retractable hardtop, remove all foreign objects from the windshield frame as these could prevent the hardtop from closing properly.◀

1 Press and hold button **1**:
The retractable hardtop closes.

2 Press and hold button **2**:
The retractable hardtop opens.

3 LEDs

▷ The side windows move down when the hardtop is opened or closed. Convenient closing*: If you continue pressing the buttons after the LED **3** goes out, the windows move back up.◀

If the windows pause briefly as they move, this is for technical reasons and is not a malfunction.

LEDs

In the following situations, a message appears on the Control Display or an acoustic signal sounds in addition to the LED lighting up:

▷ While the hardtop is being operated, the green LED lights up. It goes out as soon as the top is fully opened or closed.

▷ If the red LED flashes when you release the switch, the opening or closing action has not yet finished.

▷ If the red LED lights up when the switch is pressed, the cargo area partition is folded up, the luggage compartment lid is not closed, the vehicle is standing on a strong incline or there is a malfunction. The retractable hardtop cannot be moved.

Interruption

The automatic sequence of movements is interrupted if the switch for hardtop operation is released. The sequence can be continued in the desired direction by pushing or pulling the switch.

⚠ Open or close the hardtop fully; otherwise, there is a risk of injury or damage when driving.
Do not interrupt and resume the closing procedure several times in close succession as this could damage the mechanism.◀

▷ If the hardtop is not fully opened or closed, the luggage compartment lid cannot be opened and the windows cannot be moved.◀

Convenient operation with remote control or via door lock

Refer to pages 20 and 22.

Wind deflector*

The wind deflector keeps air movements in the passenger compartment to a minimum when the hardtop is open and provides an even more comfortable ride, particularly at high speeds.

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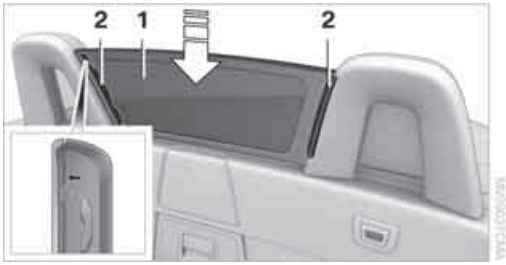
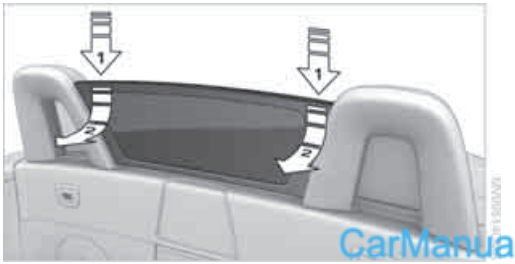
Installation

1. Insert the wind deflector **1** into the holders **2** on the rollover bars; the arrow should point in the direction of travel.



2. Push the wind deflector down, arrow **1**, and then push down and forward simultaneously, arrow **2**, until it engages.



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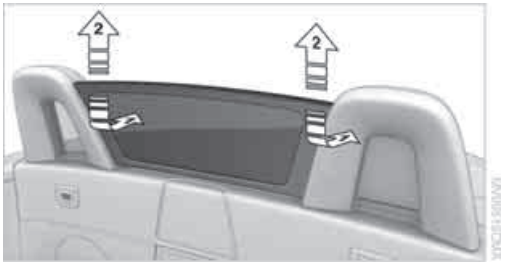
The wind deflector must engage firmly; otherwise, it could become detached at higher vehicle speeds.◀

Removing the wind deflector

1. Push the wind deflector down and back simultaneously, arrow **1**, to disengage it from the catch mechanism.



2. Pull the wind deflector upward out of the holders, arrow **2**.

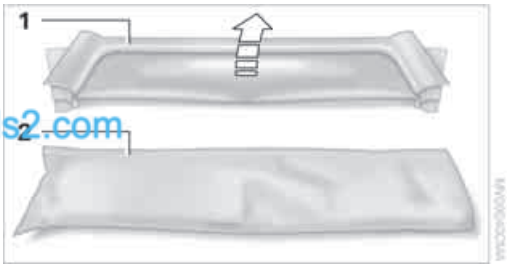
Coat hooks

Coat hooks **1** are located on the wind deflector panels in the rollover bars.

Do not hang heavy objects on the hooks. If you do, they could endanger the passengers, for example during braking or evasive maneuvers.◀

Storage

1. Fold the wind deflector **1** and slide it into the storage pouch **2**.



2. You can store the wind deflector on the lateral storage shelf behind the seats.

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Adjustments

Sitting safely

The ideal sitting position can make a vital contribution to relaxed, fatigue-free driving. In conjunction with the safety belts, the head restraints and the airbags, the seated position has a major influence on your safety in the event of an accident. To ensure that the safety systems operate with optimal efficiency, we strongly urge you to observe the instructions contained in the following section.

For additional information on transporting children safely, refer to page 39.

Airbags

Always maintain an adequate distance between yourself and the airbags. Always grip the steering wheel on the rim, with your hands in the 3 o'clock and 9 o'clock positions, to minimize the risk of injury to the hands or arms in the event of the airbag being triggered off. No one and nothing should come between the airbags and the seat occupant.
Do not use the cover of the front airbag on the passenger side as a storage area. Make sure that the passenger is sitting correctly, e.g., keeping his or her feet or legs in the footwell and not on the dashboard; otherwise, leg injuries can occur if the front airbag deploys.
Make sure that passengers do not lean their heads against the side airbag; otherwise, serious injuries could result if the airbag suddenly deployed.◀

Even if you follow all the instructions, injuries resulting from contact with airbags cannot be fully excluded, depending on the circumstances. The ignition and inflation noise may provoke a mild hearing loss in extremely sensitive individuals. This effect is usually only temporary.

For airbag locations and additional information on airbags, refer to page 72.

Safety belt

Before every drive, make sure that all occupants wear their safety belts. Airbags complement the safety belt as an additional safety device, but they do not represent a substitute.

Your vehicle has two seats, each of which is equipped with a safety belt.

Never allow more than one person to wear a single safety belt. Never allow infants or small children to ride in a passenger's lap. Make sure that the belt in the lap area sits low across the hips and does not press against the abdomen.
The safety belt must not rest against the throat, run across sharp edges, pass over hard or fragile objects or be pinched. Fasten the safety belt so that it sits as snugly as possible against the lap and shoulder without being twisted. Otherwise, the belt could slide over your hips and injure your abdomen in the event of a frontal collision.
Avoid wearing bulky clothing and regularly pull the belt in the upper-body area taut; otherwise, its restraining effect could be impaired.◀

Safety belts, refer to page 36.

Seats

Note before adjusting

Never attempt to adjust your seat while the vehicle is moving. The seat could respond with unexpected movement, and the ensuing loss of vehicle control could lead to an accident.
On the passenger seat as well, do not incline the backrest too far to the rear while the vehicle is being driven; otherwise, there is a danger in the event of an accident of sliding under the safety belt, eliminating the protection normally provided by the belt.◀

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Note the information on safety belt damage on page 36.

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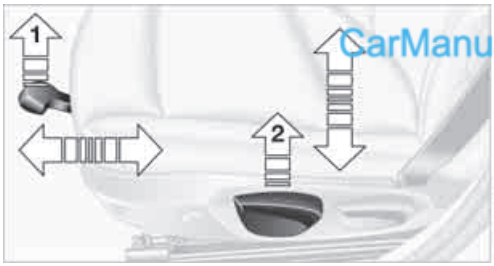
Manual adjustment

Observe the adjustment instructions on page 32 to ensure the best possible personal protection.◀



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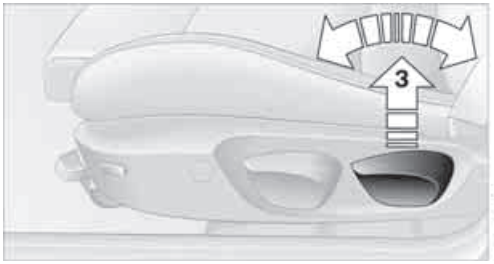
Longitudinal direction

Pull lever **1** and slide the seat to the desired position.
After releasing the lever, move the seat gently forward or back to make sure it engages properly.

Height

Pull lever **2** and apply your weight to the seat or lift it off, as necessary.

Backrest



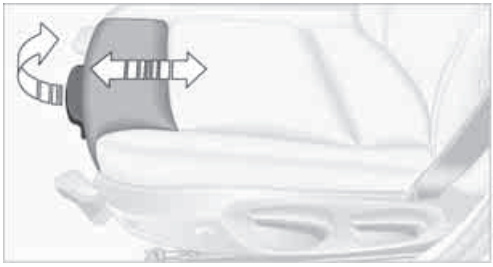
Pull lever **3** and apply your weight to the backrest or lift it off, as necessary.

Distance:
Adjust the backrest so that the head restraint is as close as possible to the back of the head.

Tilt*

Pull the lever and apply your weight to the seat or lift it off, as necessary.

Thigh support*



Pull the lever and move the thigh support forward or back.

Electrical adjustment

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1 Longitudinal direction

2 Height

3 Angle

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4 Backrest

Lumbar support*

You can also adjust the contour of the backrest to obtain additional support in the lumbar region.

The upper hips and spinal column receive supplementary support to help you maintain a relaxed, upright sitting position.

- ▷ Increase or decrease curvature: press the switch at the front or rear, respectively.
- ▷ Shift curvature up or down: press the switch at the top or bottom, respectively.

Backrest width*

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You can change the width of the backrest to suit your individual preferences by adjusting the lateral-support pads.

Press the front or rear end of the switch. Backrest width decreases or increases accordingly.

Heated seats*

Press once for each temperature level. Three LEDs indicate the highest temperature.

To switch off:
Press button longer.

If you continue driving within approx. the next 15 minutes, the seat heating is automatically activated at the previously set temperature.

The temperature is lowered or the heating is switched off entirely to save on battery power. The LEDs stay lit.

Seat and mirror memory*

You can store and call up two different combinations of driver's-seat and exterior-mirror positions.

Settings for the backrest width and lumbar support are not stored in memory.

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Storing

1. Switch on radio readiness or the ignition, refer to page 41.
2. Adjust the seat and exterior mirrors to the desired positions.
3. Press the M button.
   The LED in the button lights up.
4. Press the desired memory button **1** or **2**: the LED goes out.

   The driver's seat and exterior mirror positions are stored for the remote control currently in use.

Call-up

Do not call up memory while you are driving; otherwise, unexpected seat movement could result in an accident.◀

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Convenience mode

1. Unlock and open the driver's door or switch on radio readiness, refer to page 41.
2. Briefly press the desired memory button **1** or **2**.

The adjusting procedure is halted immediately when you touch a seat adjustment switch or one of the memory buttons.

Safety feature

1. Close the driver's door and switch the ignition on or off, refer to page 41.
2. Press the desired memory button **1** or **2** and keep it pressed until the adjustment process has been completed.

If the M button was pressed accidentally: Press the button again; the LED goes out.

Call-up with the remote control

The driver's seat position last stored is stored for the remote control currently in use.

You can select whether the seat should be reset to that position.

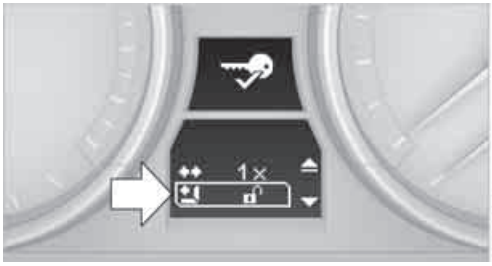
When this Personal Profile function is used, first make sure that the footwell behind the driver's seat is free of obstacles. Failure to do so could result in damage to the objects if the seat were to move rearward.◀

The adjusting procedure is halted immediately when you touch a seat adjustment switch or one of the memory buttons.

For operating principle, refer to page 58.

1. Lightly push button **1** in the turn indicator lever up or down repeatedly until the symbol appears in the display accompanied by the word "SET".

2. Press button **2**.
3. Lightly push button **1** in the turn indicator lever down repeatedly until the symbol appears in the display.



4. Press button **2**.

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5. Use button **1** to select one of the following:
   ▷ 🔓
   Call-up when the vehicle is unlocked.
   ▷
   Call-up when the driver's door is opened.
   ▷ off
   Switch off automatic function.
6. Press button **2**.
   The setting is stored.

Safety belts

Observe the adjustment instructions on page 32 to ensure the best possible personal protection.◀

Before every drive, make sure that all occupants wear their safety belts. Airbags complement the safety belt as an additional safety device, but they do not represent a substitute.

Closing

Make sure you hear the latch plate engage in the belt buckle.

The upper belt anchor is suitable for adults of any stature as long as the seat is adjusted properly, refer to page 32.

Opening

1. Grasp the belt firmly.
2. Press the red button in the buckle.
3. Guide the belt into its reel.

'Fasten safety belts' reminder for driver and passenger*

The indicator lamp comes on and an acoustic signal sounds. Check whether the safety belt has been fastened correctly.

The 'Fasten safety belts' reminder is issued as long as the driver's safety belt has not been fastened. In some country-specific versions, the 'Fasten safety belts' reminder is also activated at road speeds above approx. 5 mph or 8 km/h if the passenger safety belt is not fastened, if objects are placed on the passenger seat, or if driver or passenger unfasten their safety belts.

Damage to safety belts

If the safety belts are damaged or stressed in an accident: have the belt system, including any belt tensioners or child restraint systems, replaced and the belt anchors checked. Have this work done only by your BMW center or at a workshop that works according to BMW repair procedures with correspondingly trained personnel. Otherwise, it is not guaranteed that the safety devices will function properly.◀

Mirrors

Exterior mirrors

The passenger's mirror is more convex than the driver's mirror. The objects seen in the mirror are closer than they appear. Do not gauge your distance from traffic behind you on the basis of what you see in the mirror; otherwise, there is an increased risk of an accident.◀

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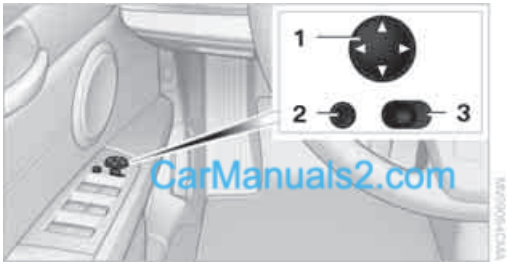


1 Adjustments

2 Folding mirrors in and out*

3 Switching to the other mirror or automatic curb monitor*

The setting for the exterior mirrors is stored for the remote control currently in use*. The stored position is called up automatically when the vehicle is unlocked.

Manual adjustment

The mirrors can also be adjusted manually: press the edge of the glass.

Folding mirrors in and out*

At driving speeds up to approx. 12 mph/ 20km/h, you can fold the mirrors in and out by pressing button **2**. This can be beneficial in narrow streets, for example, or for moving mirrors that were folded in by hand back out into their correct positions. Mirrors that were folded in are folded out automatically at a speed of approx. 25 mph/40 km/h.

⚠ Before entering an automatic car wash, fold in the exterior mirrors by hand or with button **2** to prevent them from being damaged due to the width of the vehicle.◀

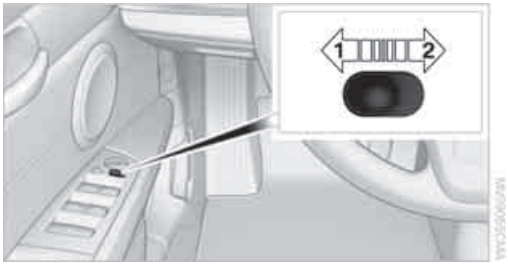
Automatic heating

Depending on the outside temperature, both exterior mirrors are heated automatically when the engine is running or the ignition is switched on.

Passenger-side mirror tilt function – automatic curb monitor*

Activating

1. Push the switch to the position for the driver's side mirror, arrow **1**.



2. Engage reverse gear or move the selector lever to position R.
   The glass of the mirror on the passenger side tilts slightly down. This allows the driver to see the area immediately adjacent to the vehicle, e.g., a curb, when backing into a parking space.

Deactivating

Push the switch to the position for the passenger-side mirror, arrow **2**.

Interior rearview mirror

Turn the knob to reduce glare from the headlamps of cars behind you when driving at night.

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Interior and exterior mirrors, automatic dimming feature*

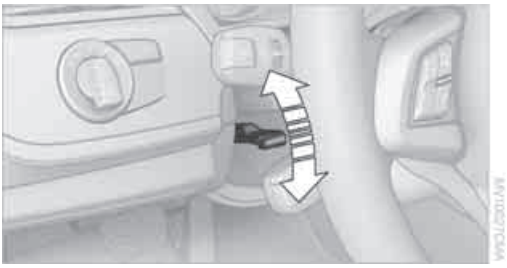
The automatic dimming feature of the interior and exterior mirrors* is controlled by two photo cells in the interior rearview mirror. One photo cell is in the mirror frame, see arrow; the other is on the back of the mirror.

In order to ensure that the system functions correctly, keep the photo cells clean, do not cover the area between the interior rearview mirror and windshield, and do not affix adhesive labels or stickers of any kind to the windshield directly in front of the mirror.

Steering wheel

Adjustments

Do not adjust the steering wheel position while the car is in motion; otherwise, there is a risk of accident due to an unexpected movement.◀



1. Fold the lever down.
2. Move the steering wheel to the preferred height and angle to suit your seated position.
3. Swing the lever back up.

   Do not use force to swing the lever back up; otherwise, the mechanism will be damaged.◀

Steering wheel heating*

To switch on or off, press the button.
The LED lights up: the steering wheel heating is switched on.

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Transporting children safely

The right place for children

Do not leave children unattended in the vehicle; otherwise, they could endanger themselves and/or other persons by opening the doors, for example.◀

Children on the passenger seat

Always transport children under the age of 13 or smaller than 5 ft/150 cm in a child restraint system suitable for their age, weight and size, and with the passenger airbag deactivated. Otherwise, there is an increased risk of injury in the event of an accident or if the airbags deploy.◀

Children 13 years of age or older must be buckled in with a safety belt as soon as there no longer is any child restraint system that is appropriate for their age, size and weight.

For more information on automatic deactivation of the passenger airbags refer to page 73.

Installing child restraint systems

After installing a child restraint system on the passenger seat, make sure that the front and side airbags for the passenger are deactivated; otherwise, there is an increased risk of injury if the airbags deploy.
Observe the child restraint system manufacturer's instructions when selecting, installing and using child restraint systems. Otherwise, the protective effect may be diminished.◀

Standard child restraint systems are designed to be secured with a lap belt or with the lap-belt section of a lap-and-shoulder belt. Incorrectly or improperly installed child restraint systems can increase the risk of injury to children. Always follow the installation instructions for the system with the greatest care.

On the passenger seat

After installing a child restraint system on the passenger seat, make sure that the front and side airbags for the passenger are deactivated; otherwise, there is an increased risk of injury if the airbags deploy.◀

Seat position

Before installing a child restraint system, move the passenger seat as far back and up* as possible to obtain the best possible position for the belt.

Backrest width*

The backrest width of the passenger seat must be at its widest possible setting. Do not change the setting after installing the child seat. Otherwise, the child seat's stability on the passenger seat is limited.◀

1. Adjust the backrest width to its widest setting, refer to page 34.
2. Install the child seat.

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Child seat security

The safety belt for the passenger can be locked to prevent it from being pulled out when it is used to secure child restraint systems.

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To lock the safety belt

1. Secure the child restraint system with the belt.
2. Pull the belt strap all the way out.
3. Allow the belt strap to retract and pull it taut against the child restraint system.

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The safety belt is locked.

To unlock the safety belt

1. Open the belt buckle.
2. Remove the child restraint system.
3. Allow the safety belt strap to retract all the way.

Upper LATCH retaining strap

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The following statement is required by Transport Canada

This vehicle is not equipped with user-ready tether anchorages. As such neither a child restraint system, nor a booster cushion, requiring the use of a tether strap can be properly secured in the vehicle.

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Ignition lock

Insert the remote control into the ignition lock

Insert the remote control all the way into the ignition lock.

▷ Radio readiness is switched on. Individual electrical consumers can operate.

Comfort Access*

If the car is equipped with Comfort Access, only insert the remote control into the ignition lock under special circumstances, refer to page 26.

Removing the remote control from the ignition lock

⚠ Do not forcibly pull the remote control out of the ignition lock as this may cause damage.◀

Before removing the remote control, push it all the way in to release the locking mechanism.

▷ The ignition is switched off if it was on.

Automatic transmission

You can only take out the remote control if transmission position P is engaged: Interlock

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Start/stop button

Pressing the start/stop button switches radio readiness or the ignition on or off.

▷ The engine is started when you press the start/stop button and depress the clutch if the car has manual transmission, or the brake if the car has automatic transmission.◀

Radio readiness

Individual electrical consumers can operate. The time and the outside temperature are displayed in the instrument cluster.

Radio readiness is switched off automatically:

▷ When the remote control is removed from the ignition lock

▷ In cars with Comfort Access*, by touching the surface above the door lock, refer to Locking on page 26

Ignition on

All electrical consumers can operate. The odometer and trip odometer are displayed in the instrument cluster.

▷ When the engine is off, please switch off the ignition and any unnecessary electrical consumers in order to preserve the battery.◀

Radio readiness and ignition off

All indicator and warning lamps as well as displays in the instrument cluster go out.

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Starting the engine

Do not run the engine in enclosed areas; otherwise, the inhalation of toxic exhaust gases can cause loss of consciousness and death. The exhaust gases contain carbon monoxide, an odorless and colorless, but highly toxic gas. Never leave an unattended vehicle with the engine running; otherwise, such a vehicle represents a potential safety hazard. Before leaving the car with the engine running, place the transmission in neutral or move the selector lever to position P and set the parking brake to prevent the car from moving.◀

Avoid frequent starting in quick succession as well as repeated start attempts in which the engine does not start. Otherwise, the fuel is not burned or incompletely burned and there is a danger of overheating and damaging the catalytic converter.◀

Do not wait for the engine to warm up while the vehicle remains stationary. Start driving right away, but at moderate engine speeds.

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Manual transmission

Remote control in the ignition lock or, with Comfort Access, inside the vehicle, refer to page 26.

1. Depress the brake.
2. Depress the clutch and shift to neutral position.
3. Press the start/stop button.

The starter operates automatically for a certain time, and stops automatically as soon as the engine has started.

Automatic transmission

Remote control in the ignition lock or, with Comfort Access, inside the vehicle, refer to page 26.

1. Depress the brake.
2. Move the selector lever to position P.
3. Press the start/stop button.

The starter operates automatically for a certain time, and stops automatically as soon as the engine has started.

7-gear sport automatic transmission with dual clutch

Remote control in the ignition lock or, with Comfort Access, inside the vehicle, refer to page 26.

1. Depress the brake.
2. Press the start/stop button.

The engine starts, regardless of the current selector lever position.

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Switching off the engine

Always take the remote control with you when you leave the vehicle.
Set the parking brake firmly when parking; otherwise, the vehicle could roll.◀

Manual transmission

1. With the car at a standstill, press the start/stop button.
2. Shift into first gear or reverse.
3. Set the parking brake.
4. Removing the remote control from the ignition lock, refer to page 41.

Automatic transmission

1. With the car at a standstill, move the selector lever to position P.
2. Press the start/stop button.
3. Set the parking brake.
4. Removing the remote control from the ignition lock, refer to page 41.

7-gear sport automatic transmission with dual clutch

1. With the car at a standstill, engage transmission position P.
2. Press the start/stop button.
3. Set the parking brake.
4. Removing the remote control from the ignition lock, refer to page 41.

Parking brake

The concept

Your BMW is equipped with an electromechanical parking brake that can be set and released by using a button.
The parking brake is primarily used to prevent the vehicle from rolling when it is parked.

When the vehicle is stationary, the parking brake acts on the rear wheels via an electromechanical mechanism. When the vehicle is rolling or being driven, the parking brake acts on the disc brakes of the front and rear wheels via the hydraulic brake system.

Setting the brake

Pull the button. The parking brake is set.

The indicator lamp in the instrument cluster and the LED on the button light up red. The parking brake is set.

Indicator lamp in Canadian models.

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To set the parking brake, the remote control does not need to be in the ignition lock.

While driving

In the rare case that the parking brake needs to be used while driving, pull the button for a lengthy period:
The vehicle brakes hard while the button is being pulled.

The indicator lamp in the instrument cluster lights up red, a sound is issued and the brake lamps light up.

Indicator lamp in Canadian models.

As soon as you brake the vehicle almost to a standstill, approx. 2 mph/3 km/h, the parking brake remains set.

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Releasing

Take the remote control with you when leaving the vehicle so that children, for example, cannot release the parking brake.◀

The parking brake can only be released while the ignition is switched on or the engine is running.

With manual transmission

Press the button of the parking brake. Depress the brake and clutch pedals while doing so.

With automatic transmission or 7-gear sport automatic transmission with dual clutch

Press the parking brake button while the brake is depressed or transmission position P is engaged.

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Indicator lamps

The indicator lamp in the instrument cluster goes out.

Indicator lamp in Canadian models.

Malfunction

In the event of a failure or malfunction of the parking brake, secure the vehicle against rolling using a wheel chock, for example, if you leave the vehicle.

Manual transmission

When shifting into 5th or 6th gear, press the gearshift lever to the right. Otherwise, the engine could be damaged if you inadvertently shift into 3rd or 4th gear.◀

Reverse gear

Select this only when the vehicle is stationary. When the gearshift lever is pressed to the left, a slight resistance has to be overcome.

Automatic transmission with Steptronic*

In addition to fully automatic operation, you can also manually shift with the Steptronic, refer to page 45.

Vehicle parking

To prevent the vehicle from rolling, always select position P and set the parking brake before leaving the vehicle with the engine running.◀

Disengaging the remote control

In order to remove the remote control from the ignition lock, you must first move the selector lever to position P and switch off the engine: interlock. Removing the remote control from the ignition lock, refer to page 41.

Selector lever positions

P R N D M/S + –

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Displays in the instrument cluster

P R N D DS M1 to M6

The selector lever position is displayed, or the current gear in the manual mode.

Changing selector lever positions

▷ With the ignition switched on or the engine running, the selector lever can be moved out of position P

▷ Before moving the lever away from P or N with the vehicle stationary, first depress the brake; otherwise, the selector lever will refuse to move: shiftlock.

⚠ To prevent the vehicle from creeping after you select a driving position, depress the brake until you are ready to start.◀

A lock prevents you from inadvertently engaging selector lever positions R and P. To cancel the lock, press the button on the front of the selector lever, see arrow.

P Park

Select this only when the vehicle is stationary. The rear wheels are locked.

R Reverse

Select this only when the vehicle is stationary.

N Neutral

You can select this in a car wash, for example. The vehicle can roll.

D Drive, automatic position

Position for normal vehicle operation. All forward gears are selected automatically.

Under normal operating conditions, fuel consumption is lowest when you are driving in position D.

Kickdown

Kickdown enables you to achieve maximum performance.
Press the accelerator pedal beyond the full-throttle resistance point.

Sport program and manual operation M/S

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Move selector lever from position D toward the left into the M/S shifting slot:
The sport program is activated and DS is displayed in the instrument cluster. This position is recommended for a performance-oriented driving style.

To deactivate the sport program or manual mode M/S, move the selector lever to the right into position D.

Shifting gears via the selector lever

When you press the selector lever forwards or backwards, the manual mode is activated and Steptronic changes gear. M1 through M6 are displayed in the instrument cluster.

Upshifts and downshifts are executed only when they will result in a plausible combination of engine and vehicle speed; thus, for example,

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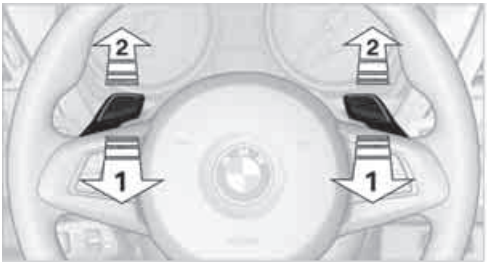
a downshift that would cause the engine to overrev will not be executed by the system. The gear selected is briefly displayed in the instrument cluster, followed by the gear actually in use.

Shifting gears via shift paddles* on the steering wheel

The shift paddles allow you to shift gears without taking your hands off the steering wheel.

- When you use the shift paddles on the steering wheel to shift gears in automatic mode, the transmission switches to manual mode.
- If you do not accelerate or shift gears using the shift paddles for a certain amount of time, the transmission switches back to automatic mode.

If the selector lever is in the M/S gear plane, manual mode remains active.◀



- To shift up: press one of the shift paddles back, arrow **1**.
- To shift down: press one of the shift paddles forward, arrow **2**.

Upshifts and downshifts are executed only when they will result in a plausible combination of engine and vehicle speed; thus, for example, a downshift that would cause the engine to overrev will not be executed by the system. The gear selected is briefly displayed in the instrument cluster, followed by the gear actually in use.

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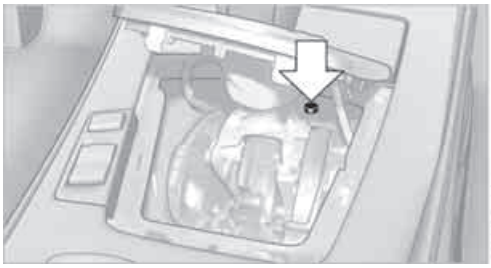
Overriding selector lever lock

Should the selector lever refuse to move out of position P although the button on the selector lever is pressed, the selector lever lock can be overridden:

1. Unclip the sleeve of the selector lever.
2. Pull the sleeve up over the selector lever until the sleeve is inside out.



3. Using the screwdriver from the onboard vehicle tool kit, refer to page 125, press the red lever while moving the selector lever to the desired position.

7-gear sport automatic transmission with dual clutch*

The concept

This transmission is an automated manual transmission with two clutches and two gearbox components in which the gears are changed without loss of torque.

You operate the transmission using the selector lever and two shift paddles on the steering wheel.

It offers the following functions:

- Selection between manual and automatic operation: manual mode or drive mode
- Automatic downshifting and protection against selecting the wrong gear, even in manual mode
- Launch Control acceleration assistant, refer to page 49
- Automatic double declutch

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System limitations

This transmission is equipped with an overheating protection system that protects the clutches against extremely high loads.

The indicator lamp lights up yellow if the transmission becomes too warm. Avoid high engine loads and driving off frequently.

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If the transmission overheats, the indicator lamp lights up red and power flow to the engine is interrupted. You can only continue driving after the transmission has cooled down.

Avoid driving off frequently with high acceleration and do not hold the vehicle on inclines by depressing the accelerator lightly; otherwise, the transmission may overheat.

Transmission positions

P R N D M/S + –

Displays in the instrument cluster

P, R, N, D1 to D7, S1 to S7, M1 to M7

The transmission position and the gear currently engaged are displayed.

Engaging transmission positions N, D, R

- ▷ Transmission position P can only be disengaged if the engine is running.
- ▷ Before moving the lever away from P or N with the vehicle stationary, depress the brake; otherwise, the transmission will not shift.

Briefly push the selector lever in the desired direction, beyond a resistance point if necessary.

When shifting out of P or into R, press button **1** at the same time.

The engaged transmission position is also displayed on the selector lever.

When you release the selector lever, it returns to its center position.

N Neutral

The vehicle can roll.

N remains engaged after the engine is switched off if the remote control remains in the ignition lock. This function can be used in an automatic car wash, for example. P is automatically engaged after approx. 30 minutes.◀

D drive mode

In drive mode, all forward gears are shifted automatically.

R Reverse

Select this only when the vehicle is stationary.

Engaging transmission position P

Select this only when the vehicle is stationary.

Press button **P**.

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P Park

The rear wheels are locked.

P is engaged automatically when the following conditions are met:

- ▷ The driver's door is opened while the engine is running, your safety belt is not fastened and neither the brake pedal nor the accelerator are activated.
- ▷ The engine is switched off unless N is engaged and the remote control is in the ignition lock.
- ▷ The remote control is removed from the ignition lock.

Kickdown

To accelerate rapidly, e.g., when passing, press the accelerator down past the resistance point. This provides maximum acceleration.

Activating the Sport program and manual mode M/S

Move the selector lever from position D toward the left:
The Sport program is activated.

Sport program

S1 through S7 is displayed in the instrument cluster. This position is recommended for a performance-oriented driving style.

Manual mode:

When you press the selector lever forward or backward, or when you press the shift paddles, manual mode is activated and the gear is changed.
M1 through M7 are displayed in the instrument cluster.

The transmission provides assistance in the following situations:

- ▷ Upshifts and downshifts are executed only when they will result in a plausible combination of engine and vehicle speed; thus, for example, a downshift that would cause the engine to overrev will not be executed by the system.
- ▷ When the vehicle stops, the transmission automatically shifts down to first gear.
- ▷ Shortly before the vehicle slows down to below the minimum speed of the gear currently engaged, the transmission automatically shifts down without requiring your intervention.

Rapid downshifting: in manual mode, you can skip several gears to achieve optimal acceleration. Do so by pressing the accelerator past the resistance point.

Changing to drive mode

Push the selector lever to the right.

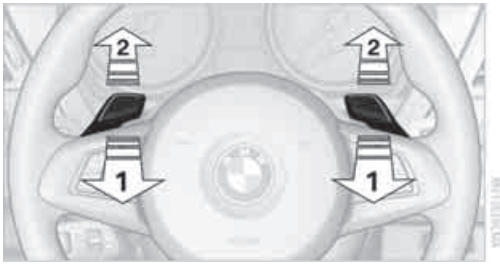
Shifting gears via the selector lever

In manual mode:

- ▷ To shift up, pull back the selector lever.
- ▷ To shift down, push it forward.

Shifting gears via the shift paddles on the steering wheel

The shift paddles allow you to shift gears without taking your hands off the steering wheel. You do not need to raise your foot from the accelerator when doing so.



- ▷ To shift up: press one of the shift paddles back, arrow **1**.

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▷ To shift down: press one of the shift paddles forward, arrow **2**.

Gears can be shifted using the shift paddles in drive mode or in manual mode.

Gear change in manual mode:

When manual mode is active, refer to page 48, gears can be changed using the shift paddles or the selector lever.

Gear change in drive mode

The shift paddles can be used to change gears in drive mode as well.
Afterwards, if the shift paddles are not used for some time and vehicle acceleration is insufficient, the forward gears are changed again automatically.

Launch Control

Launch Control enables you to drive off with an optimal vehicle acceleration on a high grip road surface.

Do not use Launch Control too often, as the higher loads on the vehicle lead to premature component wear.◀

Launch Control is available when the engine is at operating temperature, i.e., after driving continuously for at least 6 miles/10 km.

1. With the engine running, depress the brake pedal with your left foot.
2. Activate the SPORT+ program of the Dynamic Driving Control, refer to page 65.
3. With the vehicle stationary, activate manual mode and select first gear.
4. Press the accelerator all the way down. The engine speed when driving off is controlled. A flag symbol appears in the instrument cluster.
5. The vehicle accelerates when you release the brake pedal. Keep the accelerator pressed all the way down.
6. The transmission shifts up automatically as long as the accelerator is pressed all the way down.

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Launch Control only becomes available again after a certain distance has been driven.

Launch Control can only be used after the break-in phase, refer to page 98.

To maintain driving stability, activate DSC whenever possible.◀

Manually releasing and engaging the transmission lock

If a power failure occurs, e.g., if the battery is discharged or disconnected or if there is an electrical malfunction, the transmission lock must be released manually; otherwise, the rear wheels are blocked and the vehicle cannot be towed.◀

Release the transmission lock manually for towing only and set the parking brake beforehand to prevent the vehicle from rolling. After parking the vehicle, lock the transmission lock again manually, refer to page 50.

Manual release

1. Unclip the sleeve of the selector lever.
2. Pull the sleeve up over the selector lever until the sleeve is inside out.

3. Insert the Allen wrench from the onboard vehicle tool kit, refer to page 125, into the cap.

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4. Turn the cap with the Allen wrench, arrow **1**, and remove it, arrow **2**.

5. Insert the Allen wrench into the opening, arrow **1**.

6. Turn the Allen wrench as far as it will go, arrow **2**. The transmission lock is released.

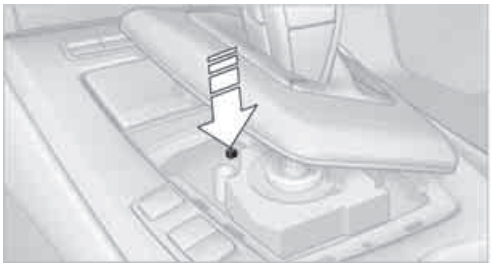
   Do not turn the Allen wrench in the opposite direction as this may damage the mechanism.◀

7. Draw the Allen wrench out of the opening.

After parking the vehicle, lock the transmission lock again, refer to Locking manually. Otherwise, there is a danger of the vehicle rolling.◀

Locking manually

1. Press the button, see arrow.
   The transmission lock is locked again.



2. Clip the sleeve of the selector lever back in place.
3. Set the parking brake.

Jump-starting and towing, refer to page 131.

Turn signals/ headlamp flasher

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1 High beams

2 Headlamp flasher

3 Turn signals

Using turn signals

Press the lever beyond the resistance point.

To turn off manually, press the lever to the resistance point.

Unusually rapid flashing of the indicator lamp indicates that a turn signal indicator has failed.◀

Indicating a turn briefly

Press the lever as far as the resistance point for as long as you wish to indicate a turn.

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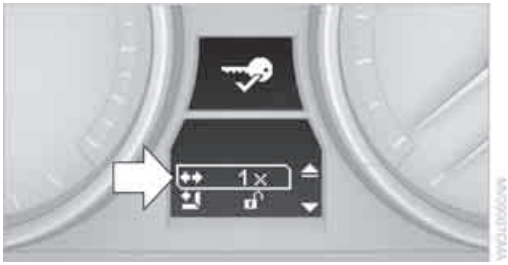
Triple turn signal activation

Press the lever as far as the resistance point. The turn signals flash once.

You can set whether it should flash once or three times when activated.

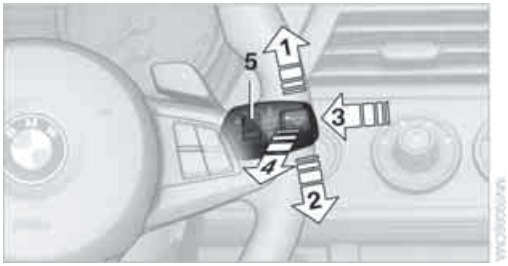
1. Switch on the ignition, refer to page 41.
2. Lightly push button **1** in the turn indicator lever up or down repeatedly until the symbol appears in the display accompanied by the word "SET".

3. Press button **2**.
4. Lightly push button **1** in the turn indicator lever down repeatedly until the symbol appears in the display.



5. Press button **2**.
6. Use button **1** to select one of the following:
   - ▷ 1 ×
     Turn signals flash once.
   - ▷ 3 ×
     Triple turn signal.
7. Press button **2**.
   The setting is stored for the remote control currently in use.

Wiper system



1 Switching on wipers

2 Switching off wipers or brief wipe

3 Activating/deactivating intermittent wipe or rain sensor*

4 Cleaning windshield and headlamps

5 Setting speed for intermittent wipe, or sensitivity of the rain sensor

Switching on wipers

Press the lever upward, arrow **1**.

The lever automatically returns to its initial position when released.

Normal wiper speed

Press once.

The system switches to operation in the intermittent mode when the vehicle is stationary.

Fast wiper speed

Press twice or press beyond the resistance point.
The system switches to normal speed when the vehicle is stationary.

Intermittent wipe or rain sensor*

If the car is not equipped with a rain sensor, the intermittent-wipe time is a preset.

If the car is equipped with a rain sensor, the time between wipes is controlled automatically and depends on the intensity of the rainfall. The rain sensor is mounted on the windshield, directly in front of the interior rearview mirror.

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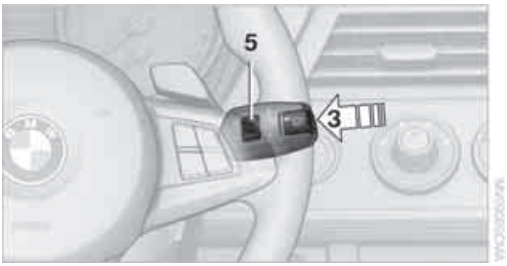
Activating intermittent wipe or rain sensor



Press the button, arrow **3**. The LED in the button lights up.

Setting speed for intermittent wipe or sensitivity of the rain sensor

Turn knurled wheel **5** up or down.

Deactivating intermittent wipe or rain sensor

Press the button again, arrow **3**.
The LED goes out.

Deactivate the rain sensor before entering an automatic car wash. Failure to do so could result in damage caused by undesired wiper activation.◀

Cleaning windshield and headlamps*

Pull the lever, arrow **4**.

Washer fluid is sprayed onto the windshield and the wipers are operated for a short time.

When the vehicle lighting system is switched on, the headlamps are cleaned at regular and appropriate intervals.

Do not use the washers if there is any danger that the fluid will freeze on the windshield. If you do, your vision could be obscured. Antifreeze should therefore be added to the fluid, refer to Washer fluid.
Do not use the washers when the washer fluid reservoir is empty; otherwise, you will damage the washer pump.◀

Windshield washer nozzles

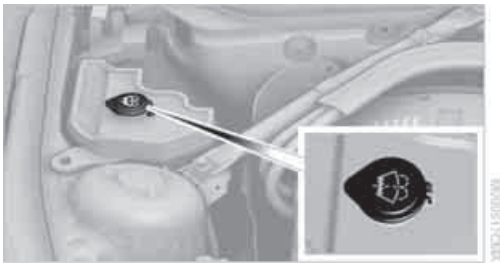
The windshield washer nozzles are heated automatically while the engine is running or the ignition is switched on.

Washer fluid

Washer fluid antifreeze is flammable. Therefore, keep it away from ignition sources and only store it in the closed original container that is kept out of reach of children; otherwise, there is a risk of personal injury. Comply with the instructions on the container.◀

Washer fluid filler neck

Only refill washer fluid when the engine is cool to avoid contact with hot engine parts. Otherwise, fluid spills constitute a fire hazard and a risk to personal safety.◀



All washer nozzles are supplied with washer fluid by the same reservoir.

Fill with water and, if required, with a washer antifreeze, according to manufacturer's recommendations.

Mix the water and antifreeze before filling the washer fluid reservoir to make sure the correct concentration is maintained.◀

Capacity

Approx. 6.3 US quarts/6 liters.

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Cruise control*

The concept

Cruise control is available for use at speeds of approx. 20 mph or 30 km/h. The car then stores and maintains the speed that you specify using the lever on the steering column. In order to maintain the specified speed, the system brakes the vehicle when the engine braking effect is insufficient on downhill gradients.

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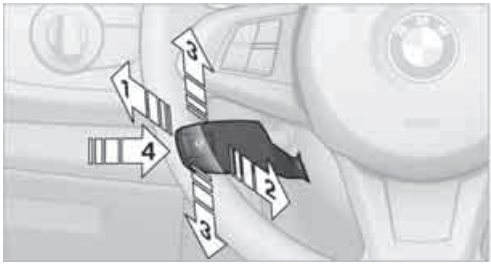
Do not use cruise control when driving at constant speed is prevented by adverse conditions, e.g., winding roads, dense traffic, poor visibility or unfavorable road conditions due to, e.g., snow, rain, ice or loose surfaces. Otherwise, you could lose control of the vehicle and cause an accident as a result.◀

Manual transmission

You can shift gears while cruise control is activated. An indicator lamp notifies you that you should shift gears when you drive for an extended period at very high or very low engine speeds, or the system is deactivated.

One lever for all functions



1 Storing and maintaining speed or accelerating

2 Storing and maintaining speed or decelerating

3 Deactivating cruise control

4 Resuming a speed stored beforehand

Maintaining current speed

Tap the lever, arrow **1**, or pull it briefly, arrow **2**. The car's current speed is stored and maintained. It is displayed on the speedometer and briefly in the instrument cluster.

On uphill gradients, it may prove impossible to maintain the set speed if current engine power output is insufficient. If the engine braking effect is insufficient on downhill slopes, the system will brake the vehicle slightly.

Increasing desired speed

Repeatedly press the lever to the resistance point or beyond, arrow **1**, until the desired speed is reached.

▷ Each time the lever is pressed to the resistance point, the desired speed is increased by approx. 1 mph or 1 km/h.

▷ Each time the lever is pressed beyond the resistance point, the desired speed is increased by up to 5 mph or 10 km/h.

The system stores and maintains the speed.

Accelerating using the lever

Accelerating slightly:

Press the lever to the resistance point, arrow **1**, and hold until the desired speed is reached.

Accelerating significantly:

Press the lever beyond the resistance point, arrow **1**, and hold until the desired speed is reached.

The vehicle accelerates without pressure on the accelerator pedal. The system stores and maintains the speed.

Decreasing speed

Repeatedly pull the lever to the resistance point or beyond, arrow **2**, until the desired speed is displayed.

▷ Each time the lever is pulled to the resistance point, the desired speed is decreased by approx. 1 mph or 1 km/h.

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▷ Each time the lever is pulled beyond the resistance point, the desired speed is reduced by up to 5 mph or 10 km/h until the minimum speed of 20 mph or 30 km/h is achieved.

The system stores and maintains the speed.

Interrupting the system

Tap the lever upwards or downwards, arrow **3**. The displays in the speedometer change color.

In addition, the system is automatically deactivated:

▷ When you brake the vehicle

▷ When you switch gears very slowly or shift to neutral in cars with a manual transmission

▷ When you engage selector lever position N in cars with an automatic transmission

▷ When you engage transmission position N in 7-gear sport automatic transmissions with a dual clutch

▷ When you activate the DTC Dynamic Traction Control or deactivate DSC.

▷ When DSC or ABS is intervening

Cruise control is not deactivated by depressing the accelerator pedal. Once the accelerator pedal is released, the stored speed is achieved again and maintained.

Warning lamp

The warning lamp comes on, for example, when cruise control has been deactivated as a result of DSC intervention.

Deactivating the system

▷ Press the lever upward or downward twice, arrow **3.**

▷ Switch off the ignition.

The stored speed is cleared.

Resuming a speed stored beforehand

Press the button, arrow **4**. The last stored speed is resumed and maintained.

Displays in the instrument cluster

1 Stored speed

2 Selected speed is displayed briefly

If --- mph or --- km/h temporarily appears in the instrument cluster display, it is possible that the system prerequisites for operation are currently not met.
Calling up Check Control messages, refer to page 63.◀

Malfunction

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The warning lamp comes on when the system has failed. More information can be found beginning on page 135.

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Controls overview

Odometer, outside temperature display, clock

1 Knob in the instrument cluster

2 Outside temperature display and clock

3 Odometer and trip odometer

Knob in the instrument cluster

▷ To reset the trip odometer while the ignition is switched on

▷ To display the time, outside temperature and odometer briefly while the ignition is switched off

Units of measure

To select the respective units of measure, miles or km for the odometer as well as °F or °C for the outside temperature, refer to page 59.

The setting is stored for the remote control currently in use.

Time, outside temperature display

Setting the time, refer to page 61.

Outside temperature warning

When the displayed temperature sinks to approx. +37 °F /+3 °C, a signal sounds and a warning lamp lights up. There is an increased risk of black ice.

⚠ Black ice can also form at temperatures above +37 °F /+3 °C. You should therefore drive carefully on bridges and shaded roads, for example; otherwise, there is an increased risk of an accident.◀

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Odometer and trip odometer

Resetting trip odometer:
With the ignition switched on, press button **1** in the instrument cluster.

When the vehicle is parked

If you still want to view the time, outside temperature and odometer reading briefly after the remote control has been taken out of the ignition lock:
Press button **1** in the instrument cluster.

Tachometer

Never force the engine speed up into the red warning field, see arrow. In this range, the fuel supply is interrupted to protect the engine.

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Coolant temperature

A warning lamp will come on if the coolant, and therefore the engine, becomes too hot.

Check coolant level, refer to page 118.

Engine oil temperature*

When the engine is at normal operating temperature, the engine oil temperature is between approx. 210 °F /100 °C and approx. 300 °F /150 °C.

If the engine oil temperature is too high, a warning lamp comes on in the instrument cluster.

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Fuel gauge

Fuel tank capacity: approx. 14.5 US gallons/ 55 liters.

You can find information on refueling on page 106.

If the tilt of the vehicle varies for a longer period, when you are driving in mountainous areas, for example, the indicator may fluctuate slightly.

Reserve

Once the fuel level has fallen to the reserve zone of approx. 2.1 US gallons/8 liters, the indicator lamp and cruising range for the remaining amount of fuel are displayed briefly. The indicator lamp remains permanently on when the remaining range is less than approx. 30 miles/50 km.

⚠ Refuel as soon as possible once your cruising range falls below 30 miles/ 50 km; otherwise, engine functions are not ensured and damage can occur.◀

Computer

Displays in the instrument cluster

Calling up information

Press the button in the turn indicator lever.

The following items of information are displayed in the order listed:

- ▷ Cruising range
- ▷ Average speed
- ▷ Average fuel consumption
- ▷ Current fuel consumption*
- ▷ No information

To set the corresponding units of measure, refer to Formats and units of measure on page 59.

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Cruising range

Displays the estimated cruising range available with the remaining fuel. The range is calculated on the basis of the way the car has been driven over the last 18 miles/30 km and the amount of fuel currently in the tank.

Refuel as soon as possible once your cruising range falls below 30 miles/ 50 km; otherwise, engine functions are not ensured and damage can occur.◀

Average speed

Periods with the vehicle parked and the engine switched off are not included in the calculations of average speed.

To reset average speed: press the button in the turn indicator lever for approx. 2 seconds.

Average fuel consumption

The average fuel consumption is calculated for the time during which the engine is running.

To reset average fuel consumption: press the button in the turn indicator lever for approx. 2 seconds.

Current fuel consumption

Displays the current fuel consumption. This allows you to see whether your current driving style is conducive to fuel economy with minimum exhaust emissions.

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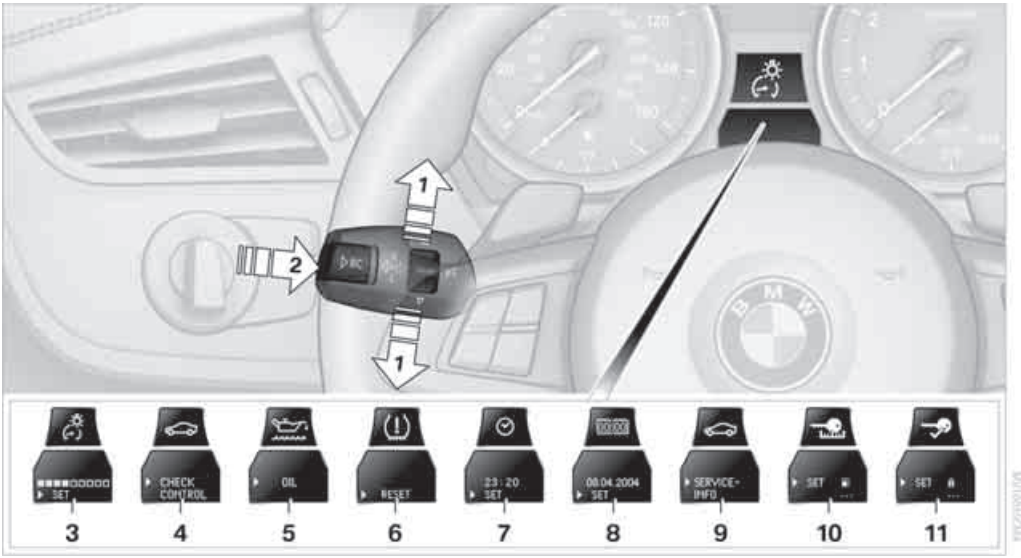
Settings and information

Operating principle



Certain settings and information can only be called up when the ignition is switched on. A number of settings cannot be made while driving.

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- ▷ Setting values

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- ▷ Confirming selected display or set values
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Exiting displays

The outside temperature reading and the time reappear when you press button **2** or if you make no entries within approx. 15 seconds. If required, complete the current setting first.

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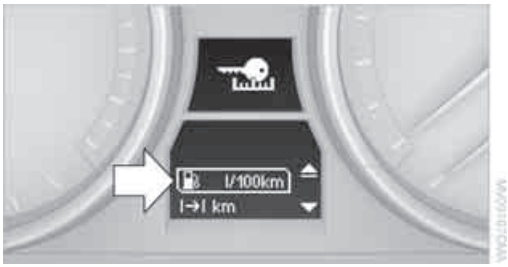
Formats and units of measure

You can set formats and units of measure.

You can change the units for fuel consumption, route/distance, temperature and pressure.

1. Switch on the ignition, refer to page 41.
2. Lightly push button **1** in the turn indicator lever up or down repeatedly until the symbol appears in the display accompanied by the word "SET".

3. Press button **2**.
4. Use button **1** to select desired format or desired unit of measure, e.g., for fuel consumption.



- ▷ Fuel consumption: mpg, km/l, l/100km
- ▷ Distance covered: mls, km
- ▷ Time: 12h, 24h format
- ▷ Date: day.month dd.mm, month/day mm/dd
- ▷ Temperature: °C, °F

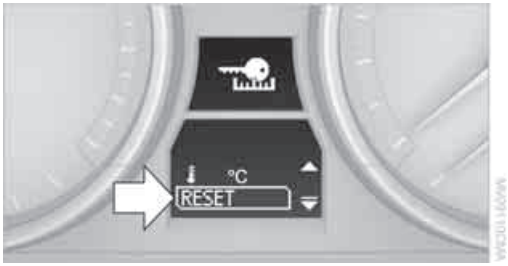
5. Press button **2**.
6. Use button **1** to make the setting.
7. Press button **2**.
   The setting is stored for the remote control currently in use.

Resetting to factory settings

You can reset the settings for formats and units of measure to factory settings.

1. Lightly push button **1** in the turn indicator lever up or down repeatedly until the symbol appears in the display accompanied by the word "SET".

2. Press button **2**.
3. Use button **1** to select "RESET".



4. Press button **2** until ✓ is displayed.
   The settings are reset.
   The setting is stored for the remote control currently in use.

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Service requirements

The remaining driving distance and the date of the next scheduled service are displayed briefly immediately after you start the engine or switch on the ignition.

The extent of service work required can be read out from the remote control by your BMW Service Advisor.◀

For certain maintenance operations, you can view the respective distance remaining or due date individually in the instrument cluster.

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1. Switch on the ignition, refer to page 41.
2. Push button **1** in the turn indicator lever up or down repeatedly until the appropriate symbol appears in the display, accompanied by the words "SERVICE-INFO".
3. Press button **2**.
4. Use button **1** to scroll through the individual service items.

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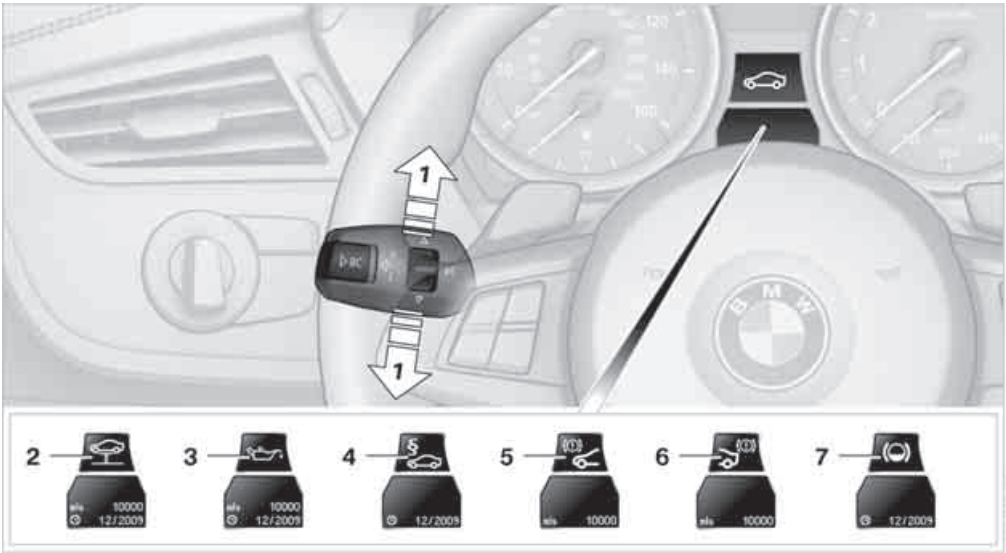
Possible displays



1 Button for selecting functions
2 Service requirements
3 Engine oil
4 Roadworthiness test*
5 Front brake pads
6 Rear brake pads
7 Brake fluid

The sequence of displayed service items may vary. The data for the next service appointment is shown first.

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Clock

Setting the time

To set the 12h/24h mode, refer to Formats and units of measure on page 59.

1. Push button **1** in the turn indicator lever up or down repeatedly until the appropriate symbol appears in the display, accompanied by the time and the word "SET".
2. Press button **2**.
3. Use button **1** to set the hours.
4. Press button **2** to confirm the entry.
5. Use button **1** to set the minutes.
6. Press button **2** to confirm the entry.
7. Press button **2**.
   The system accepts the new time.

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Date

Setting the date

To set the dd/mm or mm/dd date format, refer to Formats and units of measure on page 59.

1. Push button **1** in the turn indicator lever up or down repeatedly until the appropriate symbol appears in the display, accompanied by the date and the word "SET".
2. Press button **2**.
3. Use button **1** to set the day of the month.
4. Press button **2** to confirm the entry.
5. Set the month and the year in the same way.
6. Press button **2**.
   The system stores the new date.

Check Control

The concept

The Check Control monitors vehicle functions and alerts you to any malfunctions in the systems monitored. A Check Control message encompasses indicator and warning lamps in the instrument cluster and may include an acoustic signal.

Indicator and warning lamps can light up in a variety of combinations and colors.

⚠ indicates that Check Control messages have been stored. You can view the Check Control messages whenever it is convenient for you.

What to do in case of a malfunction

The meaning of each lamp in the event of a malfunction and tips on how to respond are listed starting on page 135.

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Hiding Check Control messages

Press the button in the turn indicator lever.

Some Check Control messages are displayed until the malfunctions have been rectified. They cannot be hidden. If several malfunctions occur at the same time, they are displayed in succession.

Other messages are automatically hidden after approx. 20 seconds, but are kept in memory.

Viewing stored Check Control messages

1. Push button **1** in the turn indicator lever up or down repeatedly until the appropriate symbol appears in the display, accompanied by the words "CHECK CONTROL".
2. Press button **2**.
   "CHECK OK" appears if there are no Check Control messages.
   If a Check Control message has been stored, the corresponding lamp comes on.
3. Push button **1** to check for other messages.
4. Press button **2**.
   The display again shows the outside temperature and the time.

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Technology for driving comfort and safety

Park Distance Control PDC*

The concept

The PDC assists you with maneuvering in tight parking spaces. Acoustic signals warn you of the presence of an object in front of* or behind your vehicle. To measure the distance, there are four ultrasonic sensors in either bumper.

An acoustic warning does not sound until an object is closer than approx. 2 ft/60 cm to the corner sensors, or closer than approx. 5 ft/ 1.50 m to the center sensors.

PDC is a parking aid that can indicate objects when they are approached slowly, as is usually the case when parking. Avoid approaching an object at high speed; otherwise, physical circumstances may lead to the system warning being issued too late.◀

Switching on automatically

With the engine running or the ignition switched on, the system is activated after approx. 1 second when you engage reverse gear or move the automatic transmission selector lever to position R. Wait this short period before driving.

Switching off automatically

After approx. 165 ft/50 m of driving or above approx. 20 mph or 30 km/h, the system switches off and the LED goes out.

Signal tones

When nearing an object, its position is indicated correspondingly by an interval tone. As the distance between vehicle and object decreases, the intervals between the tones become shorter. If the distance to the nearest object falls to below roughly 1 ft/30 cm, then a continuous tone sounds.

An interval tone is interrupted after approx. 3 seconds

- ▷ If you remain in front of an object that has been detected by only one of the corner sensors
- ▷ If you are driving parallel to a wall.

Malfunction

The indicator lamp in the instrument cluster comes on. PDC is malfunctioning. Have the system checked.

To avoid this problem, keep the sensors clean and free of ice or snow in order to ensure that they will continue to operate effectively. When using a high-pressure cleaner, do not spray the sensors for extended periods of time and only from a distance of at least 12 in/30 cm.

System limitations

Even with PDC, final responsibility for estimating the distance between the vehicle and any obstructions always remains with the driver. Even when sensors are provided, there is a blind spot in which objects can no longer be detected. The system is also subject to the physical limits that apply to all forms of ultrasonic measurement, such as those encountered with trailer towbars and hitches, thin or wedge-shaped objects, etc. Low objects that have already been displayed, e.g., curbs, can disappear again from the detection area of the sensors before or after a continuous tone sounds. Higher, protruding objects, e.g., ledges, cannot be detected. Therefore, always drive cautiously; otherwise, there is a risk of personal injury or property damage.
Loud sound sources outside or inside the car can drown out the PDC signal. Therefore, always drive cautiously; otherwise, there is a risk of personal injury or property damage.◀

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Driving stability control systems

Your BMW has a number of systems that help to maintain the vehicle's stability even in adverse driving conditions.

Antilock Brake System ABS

ABS prevents locking of the wheels during braking. Safe steering response is maintained even during full braking. Active safety is thus increased.

The ABS is operational every time you start the engine. Braking safely, refer to page 100.

Electronic brake-force distribution

The system controls the brake pressure in the rear wheels to ensure stable braking behavior.

Dynamic Brake Control DBC

When you apply the brakes rapidly, this system automatically produces the maximum braking force boost and thus helps to achieve the shortest possible braking distance during full braking. This system exploits all of the benefits provided by ABS.

Do not reduce the pressure on the brake for the duration of the full braking application.

Dynamic Stability Control DSC

DSC prevents the driving wheels from losing traction when you pull away from rest or accelerate. The system also recognizes unstable driving conditions, for example if the rear of the car is about to swerve or if momentum is acting at an angle past the front wheels. In these cases, DSC helps the vehicle maintain a safe course within physical limits by reducing engine output and through braking actions at the individual wheels.

The laws of physics cannot be repealed, even with DSC. An appropriate driving style always remains the responsibility of the driver. Therefore, do not reduce the additional safety margin again by taking risks, as this could result in an accident.◀

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Deactivating/activating the DSC OFF program

The program can be deactivated via Dynamic Driving Control, refer to DSC OFF.

For better control

The indicator lamp flashes: DSC controls the drive forces and brake forces. The indicator lamp lights up: DSC has failed.

DTC Dynamic Traction Control

The concept

The DTC system and the TRACTION program are a variant of the DSC in which forward momentum is optimized.

The system ensures maximum forward momentum on special road conditions, e.g., unplowed snowy roads, but driving stability is limited.

It is therefore necessary to drive with appropriate caution.

You may find it useful to briefly activate DTC under the following special circumstances:

- ▷ When driving in slush or on uncleared, snow-covered roads.
- ▷ When rocking the vehicle or driving off in deep snow or on loose surfaces.
- ▷ When driving with snow chains.

Deactivating/activating DTC Dynamic Traction Control

The system and program can be deactivated/activated via Dynamic Driving Control.

Dynamic Driving Control

The concept

Dynamic Driving Control can be used to adjust the driving dynamics of the vehicle. Several programs are available for this purpose; they can be activated using the two Dynamic Driving Control buttons.

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The following characteristics are adapted, depending on which program was selected:

- ▷ Engine response.
- ▷ Shift times of the automatic transmission*.
- ▷ Power steering support*.
- ▷ Changes in the suspension characteristics through damping control*.
- ▷ Vehicle stabilization through DSC Dynamic Stability Control.

Operating the programs

1 You can activate or deactivate the following programs using this button:
   - ▷ DSC OFF
   - ▷ TRACTION

2 You can activate or deactivate the following programs using this rocker switch:
   - ▷ SPORT+
   - ▷ SPORT
   - ▷ NORMAL

DSC OFF

Driving stability is limited during acceleration and when driving in bends.

To increase vehicle stability, activate DSC again as soon as possible.

Activating DSC OFF

Press and hold the button, but not longer than approx. 10 seconds, until the indicator lamp for the DSC lights up in the instrument cluster and DSC OFF is displayed in the instrument cluster.

The DSC system is switched off.

Deactivating DSC OFF

Press the button.

DSC OFF and the DSC indicator lamp go out.

For better control

When DSC is switched off, DSC OFF is displayed in the instrument cluster.

The indicator lamp lights up: DSC is deactivated.

TRACTION

Maximum traction on loose road surfaces. DTC Dynamic Traction Control is switched on. Driving stability is limited during acceleration and when driving in bends.

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Activating TRACTION

Press the button.

TRACTION is displayed in the instrument cluster.

The DSC indicator lamp in the instrument cluster lights up.

Deactivating TRACTION

Press the button again.

TRACTION and the DSC indicator lamp go out.

For better control

When DTC is switched on, TRACTION is displayed in the instrument cluster.

The indicator lamp lights up: DTC Dynamic Traction Control is activated.

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SPORT+

Sporty driving with a tight suspension and limited driving stabilization.

Dynamic Traction Control is switched on.

The driver handles several of the stabilization tasks.

Activating SPORT+

Press the button repeatedly until SPORT+ appears in the instrument cluster and the DSC indicator lamp lights up.

For better control

SPORT+ is displayed in the instrument cluster.

The indicator lamp lights up: DTC Dynamic Traction Control is activated.

SPORT

Consistently sporty tuning of the suspension for greater driving agility with maximum driving stabilization.

Activating SPORT

Press the button repeatedly until SPORT+ appears in the instrument cluster.

NORMAL

For a balanced tuning with maximum driving stabilization.

Activating NORMAL

Press the button repeatedly until the program display disappears in the instrument cluster.

Displays in the instrument cluster

The selected program is displayed in the instrument cluster.

Drive-off assistant

The drive-off assistant enables you to drive off smoothly on uphill gradients. The parking brake is not required.

1. Hold the car in place by depressing the brake.
2. Release the brake and drive off without delay.

The drive-off assistant holds the car in place for approx. 2 seconds after the brake is released. Drive off without delay after releasing the brake. Because the drive-off assistant will not hold the car in place after approx. 2 seconds, the car would otherwise start to roll backwards.◀

Flat Tire Monitor FTM*

The concept

The Flat Tire Monitor detects pressure loss in a tire by comparing the rotating speeds of the individual tires while moving.

In the event of pressure loss, the rolling circumference changes and, thus, the rotating speed of the affected wheel. This change is detected and is reported as a flat tire.

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Functional requirement

In order to assure the reliable reporting of a flat tire, the system must be initialized for the correct tire inflation pressure.

The system must be reinitialized each time a tire inflation pressure has been corrected or a wheel or tire has been changed.◀

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System limitations

The Flat Tire Monitor is unable to warn the driver of sudden, severe tire damage caused by external factors, nor can it identify the gradual loss of pressure that will inevitably occur in all four tires over a lengthy period of time.◀

In the following situations, the system could be delayed or malfunction:

- System has not been initialized
- Driving on snowy or slippery road surface
- Performance-oriented style of driving: slip in the drive wheels, high lateral acceleration
- Snow chains are attached

Initializing the system

The initialization is completed during driving, which can be interrupted at any time. When driving resumes, the initialization is continued automatically.
Do not initialize the system while snow chains are attached.◀

For operating principle refer to page 58.

1. Start the engine immediately before pulling away, but do not drive off yet.

2. Lightly push button **1** in the turn indicator lever up or down repeatedly until the corresponding symbol appears in the display accompanied by the word "RESET".
3. Press button **2** to confirm your choice of the Flat Tire Monitor.
4. Press button **2** for approx. 5 seconds until the reading shown below is displayed:

5. Start to drive.
   Initialization is completed while the car is on the move without providing feedback.

Indication of a flat tire

The warning lamps come on in yellow and red. In addition, an acoustic signal sounds. There is a flat tire or substantial loss of tire pressure.

1. Cautiously reduce speed to below 50 mph or 80 km/h. Avoid sudden braking and steering maneuvers. Do not exceed a speed of 50 mph or 80 km/h.

   If the car is not equipped with run-flat tires, refer to page 113, the standard equipment by design, do not continue driving. Otherwise, a severe accident could result if you continue driving.◀
2. At the next opportunity, check the air pressure in all four tires.

   If all four tires are inflated to the correct pressures, the Flat Tire Monitor might not have been initialized. The system must then be initialized.◀

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3. In the event of complete tire pressure loss, 0 psi/0 kPa, you can estimate the possible distance for continued driving on the basis of the following guidelines:
   - With a light load:
     1 person without luggage:
     approx. 155 miles/250 km
   - With a medium load:
     1 person, cargo area full, or 2 people without luggage:
     approx. 94 miles/150 km
   - With a full load:
     2 people, cargo area full:
     approx. 30 miles/50 km

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Drive cautiously and do not exceed a speed of 50 mph or 80 km/h; otherwise, there is a risk of an accident. In the event of pressure loss, vehicle handling changes. This includes reduced tracking stability in braking, extended braking distance and altered natural steering characteristics.
If unusual vibration or loud noises occur during the journey, this may be an indication that the damaged tire has finally failed. Reduce your speed and pull over as soon as possible at a suitable location. Otherwise, parts of the tire could come loose, resulting in an accident. Do not continue driving. Instead, contact your BMW center.◀

Tire Pressure Monitor TPM*

The concept

TPM checks the inflation pressures of the four mounted tires. The system notifies you if there is a significant loss of pressure in one or more tires.

Functional requirement

In order to assure the reliable reporting of a flat tire, the system must be reset while all tire inflation pressures are correct.

Always use wheels with TPM electronics. Otherwise, the system may malfunction.

Each time a tire inflation pressure has been corrected or a wheel or tire has been changed, reset the system.◀

System limitations

TPM cannot warn you in advance of sudden severe tire damage caused by outside influences.◀

The system does not work correctly if it has not been reset; for example, a flat tire may be indicated even though the tire inflation pressures are correct.

The system is inactive and cannot indicate a flat tire if a wheel without TPM electronics, such as a compact spare wheel, has been mounted, or if TPM is temporarily malfunctioning due to other systems or devices using the same radio frequency.

Resetting the system

Each time a tire inflation pressure has been corrected or a wheel or tire has been changed, reset the system.◀

For operating principle refer to page 58.

1. Start the engine, but do not start driving.
2. Lightly push button **1** in the turn indicator lever up or down repeatedly until the corresponding symbol appears in the display accompanied by the word "RESET".

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3. Press button **2** to confirm your choice of the Tire Pressure Monitor. The following display appears:

4. Press button **2** for approx. 5 seconds until the reading shown below is displayed:

5. Start to drive.
After driving a few minutes, the set inflation pressures in the tires are accepted as the target values to be monitored. The system reset is completed during your drive, and can be interrupted at any time. When driving resumes, the reset is continued automatically. The indicator lamp goes out after the system reset is completed.

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Message for low tire inflation pressure

The warning lamps come on in yellow and red. In addition, a signal sounds. There is a flat tire or substantial loss of tire pressure.

1. Cautiously reduce speed to below 50 mph/80 km/h. Avoid sudden braking and steering maneuvers. Do not exceed a speed of 50 mph/80 km/h.

If the car is not equipped with run-flat tires, refer to page 113, the standard equipment by design, do not continue driving. Otherwise, a severe accident could result after a tire puncture if you continue driving.◀

2. In the event of complete pressure loss, 0 psi/0 kPa, you can estimate the possible distance for continued driving on the basis of the following guidelines:
   - ▷ With a light load:
     1 person without luggage:
     approx. 155 miles/250 km
   - ▷ With a medium load:
     1 person, cargo area full, or 2 people without luggage:
     approx. 95 miles/150 km
   - ▷ With a full load:
     2 people, cargo area full:
     approx. 30 miles/50 km

Drive cautiously and do not exceed a speed of 50 mph/80 km/h. In the event of pressure loss, vehicle handling changes. This includes reduced tracking stability in braking, extended braking distance and altered natural steering characteristics.
If unusual vibration or loud noises occur during the journey, this may be an indication that the damaged tire has finally failed. Reduce your speed and pull over as soon as possible at a suitable location. Otherwise, parts of the tire could come loose, resulting in an accident. Do not continue driving. Instead, contact your BMW center.◀

Message for unsuccessful system reset

The warning lamp lights up yellow. The system was not reset after a tire was changed, for example.

Check the tire inflation pressure and reset the system, refer to page 69.

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Malfunction

The small warning lamp flashes in yellow and then lights up continuously; the larger warning lamp comes on in yellow. No punctures can be detected.

This type of message is shown in the following situations:

- ▷ If there is a malfunction
  Have the system checked.
- ▷ If a wheel without TPM electronics has been mounted
- ▷ If TPM is temporarily malfunctioning due to other systems or devices using the same radio frequency.

Declaration according to NHTSA/ FMVSS 138
Tire Pressure Monitoring Systems

Each tire should be checked monthly when cold and inflated to the inflation pressure recommended by the vehicle manufacturer on the vehicle placard or tire inflation pressure label. If your vehicle has tires of a different size than the size indicated on the vehicle placard or tire inflation pressure label, you should determine the proper tire inflation pressure for those tires. As an added safety feature, your vehicle has been equipped with a tire pressure monitoring system, TPMS, that illuminates a low tire pressure telltale when one or more of your tires are significantly under-inflated. Accordingly, when the low tire pressure telltale illuminates, you should stop and check your tires as soon as possible, and inflate them to the proper pressure. Driving on a significantly underinflated tire causes the tire to overheat and can lead to tire failure. Underinflation also reduces fuel efficiency and tire tread life, and may affect the vehicle's handling and stopping ability. Please note that the TPMS is not a substitute for proper tire maintenance, and it is the driver's responsibility to maintain correct tire pressure, even if underinflation has not reached the level at which the TPMS low tire pressure telltale illuminates.

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The TPMS malfunction indicator is combined with the low tire pressure telltale. When the system detects a malfunction, the telltale will flash for approximately one minute and then remain continuously lit. This sequence will continue upon subsequent vehicle startups as long as the malfunction exists. When the malfunction indicator is illuminated, the system may not be able to detect or signal low tire pressure as intended. TPMS malfunctions may occur for a variety of reasons, including the installation of replacement or alternate tires or wheels on the vehicle that prevent the TPMS from functioning properly. Always check the TPMS malfunction telltale after replacing one or more tires or wheels on your vehicle to ensure that the replacement or alternate tires and wheels allow the TPMS to continue to function properly.

Servotronic*

The concept

The Servotronic varies the steering force required to turn the wheels depending on the speed at which you are driving. When you are driving at low speeds, power steering provides more support, i.e. little effort is needed to turn the wheels. Power steering support lessens as your speed increases.
The system works automatically.

Malfunction

Malfunctions are displayed via Check Control, page 135.

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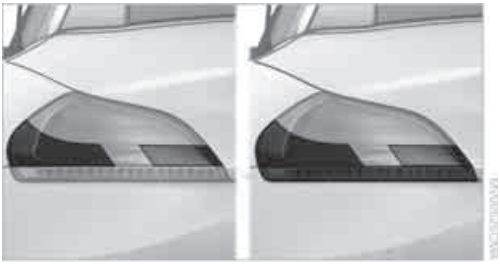
Dynamic brake lamps*



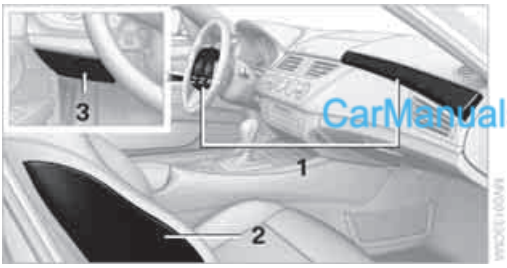
On the left: normal braking.

On the right: sharp braking.

During sharp braking, the brake lamps and the dynamic brake lamps of your BMW light up.

The dynamic brake lamps are automatically activated if the turn signal is not flashing.

Airbags



The following airbags are located under the marked covers:

1 Front airbags

2 Side airbags in the seat backrests

3 Knee airbag

Protective action

Observe the adjustment instructions on page 32 to ensure the best possible personal protection.◀

The front airbags help protect the driver and passenger by responding to frontal impacts in which safety belts alone cannot provide adequate restraint. When needed, the side airbags help provide protection in the event of a side impact. The relevant side airbag supports the head and the side upper body area.

The airbags have been designed to not be triggered in every collision situation, e.g., not in minor accidents or rear-end collisions.

Do not apply adhesive materials to the cover panels of the airbags, cover them or modify them in any other way.
Keep the dashboard and window on the passenger side clear, i.e., do not cover with adhesive labels or coverings, and do not attach holders such as for navigation instruments and mobile phones.
Do not attach seat covers, cushions or other objects to the front seats that are not specifically approved for seats with integral side airbags. Do not hang items of clothing such as coats or jackets over the backrests.
Do not attempt to remove the airbag retention system from the vehicle. Do not modify the individual components of the system or its wiring in any way. This includes the upholstered covers of the steering wheel, the dashboard and the seats. Do not attempt to remove or dismantle the steering wheel.
Do not touch the individual components immediately after the system has been triggered, because there is a danger of burns.
In the event of malfunctions, deactivation or triggering of the airbag restraint system, have the testing, repair, removal and disposal of airbag generators executed only by a BMW center or a workshop that works according to repair procedures of BMW with correspondingly trained personnel and that has the required explosives licenses. Unprofessional attempts to work on the system could lead to failure in an emergency or to undesired airbag activation, either of which could result in personal injury.◀

Warning notices and information about the airbags can also be found on the sun visors.

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Automatic deactivation of the passenger airbags

The system determines whether the passenger seat is occupied by measuring the resistance of the human body. Front, knee and side airbags on the passenger side are activated or deactivated accordingly.

⚠ Make sure that the passenger keeps his or her feet in the footwell; otherwise, the passenger airbags may not function properly.◀

The indicator lamp above the interior rearview mirror shows the current status of the passenger airbags, deactivated or activated, refer to Status of passenger airbags below.

⚠ Before transporting a child on the front passenger seat, read the safety precautions and handling instructions under Transporting children safely, see page 39.

Malfunction of the automatic deactivation system

The front, knee and side airbags can also be deactivated by adolescents and adults sitting in certain positions; the indicator lamp for the passenger airbags comes on. In such cases, the passenger should change his or her sitting position so that the passenger airbags are activated and the indicator lamp goes out. If the desired airbag status cannot be achieved by changing the sitting position, do not transport the passenger in the vehicle.

To make sure that occupation of the seat cushion can be detected correctly:

- ▷ Do not attach seat covers, seat cushion padding, ball mats or other items to the passenger seat unless they are specifically recommended by BMW.
- ▷ Do not place any items under the seat which could press against the seat from below.◀

Status of passenger airbags

The indicator lamp for the passenger airbags shows the functional status of the passenger's front, knee and side airbags in accordance with whether and how the passenger seat is occupied. The indicator lamp shows whether the passenger airbags are activated or deactivated.

- ▷ The indicator lamp lights up when a child who is properly seated in a child restraint system intended for that purpose is detected on the seat or the seat is empty. The front, knee and side airbags for the passenger are not activated.

  Most child seats are detected by the system, especially child seats required by the NHTSA at the time of vehicle production. After mounting a child seat, ensure that the indicator lamp for the passenger airbag is lit. It indicates that the child seat has been detected and that the passenger airbags are deactivated.
- ▷ The indicator lamp does not come on when, for example, a person of sufficient size and in a correct sitting position is detected on the seat.
  The front, knee and passenger airbags for the passenger are activated.

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Operational readiness of airbag system

As of radio readiness, refer to page 41, the warning lamp comes on briefly to indicate that the entire airbag system and the belt tensioners are operational.

Airbag system malfunction

- ▷ Warning lamp does not light up at radio readiness or beyond.
- ▷ Warning lamp remains permanently on.

⚠ In the event of a fault in the airbag system, have it checked without delay; otherwise, there is the risk that the system will not function as intended even if a sufficiently severe accident occurs.◀

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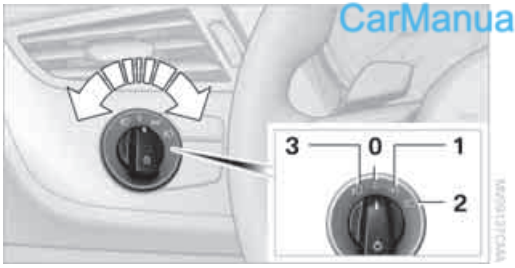
Lamps

Parking lamps/low beams



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0 Lamps off,
daytime running lights

1 Parking lamps and daytime running lights

2 Low-beam headlamps and welcome lamps

3 Automatic headlamp control*, daytime running lights, welcome lamps, high-beam assistant* and adaptive light control*

When you open the driver's door with the ignition switched off, the exterior lighting is automatically switched off if the light switch is in position **0**, **2** or **3**.

Switch on the parking lamps if necessary, switch position **1**.

Parking lamps

In switch position **1**, the front, rear and side vehicle lighting is switched on. You can use the parking lamps for parking.

▷ The parking lamps will discharge the battery. Therefore, do not leave them on for unduly long periods of time; otherwise, the battery might not have enough power to start the engine. It is preferable to switch on the left-hand or right-hand roadside parking lamps, refer to page 77.◀

Low beams

The low beams light up when the light switch is in position **2** and the ignition is on.

Automatic headlamp control*

When the switch is in position **3**, the low beams are switched on and off automatically depending on ambient light conditions, e.g., in a tunnel, in twilight, or if there is precipitation. The adaptive light control* is active. The LED next to the symbol is illuminated when the low beams are on. You can also activate the daytime running lights, refer to page 76. In the situations described above, the lamps then automatically switch from daytime running lights to low beams.

The headlamps may also come on when the sun is sitting low on a blue sky.

⚠ The automatic headlamp control cannot serve as a substitute for your personal judgment in determining when the lamps should be switched on in response to ambient lighting conditions. For example, the system cannot detect fog or hazy weather. To avoid safety risks, you should always switch on the low-beam headlamps manually under these conditions.◀

Welcome lamps

If you leave the light switch in position **2** or **3** when you park the car, the parking lamps and the interior lamps light up briefly when you unlock the vehicle.

Pathway lighting

If you activate the headlamp flasher after parking the car, with the lights switched off, the low beams come on and remain on for a certain time.

You can adjust the operating period or deactivate the function.

For operating principle refer to page 58.

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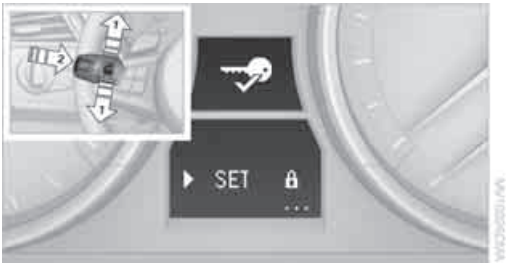
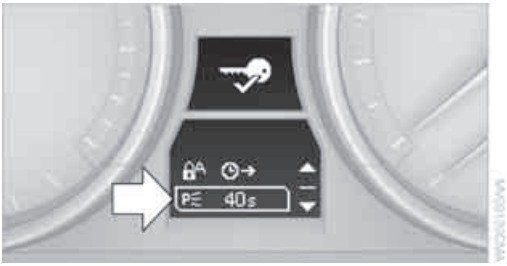
1. Switch on the ignition, refer to page 41.
2. Lightly push button **1** in the turn indicator lever up or down repeatedly until the symbol appears in the display accompanied by the word "SET".



3. Press button **2**.
4. Lightly push button **1** in the turn indicator lever down repeatedly until the symbol appears in the display.



5. Press button **2**.
6. Use button **1** to select one of the following:
   - ▷ 0 s
     The function is deactivated.
   - ▷ 10 s ... 240 s
     Select the corresponding duration, e.g., 40 seconds.
7. Press button **2**.
   The setting is stored for the remote control currently in use.

Daytime running lights

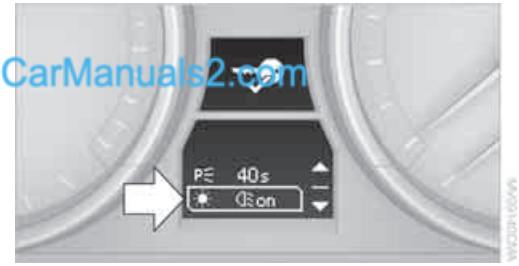
The daytime running lights light up in switch position **0**, **1** and **3**. They are less powerful than the low beams.

Activating/deactivating the daytime running lights

For operating principle refer to page 58.

1. Switch on the ignition, refer to page 41.
2. Lightly push button **1** in the turn indicator lever up or down repeatedly until the symbol appears in the display accompanied by the word "SET".

3. Press button **2**.
4. Lightly push button **1** in the turn indicator lever down repeatedly until the symbol appears in the display.



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5. Press button **2**.
6. Use button **1** to select one of the following:
   - ▷ on
     Daytime running lights activated.
   - ▷ off
     Daytime running lights deactivated.
7. Press button **2**.
   The setting is stored for the remote control currently in use.

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Adaptive light control*

The concept

Adaptive light control is a variable headlamp control system that enables better illumination of the road surface. Depending on the steering angle and other parameters, the light from the headlamp follows the course of the road.

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Activating adaptive light control

With the ignition switched on, turn the light switch to position **3**, refer to page 75.

Standstill function*: To avoid blinding oncoming traffic, adaptive light control directs light towards the passenger side when the vehicle is at a standstill.

Malfunction

Adaptive light control is malfunctioning or has failed. Have the system checked as soon as possible.

High beams/roadside parking lamps

1 High beams

2 Headlamp flasher

3 Roadside parking lamps*

Roadside parking lamps, left or right*

There is an additional option of switching on the lamps on the side of the car facing the road when parked.

Switching on

After parking the vehicle, press the lever up or down beyond the pressure point for a longer period, arrow **3**.

▷ The roadside parking lamps drain the battery. Therefore, do not leave them on for unduly long periods of time; otherwise, the battery might not have enough power to start the engine.◀

Switching off

Press the lever in the opposite direction to the pressure point, arrow **3**.

High-Beam Assistant*

The concept

This system automatically switches the high beams on and off. The procedure is controlled by a sensor on the front of the interior rearview mirror. The assistant ensures that the high beams are switched on whenever the traffic situation allows. It handles this task for you and gives you the benefit of the best possible view. You can intervene at any time and switch the high beams on and off as usual.

Activating the system

1. Turn the light switch to position **3**, refer to page 75.
2. With the low beams switched on, briefly push the turn indicator lever in the direction of the high beam.

The indicator lamp in the instrument cluster lights up when the high beams are activated. The system automatically switches from high beams to low beams and vice versa in response to oncoming traffic, traffic ahead of you, and adequate ambient lighting, e.g., on city streets.

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Switching the high beams on and off manually

Whenever you wish, or when the situation requires, you can intervene:

- ▷ If the high-beam assistant switches on the high beams, but you would like to drive with the low beams, simply switch off the high beams using the turn indicator lever. This deactivates the high-beam assistant.
  To reactivate the system, briefly push the turn indicator lever toward the high beams again.
- ▷ If the high-beam assistant switches on the low beams, but you would like to drive with the high beams, switch on the high beams as usual. This deactivates the system and the high beams need to be switched off manually, if necessary.
  To reactivate the system, briefly push the turn indicator lever toward the high beams again.
- ▷ Use the headlamp flasher as usual with the low beams switched on.

System limitations

⚠ The high-beam assistant cannot serve as a substitute for the driver's personal judgment of when to use the high beams. Therefore, manually switch off the high beams in situations where this is required to avoid a safety risk.◀

The system is not fully functional in situations such as the following, and driver intervention may be necessary:

- ▷ In very unfavorable weather conditions, such as fog or heavy precipitation
- ▷ In detecting poorly-lit road users, such as pedestrians, cyclists, horseback riders and wagons; when driving close to train or ship traffic; and at animal crossings
- ▷ In tight curves, on hilltops or in depressions, in cross traffic or half-obscured oncoming traffic on highways
- ▷ In poorly lit towns and cities and in the presence of highly reflective signs
- ▷ At low speeds
- ▷ When the windshield in front of the interior rearview mirror is fogged over, dirty or covered with stickers, etc.
- ▷ If the sensor is dirty. Clean the sensor on the front of the interior rearview mirror using a cloth moistened with a small amount of glass cleaner.

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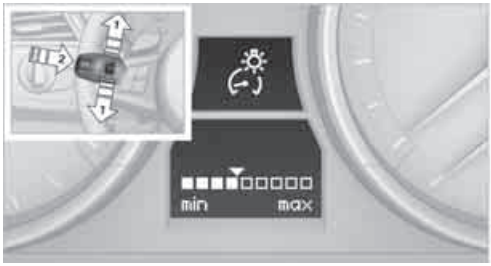
Instrument lighting

You can adjust the brightness of the instrument lighting only when the parking lamps or the low beams are switched on.

1. Push button **1** up or down repeatedly until the appropriate symbol appears in the display, accompanied by the brightness setting and scale the word "SET".
2. Press button **2**.



3. Push button **1** up or down to select the desired brightness level.
4. Press button **2**.
   The display again shows the outside temperature and the time.

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Interior lamps

The interior lamps, footwell lamps*, entry lamps*, cargo area lamp and courtesy lamps* are controlled automatically.

The LEDs for the courtesy lamps are set in the door handles and illuminate the ground in front of the doors.

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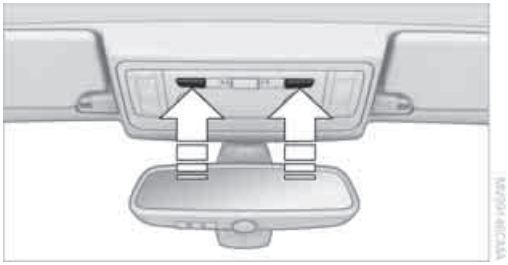
To avoid draining the battery, all lamps inside the car are switched off about 8 minutes after the ignition is switched off, refer to Start/stop button on page 41.◀

Switching interior lamps on/off manually

Interior lighting*:
To switch on and off, press the button.

To switch off the interior lamps, footwell lamps*, entry lamps* and courtesy lamps* permanently, press the button for the front interior lamps for about 3 seconds.

Reading lamps



The reading lamps are located next to the interior lamps. To switch on and off, press the button.

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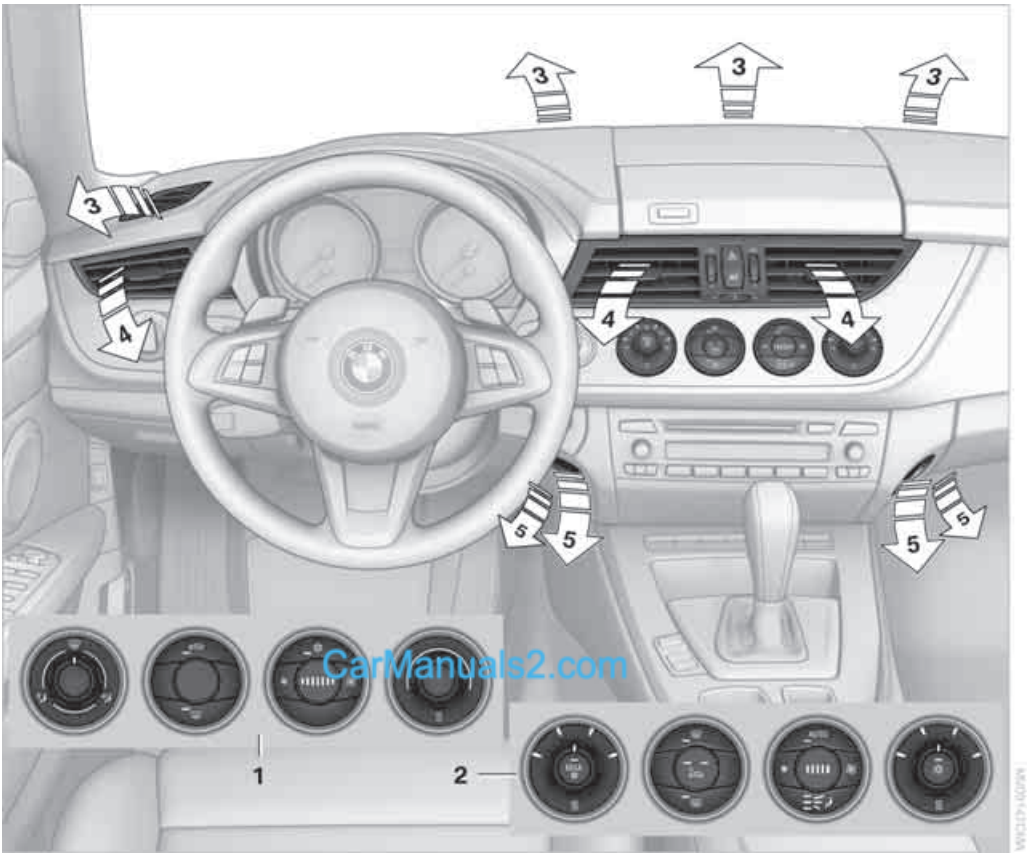
Climate



Equipment versions

Depending on the equipment version, your car has an air conditioner or an automatic climate control system.

1 Air conditioner 81

2 Automatic climate control* 83

Air vents

3 Air flow directed toward the windshield and side windows

4 Air to the upper body area.
The thumbwheels open and close the air supply continuously. The levers alter the direction of the air flow. For further details on draft-free ventilation refer to page 85.

5 Air in the knee area, footwell

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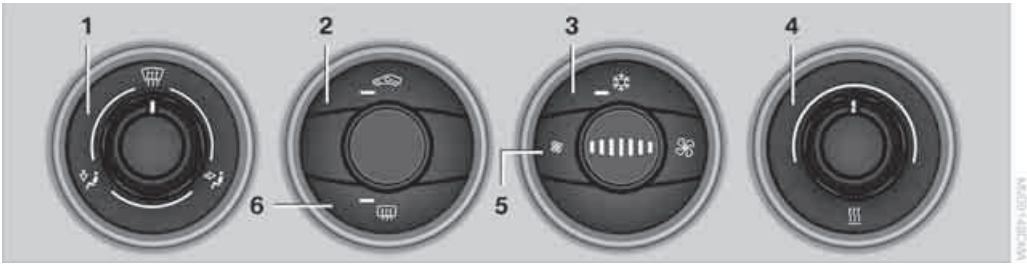
Air conditioning system



1 Air distribution
2 Recirculated-air mode
3 Cooling function
4 Temperature
5 Air flow rate
6 Rear window defroster

Air distribution

Direct the flow of air to the windows, to the upper body area or to the knee area and footwell. Intermediate settings are possible. In the 6 o'clock position, a small amount of air is also directed towards the windows in order to keep them from fogging over.

Recirculated-air mode

If the air outside the car has an unpleasant odor or contains pollutants, shut off the supply to the interior of the car temporarily. The system then recirculates the air currently within the vehicle.

You can also activate/deactivate the recirculated-air mode by means of a button* on the steering wheel, refer to page 11.

If condensation starts to form on the inside window surfaces during operation in the recirculated-air mode, you should switch it off while also increasing the air flow rate as required.
The recirculated-air mode should not be used continuously for lengthy periods; otherwise, the quality of the air inside the car will gradually deteriorate.◀

Air flow rate

Press the corresponding button. The higher the rate, the more effective the heating or cooling will be.

The air flow rate may be reduced or the blower may be switched off entirely to save on battery power.

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Switching the system on/off

With the blower at its lowest setting, press the left side of the button. The blower and air conditioner are completely switched off and the air supply is cut off.

To switch on the air conditioner, set the desired air flow rate.

Switching cooling function on/off

The cooling function cools and dehumidifies the incoming air before reheating it as required, according to the temperature setting. This function is only available while the engine is running.

The cooling function helps prevent condensation on the windows or removes it quickly.

Depending on the weather, the windshield may fog over briefly when the engine is started.

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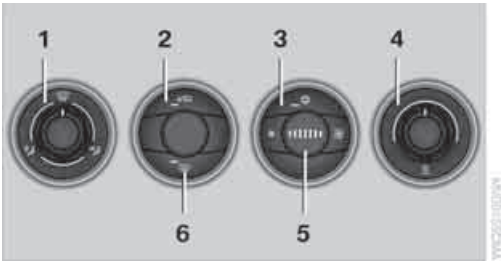
Rear window defroster

The defroster switches off automatically after a certain time or when the hardtop is opened.

Temperature

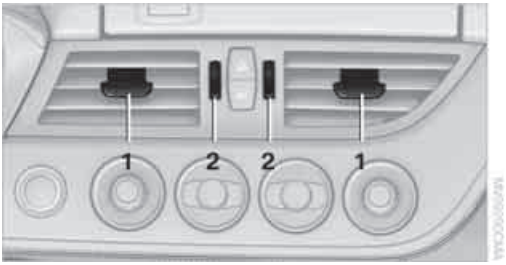
To increase the temperature, turn the rotary switch clockwise towards red.
For a lower temperature, turn the rotary switch counterclockwise towards blue.

Defrosting windows and removing condensation



1. Air distribution **1** in position .
2. Deactivate recirculated-air mode **2**.
3. Switch on cooling function **3**.
4. Temperature **4** to the right, red.
5. Set the air flow rate **5** to the maximum level.
6. Switch on rear window defroster **6** to defrost the rear window .

Ventilation



1 Use the lever to change the direction of the air flow

2 Use the thumbwheels to smoothly open and close the air vents

Ventilation for cooling

Adjust the vent outlets to direct the flow of cool air in your direction, for instance if it has become too hot in the car.

Draft-free ventilation

Set the vent outlets so that the air flows past you and not straight at you.

Microfilter

The microfilter removes dust and pollen from the incoming air. The microfilter is changed by your BMW center during routine maintenance work.

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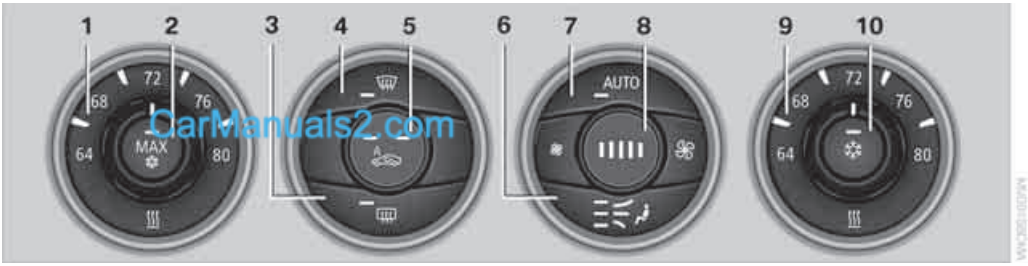
Automatic climate control*



1 Temperature, left side of passenger compartment
2 Maximum cooling
3 Rear window defroster
4 Defrosting windows and removing condensation
5 Automatic recirculated-air control AUC/ recirculated-air mode
6 Air distribution, manual
7 AUTO program
8 Air flow rate, manual, climate level
9 Temperature, right side of passenger compartment
10 Switching cooling function on/off manually

Comfortable interior climate

AUTO program **7** offers the ideal air distribution and air flow rate for almost all conditions, refer to AUTO program below. All you need to do is select an interior temperature which is comfortable for you.

The following sections inform you in detail about how to adjust the settings.

Most settings are stored for the remote control currently in use, refer also to Personal Profile settings on page 18.

Air distribution, manual

Depending on the selected setting, the air is directed to the windshield, to the upper body area, to the knee area and into the footwell.

Adjusting air distribution manually

Press the button repeatedly until the air distribution is set as required. The corresponding LED lights up.

The manual air distribution is also switched on when the AUTO program is deactivated.

Temperature

Set the desired temperatures individually for the driver's and passenger sides.

The automatic climate control achieves this temperature as quickly as possible regardless of the season, using maximum cooling or heating power if necessary, and then maintains it.

▷ To give the automatic climate control enough time to achieve the set temperature, do not switch between different temperature settings in quick succession.◀

You can achieve maximum heating power with the highest setting, regardless of the outside temperature.

The lowest setting effects continuous cooling.

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Switching the cooling function on and off

The cooling function cools and dehumidifies the incoming air before reheating it as required, according to the temperature setting. This function is only available while the engine is running.

The cooling function helps prevent condensation on the windows or removes it quickly.

Depending on the weather, the windshield may fog over briefly when the engine is started.

The cooling function is automatically switched on along with the AUTO program.

Maximum cooling

Maximum cooling is achieved most quickly at outside temperatures above 32 °F /0 °C and when the engine is running.

The automatic climate control goes into recirculated-air mode at the lowest temperature. Air flows at maximum rate from the vents for the upper body area. You should therefore open the vents for maximum cooling.

AUTO program

The AUTO program automatically adjusts the air distribution to the windshield and side windows, towards the upper body area, and into the footwell and knee area.
The air flow rate and air distribution, in addition to your temperature specifications, will be adapted to outside influences as a result of seasonal changes, e.g., sunlight or window condensation.

The cooling is switched on automatically with the AUTO program.

Switching on/off

Press the button.

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Manual air distribution and air flow rate are activated when the AUTO program is deactivated.

AUTO program climate level

The climate levels can be used to vary the intensity when the AUTO program is switched on. For example, air flow is adjusted automatically to optimize climate control.

When the AUTO program is switched on, you can select the climate level of the AUTO program using the buttons for controlling the manual air flow rate.

The selected climate level is displayed by an LED.

Convertible program

When the hardtop is open, the convertible program is activated as well. In the convertible program, the automatic climate control is optimized for driving with the hardtop open. In addition, the air flow rate is increased as vehicle speed increases.

▷ The effectiveness of the convertible program can be enhanced considerably by installing the wind deflector.◀

Adjusting air flow rate manually

Press the left side of the button to reduce air flow. Press the right side of the button to increase it.

The air flow rate may be reduced to save battery power. The display remains the same.

Switching the system on/off

With the blower at its lowest setting, press the left side of the button to switch off the automatic climate control. All displays are cleared except for the rear window defroster if it is switched on.

Press any button except the rear window defroster to reactivate the automatic climate control.

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Residual heat

The heat stored in the engine is used to heat the interior.

This function can be switched on using the right button under the following conditions:

- ▷ Up to 15 minutes after the engine has been switched off
- ▷ While the engine is at operating temperature
- ▷ As long as battery voltage is sufficient
- ▷ At an outside temperature below 77 °F / 25 °C

The middle LED is lit when the function is on.

Automatic recirculated-air control AUC/recirculated-air mode

Switch on the desired operating mode by pressing this button repeatedly:

- ▷ LED off: outside air flows in continuously.
- ▷ Left-hand LED on, AUC mode: a sensor detects pollutants in the outside air. If necessary, the system blocks the supply of outside air and recirculates the inside air. As soon as the concentration of pollutants in the outside air has decreased sufficiently, the system automatically switches back to outside air supply.
- ▷ Right-hand LED on, recirculated-air mode: the supply of outside air is permanently shut off. The system then recirculates the air currently within the vehicle.

⚠ If condensation starts to form on the inside window surfaces during operation in the recirculated-air mode, you should switch it off while also increasing the air flow rate as required.
The recirculated-air mode should not be used over an extended period of time; otherwise, the air quality inside the car will deteriorate continuously.◀

Defrosting windows and removing condensation

Quickly removes ice and condensation from the windshield and front side windows.
Switch on the cooling function as well.

Rear window defroster

The defroster switches off automatically after a certain time or when the hardtop is opened.

Ventilation

1 Lever for changing the direction of the air flow.

2 Thumbwheels for opening and closing the air vents.

3 Thumbwheel for adjusting the amount of cool air from the vents to the upper body area. In this way you can optimize the air temperature for the upper body area.

Ventilation for cooling

Adjust the vent outlets to direct the flow of cool air in your direction, for instance if it has become too hot in the car.

Draft-free ventilation

Set the vent outlets so that the air flows past you and not straight at you.

Microfilter/activated-charcoal filter

The microfilter traps dust and pollen in the incoming air. The activated-charcoal filter provides additional protection by filtering gaseous pollutants from the outside air. Your BMW center replaces this combined filter during routine maintenance.

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Practical interior accessories

Integrated universal remote control*

The concept

The integrated universal remote control can replace as many as three hand-held transmitters for various remote-controlled devices, such as garage doors and gates or lighting systems. The integrated universal remote control registers and stores signals from the original hand-held transmitters.

The signal of an original hand-held transmitter can be programmed on one of the three memory buttons **1**. After this, the programmed memory button **1** will operate the system in question. The LED **2** flashes to confirm transmission of the signal.

Should you sell your vehicle one day, be sure to delete the stored programs beforehand for your safety, refer to page 87.

To prevent possible damage or injury, before programming or using the integrated universal remote control, always inspect the immediate area to make certain that no people, animals or objects are within the pivoting or travel range of the device being operated. Comply also with the safety instructions supplied with the original hand-held transmitter.◀

Checking compatibility

If this symbol appears on the package or in the instructions supplied with the original hand-held transmitter, you can assume that the radio remote control device will be compatible with the integrated universal remote control.

For additional information, please contact your BMW center or call: 1-800-355-3515.
You can also obtain information on the Internet at:
www.bmwusa.com or
www.homelink.com.
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Programming

1 Memory buttons

2 LED

Fixed-code hand-held transmitters

1. Switch on the ignition, refer to page 41.
2. When starting operation for the first time: press the left and right memory buttons **1** for approx. 20 seconds until the LED **2** flashes rapidly. The three memory buttons are cleared.
3. Hold the original hand-held transmitter at a distance of approx. 4 to 12 in/10 to 30 cm from the memory buttons **1**.

   The required distance between the hand-held transmitter and the memory buttons **1** depends on the system of the respective original hand-held transmitter used.◀

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4. Simultaneously press the transmit key on the original hand-held transmitter and the desired memory button **1** on the integrated universal remote control. The LED **2** flashes slowly at first. As soon as the LED **2** flashes rapidly, release both buttons. If the LED **2** does not flash rapidly after approx. 15 seconds, alter the distance and repeat this step.
5. To program other original hand-held transmitters, repeat steps 3 and 4.

The corresponding memory button **1** is now programmed with the signal of the original hand-held transmitter.

You can operate the device while the ignition is switched on.

▷ If the device fails to function even after repeated programming, check whether the original hand-held transmitter uses an alternating-code system. To do so, either read the instructions for the original hand-held transmitter or hold down the programmed memory button **1** of the integrated universal remote control. If the LED **2** on the integrated universal remote control flashes rapidly and then remains lit for about two seconds, the original hand-held transmitter uses an alternating-code system. If it uses an alternating-code system, program the memory buttons **1** as described under Alternating-code hand-held transmitters.◀

Alternating-code hand-held transmitters

To program the integrated universal remote control, consult the operating instructions for the device to be set. You will find information there on the possibilities for synchronization. When programming hand-held transmitters that employ an alternating code, please observe the following supplementary instructions:

▷ Programming will be easier with the aid of a second person.◀

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1. Park your vehicle within the range of the remote-controlled device.
2. Program the integrated universal remote control as described above in the section Fixed-code hand-held transmitters.
3. Locate the button on the receiver of the device to be set, e.g., on the drive unit.
4. Press the button on the receiver of the device to be set. After step 4, you have approx. 30 seconds for step 5.
5. Press the programmed memory button **1** of the integrated universal remote control three times.

The corresponding memory button **1** is now programmed with the signal of the original hand-held transmitter.

▷ If you have any questions, please contact your BMW center.◀

Deleting all stored programs

Press the left and right memory buttons **1** for approx. 20 seconds until the LED **2** flashes rapidly: all stored programs are deleted.

Reassigning individual programs

1. Hold the original hand-held transmitter at a distance of approx. 4 to 12 in/10 to 30 cm from the memory buttons **1**.

   ▷ The required distance between the hand-held transmitter and the memory buttons **1** depends on the system of the respective original hand-held transmitter used.◀
2. Press the desired memory button **1** of the integrated universal remote control.
3. If the LED **2** flashes slowly after approx. 20 seconds, press the transmit key of the original hand-held transmitter. Release both buttons as soon as the LED **2** flashes rapidly. If the LED **2** does not flash rapidly after approx. 15 seconds, alter the distance and repeat this step.

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Digital compass*

1 Adjustment button

2 Display

The display shows you the main or secondary compass direction in which you are driving.

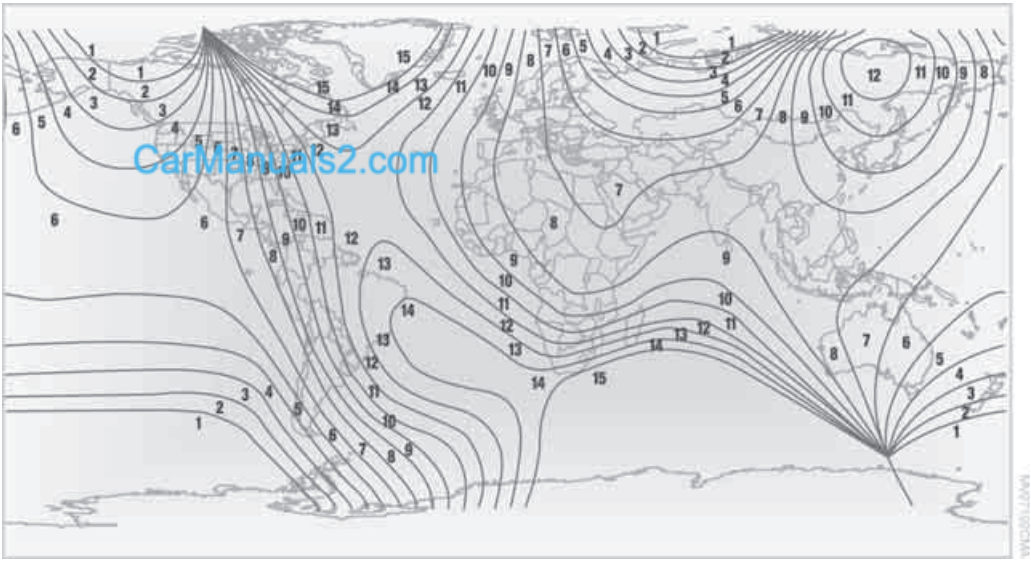
Operating principle

You can call up various functions by pressing the adjustment button with a pointed object such as a pen or similar item. The following adjustment options are displayed one after the other, depending on how long you keep the adjustment button pressed:

- ▷ Press briefly: switch display on/off
- ▷ 3 to 6 seconds: set the compass zone
- ▷ 6 to 9 seconds: calibrate the compass
- ▷ 9 to 12 seconds: set left-hand/right-hand steering
- ▷ 12 to 15 seconds: Setting the language

Setting compass zones

Set the compass zone corresponding to your vehicle's geographic location so that the compass can function correctly; refer to the world map with compass zones.



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To set the compass zone, press the adjustment button for approx. 3-4 seconds. The number of the compass zone set is shown in the display.

To change the zone setting, briefly press the adjustment button repeatedly until the display shows the number of the compass zone corresponding to your current location.

The compass is operational again after approx. 10 seconds.

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Calibrating the digital compass

The digital compass must be calibrated in the following situations:

- ▷ An incorrect compass direction is shown.
- ▷ The compass direction shown does not change although the direction of travel does.
- ▷ Not all compass directions are shown.

Procedure

1. Make sure that no large metal objects or overhead power lines are in the vicinity of your vehicle and that you have enough space to drive in a circle.
2. Set the currently valid compass zone.
3. Ensure that the retractable hardtop is fully closed.
4. Press the adjustment button for approx. 6-7 seconds to call up C. Drive at least one full circle at a maximum speed of 7 km/h. After the system is calibrated correctly, display C is replaced by the compass directions.
5. Open the retractable hardtop fully and repeat step 4.

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Setting right-hand/left-hand steering

Your digital compass is factory-set to right-hand or left-hand steering, in accordance with your vehicle.

Setting the language

You can set the language of the display:

Press the adjustment button for approx. 12-13 seconds. Briefly press the adjustment button again to switch between English, "E", and German, "O".

The setting is automatically saved after approx. 10 seconds.

Glove compartment

Opening

Pull the handle, arrow **2**.
The light in the glove compartment comes on.

⚠ To prevent injury in the event of an accident while the vehicle is being driven, close the glove compartment immediately after use.◀

Closing

Fold cover up.

Locking

Lock with a key, arrow **1**.

▷ If you hand out the remote control without the integrated key, such as at a hotel, refer to page 18, the glove compartment cannot be unlocked.

Center armrest

Storage compartment

The center armrest contains either two cup-holders, a compartment or the cover for the snap-in adapter*, depending on the equipment version.

Locking the storage compartment*

When you lock the vehicle from the outside, the storage compartment in the center armrest is locked as well.

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Opening

Fold the center armrest up, see arrow.

Connection for external audio device

You can connect an external audio device such as a CD or MP3 player and play it over the vehicle loudspeakers. You can set the volume and tone by means of the car radio, refer to the separate Owner's Manual for Radio.

Connecting

Lift up the center armrest.

▷ Connection for audio playback:
TRS connector 1/8 in or 3.5 mm

To play audio tracks over the car's loudspeaker system, connect the headset or line-out port of the external audio device to the connector.

Storage compartments inside the vehicle

The following compartments are available, depending on how your vehicle is equipped:

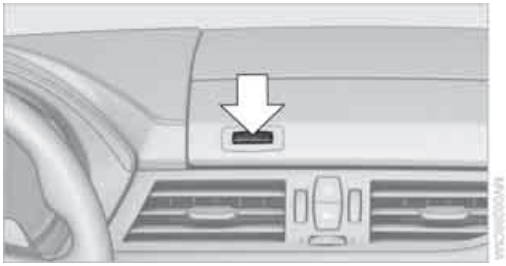
Compartments* in the doors

To open: fold open the cover.

Compartment* in the center console

There is an open storage compartment in the center console.

Compartment* in the dashboard



To open: press the button.

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Storage compartment* in the partition

To open: pull the handle.

The inserts in the storage compartment can be removed individually.

Removing the storage compartment

The storage compartment can be removed completely to be able to use other inserts, for example.

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In the cargo area: Press the handle up and fold the storage compartment completely down.

For more information on the various inserts available, contact your BMW center.◀

Lateral storage shelf behind the seats

This space can be used to store briefcases, for example.

When loading the lateral storage shelf, do not move both seats all the way forward while moving them to their uppermost position and leaning the backrests forward. Otherwise, the seats could hit and damage the seal on the windshield and the sun visor.
Only transport light and small objects on the lateral storage shelf; otherwise, braking maneuvers and swerving may lead to a safety hazard due to objects flying about the passenger compartment. Only transport heavy luggage in the cargo area if it has been appropriately secured.◀

Cupholders*

Use lightweight and shatterproof containers and do not transport hot beverages; otherwise, there is an increased risk of injury in the event of the accident. Do not force containers that are too large into the cupholders; otherwise, damage could result.◀

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In the center armrest

The cupholders are located in the center console.

Attachable cupholder*

Attaching to the center console

Mount the cupholder onto the center console so that it snaps into place.

Storing in the glove compartment

Insert the cupholder into the holder in the glove compartment.

Connecting electrical appliances

Sockets

In your BMW, when the engine is running or the ignition is switched on, you can use electrical devices such as a flashlight, car vacuum cleaner, etc., up to approx. 200 watts at 12 volts, as long as one of the following sockets is available. Avoid damaging the sockets by attempting to insert plugs of unsuitable shape or size.

Cigarette lighter socket*

To access the socket: take the cigarette lighter out of the socket.

Under the center armrest

External audio device, refer to page 90.

In the passenger footwell*

A socket is located on the left below the glove compartment.

Cargo area

Depending on your vehicle's equipment, the following storage spaces can be found in the cargo area:

- ▷ Rubber band* for securing light objects
- ▷ Storage compartment

To open: turn the lock to the left, see arrow, and fold the cover up.

Enlarging the cargo area

When the hardtop is closed you can enlarge the cargo area:
To do so, press the cargo area partition **1** upward.

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Before opening the hardtop, pull the cargo area partition **1** down until it engages in both guides **2**.

Before moving the hardtop, ensure that there are no objects on or next to the cargo area partition; otherwise, parts of the hardtop may be damaged. Do not exceed the maximum loading height; refer to the sticker in the cargo area showing a line indicating the maximum height. Do not use force to push down the cargo area partition.◀

The retractable hardtop can only be opened if the cargo area partition is in its lowermost position and engaged on both sides.◀

Through-loading opening with integrated transport bag*

Always secure transported skis or similar objects with the ski support*; otherwise, they could endanger occupants during braking maneuvers and swerving.◀

The transport bag lets you transport up to two pairs of standard skis safely and cleanly.

The transport bag can hold skis up to a length of 5.4 ft/1.70 m. When transporting skis that are 5.4 ft/1.70 m in length, the overall capacity of the ski bag is reduced as the bag narrows.

Loading

1. Fold the cover down.

2. In the cargo area: press the tab up and fold the cover down.

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3. Undo the fastener and spread out the transport bag between the seats.
4. Insert the latch plate of the retaining strap into the belt buckle under the transport bag.

5. Load the transport bag. The zipper eases access to the stored items.

Only place clean skis in the transport bag. Wrap sharp edges to prevent damage.

Securing cargo

After loading, secure the transport bag and its contents. Tighten the retaining strap on the tensioning buckle for this purpose.

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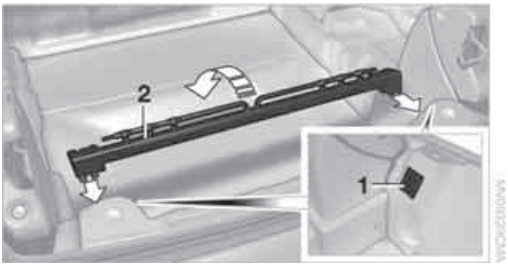
Secure the transport bag in the manner described; otherwise, it could endanger the car's occupants, e.g., in case of heavy braking or sudden swerving.◀

To store the transport bag, perform the steps described for loading in reverse order.

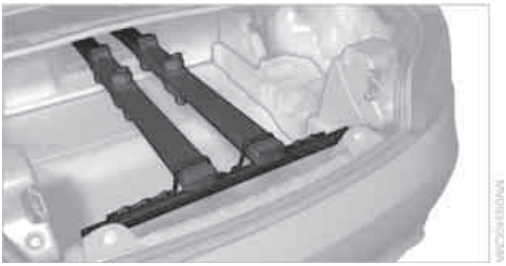
Ski support*

Always secure transported skis or similar objects with the ski support* as they could otherwise endanger occupants during braking maneuvers and swerving.◀

1. Remove both covers **1** with the screwdriver.



2. Attach the ski support **2** and fold it down, see arrow.
3. Pull the fastener up and attach the rear of the ski.



Before closing the cargo area, ensure that the luggage compartment lid cannot be damaged by the skis.◀

Removing the transport bag

The transport bag can be completely removed, e.g., for faster drying or to allow you to use other inserts.

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In the cargo area: Press the handle up and fold the transport bag completely down.

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Driving tips

This section provides you with information useful in dealing with specific driving and operating conditions.

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Things to remember when driving

Break-in period

Moving parts need breaking-in time to adjust to each other. Please follow the instructions below in order to achieve the optimal service life and economy of operation for your vehicle.

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Engine and differential

Always obey all official speed limits.

Up to 1,200 miles/2,000 km

Drive at varying engine and road speeds, but do not exceed an engine speed of 4,500 rpm or a road speed of 100 mph/160 km/h.

Do not drive with full-throttle operation, and do not use the transmission's kickdown mode or Launch Control.

After driving 1,200 miles/2,000 km

Engine and vehicle speeds can be gradually increased.

Tires

Due to technical factors associated with their manufacture, tires do not achieve their full traction potential until after an initial break-in period. Therefore, drive cautiously during the first 200 miles/300 km.

Brake system

Brakes require an initial break-in period of approx. 300 miles/500 km to achieve optimized contact and wear patterns between brake pads and rotors. Drive cautiously during this break-in period.

Clutch

The function of the clutch reaches its optimal level only after a distance driven of approx. 300 miles/500 km. During this break-in period, engage the clutch gently.

Following part replacement

The same break-in procedures should be observed if any of the components mentioned above have to be renewed in the course of the vehicle's operating life.

Saving fuel

The fuel consumption of your vehicle depends on several factors. You can lower fuel consumption and the environmental impact by taking certain measures, adjusting your driving style and having the vehicle serviced regularly.

Remove any unneeded cargo

Additional weight increases fuel consumption.

Remove any mounted parts after you have finished using them

Remove additional mirrors and the luggage rack when they are no longer in use. Mounted parts affect the vehicle's aerodynamics and increase fuel consumption.

Close both windows

An open window causes higher air resistance and thus increases fuel consumption.

Check tire inflation pressure regularly

Check the tire inflation pressure at least twice a month and before embarking on a long journey, and correct it if necessary.

Low tire inflation pressure causes higher rolling resistance and thus increases fuel consumption and tire wear.

Set off immediately

Do not let the engine warm up while the car is still standing, but set off immediately at moderate engine speed. This is the fastest way for the cold engine to reach its operating temperature.

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Drive defensively

Avoid unnecessary acceleration and braking maneuvers. To do so, keep an adequate distance to the forward vehicle. A defensive and smooth driving style keeps fuel consumption down.

Avoid high engine speeds

Only use first gear when setting off. In second and higher gears, accelerate without hesitation or pauses. When accelerating, shift up before reaching high engine speeds.

When you reach the desired speed, shift into the highest applicable gear and drive with the engine speed as low as possible and at a constant speed.

As a rule: driving at low engine speeds lowers fuel consumption and reduces wear.

Coasting

When approaching a red light, take your foot off the accelerator and coast to a stop in the highest applicable gear.

On a downhill slope, take your foot off the accelerator and coast in a suitable gear.

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The fuel supply is interrupted when coasting.

Switch off the engine during lengthy stops

Switch off the engine when stopping for lengthy periods, e.g., at traffic lights, railroad crossings or in traffic congestion. You achieve fuel savings even if standing time is as short as approx. 4 seconds.

Switch off functions you do not need at the moment

Functions such as the air conditioner and the seat or rear window heating draw large amounts of power and consume additional fuel. Especially in city traffic and in stop-and-go driving they have a considerable impact. Therefore, switch these functions off when they are not really needed.

Have the vehicle serviced

Have the vehicle serviced regularly to achieve good economy and a long vehicle life. BMW recommends having the vehicle serviced at a BMW center. Also note the BMW service system, refer to page 119.

General driving notes

Close the luggage compartment lid

Operate the vehicle only when the luggage compartment lid is closed. Otherwise, exhaust fumes could enter the interior of the vehicle.◀

If the vehicle must be driven with the luggage compartment lid open:

1. Close all windows.
2. Greatly increase the air flow from the air conditioning or automatic climate control, refer to page 81 or 84.

Hot exhaust system

In all vehicles, extremely high temperatures are generated in the exhaust system. Do not remove the heat shields installed adjacent to various sections of the exhaust system, and never apply undercoating to them. When driving, standing at idle and while parking, take care to avoid possible contact between the hot exhaust system and any highly flammable materials such as hay, leaves, grass, etc. Such contact could lead to a fire, with the risk of serious personal injuries and property damage. Do not touch hot exhaust tail pipes. Otherwise, there is a risk of burns.◀

Hydroplaning

When driving on wet or slushy roads, reduce road speed. If you do not, a wedge of water can form between tires and road surface. This situation, known as hydroplaning, means that the tire can completely lose contact with the road surface, so that neither the car can be steered nor the brake be properly applied.◀

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The risk of hydroplaning increases with declining tread depth on the tires, refer also to Minimum tread depth on page 112.

Driving through water

Drive though calm water only if it is not deeper than 1 ft/25 cm and at this height no faster than walking speed, up to 6 mph/ 10 km/h. Otherwise, the vehicle's engine, the electrical systems and the transmission may be damaged.◀

Use the parking brake on inclines

On inclines, do not hold the vehicle for a lengthy period using the clutch; use the parking brake instead. Otherwise, greater clutch wear will result.◀

For more information about the drive-off assistant, refer to page 67.

Braking safely

Your BMW is equipped with ABS as a standard feature. Applying the brakes fully is the most effective way of braking in situations in which this is necessary. Since the vehicle maintains steering responsiveness, you can still avoid possible obstacles with a minimum of steering effort.

Pulsation of the brake pedal, combined with sounds from the hydraulic circuits, indicate that ABS is in its active mode.

Driving in wet conditions

When roads are wet or there is heavy rain, briefly exert gentle pressure on the brake pedal every few miles. Monitor traffic conditions to ensure that this maneuver does not endanger other road users. The heat generated in this process helps dry the pads and rotors. Full braking efficiency will then be available when you need it.

Hills

To prevent overheating and the resulting reduced efficiency of the brake system, drive long or steep downhill gradients in the gear in which the least braking is required. Even light but consistent brake pressure can lead to high temperatures, brake wear and possibly even brake failure.◀

You can increase the engine's braking effect by shifting down, all the way to first gear if necessary. This strategy helps you avoid placing excessive loads on the brake system. Downshifting in manual mode of the automatic transmission, refer to page 45.

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7-gear sport automatic transmission with dual clutch: Never drive with the transmission in neutral or with the engine switched off; otherwise, engine braking action will not be present or there will be no power assistance to the brakes or steering.
Manual transmission: Never drive with the clutch held down, with the transmission in neutral or with the engine switched off; otherwise, engine braking action will not be present or there will be no power assistance to the brakes or steering.
Never allow floor mats, carpets or any other objects to protrude into the area around the pedals; otherwise, pedal function could be impaired.◀

Corrosion on brake rotors

When the vehicle is driven only occasionally, during extended periods when the vehicle is not used at all, and in operating conditions where brake applications are less frequent, there is an increased tendency for corrosion to form on rotors, while contaminants accumulate on the brake pads. This occurs because the minimum pressure which must be exerted by the pads during brake applications to clean the rotors is not reached.

Should corrosion form on the brake rotors, the brakes will tend to respond with a pulsating effect that even extended application will fail to cure.

When the vehicle is parked

Condensation forms while the automatic climate control is in operation, and then exits under the vehicle. Traces of condensed water under the vehicle are therefore normal.

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Before driving into a car wash

General information on caring for your BMW can be found on page 121.

With Comfort Access and automatic transmission

Insert the remote control into the ignition switch.
The engine can be switched off when the selector lever is in position N. Refer also to page 121.

With Comfort Access and 7-gear sport automatic transmission with dual clutch

Insert the remote control into the ignition switch.
The engine can be switched off when the transmission is in position N. Refer also to page 122.

Cargo loading

⚠ To avoid loading the tires beyond their approved carrying capacity, never overload the vehicle. Overloading can lead to overheating and increases the rate at which damage develops inside the tires. This can ultimately result in a sudden blowout.◀

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⚠ Make sure that no liquids are spilled or leak from their containers in the cargo area, as this could result in damage to the vehicle.◀

⚠ Always position and secure the cargo as described so that it cannot endanger the car's occupants, for example if sudden braking or swerving is necessary.
Never exceed either the approved gross vehicle weight or either of the approved axle loads, refer to page 150, as excessive loads can pose a safety hazard, and may also place you in violation of traffic safety laws.
Heavy or hard objects should not be carried loose inside the car, since they could be thrown around, for example as a result of heavy braking, sudden swerves, etc., and endanger the occupants.◀

Determining loading limit

1. Locate the following statement on your vehicle's placard*:

   ⚠ The combined weight of occupants and cargo should never exceed XXX kg or YYY lbs. Otherwise, overloading can result in damage to the vehicle and unstable driving conditions.◀

2. Determine the combined weight of the driver and passengers that will be riding in your vehicle.
3. Subtract the combined weight of the driver and passengers from XXX kilograms or YYY pounds.
4. The resulting figure equals the available amount of cargo and luggage load capacity. For example, if the YYY amount equals 1,400 lbs and there will be five 150 lbs. passengers in your vehicle, the amount of available cargo and luggage load capacity is 650 lbs:
   1,400 lbs minus 750 lbs = 650 lbs
5. Determine the combined weight of luggage and cargo being loaded on the vehicle. That weight may not safely exceed the available cargo and luggage load capacity calculated in step 4.
6. If your vehicle will be towing a trailer, part of the load from your trailer will be transferred to your vehicle. Consult the manual for transporting a trailer to determine how this may reduce the available cargo and luggage load capacity of your vehicle.

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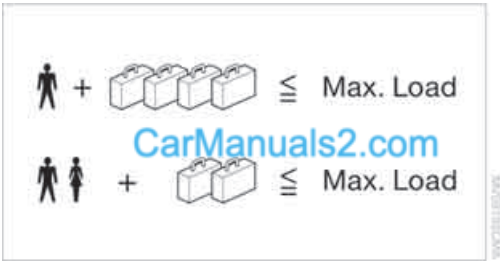
Load

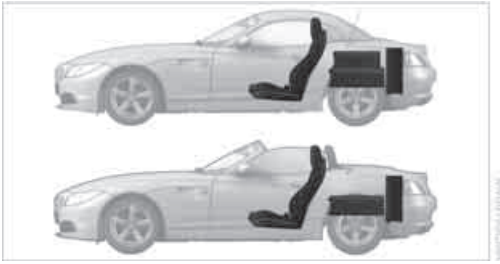


The permissible load is the sum of the occupants' weights and the weight of the cargo. The greater the weight of the occupants, the less cargo/luggage can be transported.

Stowing cargo

Cargo area

▷ Load heavier cargo as far forward as possible, directly behind the cargo area partition, and as low as possible.



▷ Cover sharp edges and corners.

Before opening the hardtop, fold down the cargo area partition. Make sure the cargo area is loaded correctly; otherwise, parts of the hardtop can be damaged, refer to page 29.◀

Lateral storage shelf

When storing objects on the lateral storage shelf, do not move both seats all the way forward while moving them to their uppermost position and leaning the backrests forward. Otherwise, the seats could hit and damage the seal on the windshield, the sun visor and the headliner.◀

Light and small objects can be stored on the lateral storage shelf.

Securing cargo

Cargo area

Secure smaller and lighter items using retaining straps, a cargo area net* or draw straps*.

Lateral storage shelf

You can obtain cargo straps* from your BMW center. Four lashing eyes are provided behind the seats for attaching the cargo straps. Adhere to the information included with the cargo straps.

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Lashing eyes on the lateral storage shelf

Top:

Bottom:

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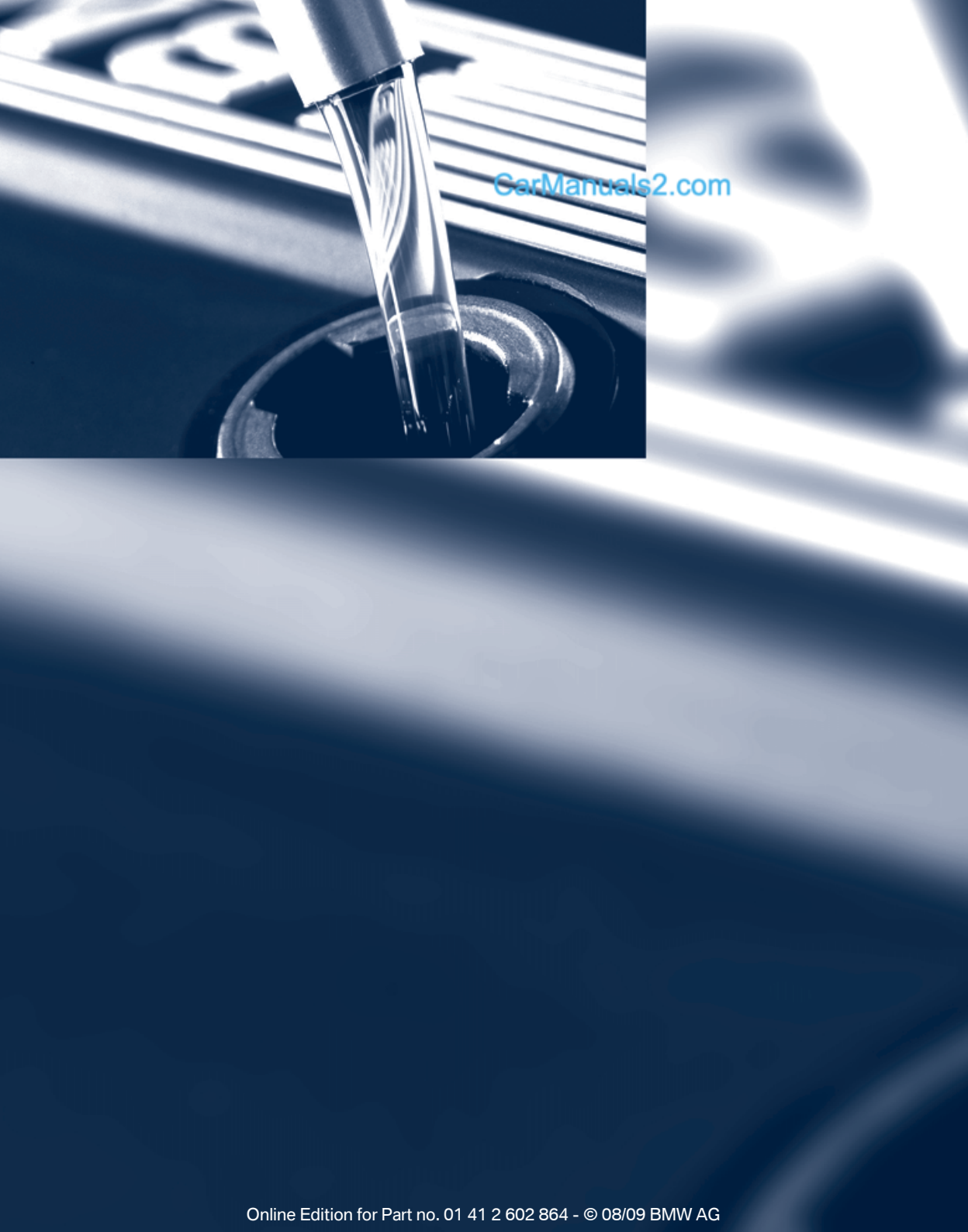

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Mobility

This section helps you maintain your car's mobility by supplying important information on vital topics including fuels and lubricants, wheels and tires, service, maintenance and breakdown assistance.

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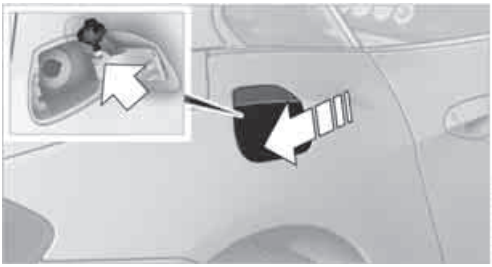
Refueling

Always switch off the engine before refueling; otherwise, fuel cannot be added to the tank and a message will be displayed.◀

Take all precautionary measures and observe all applicable regulations when handling fuel. Do not carry any spare fuel containers in your vehicle. They can develop a leak and cause an explosion or cause a fire in the event of an accident.◀

Fuel filler flap

Opening



1. Open fuel filler flap. To do so, lightly press the rear edge.
2. Turn the gas cap counterclockwise.
3. Place the gas cap in the bracket attached to the fuel filler flap.

Closing

Fit the cap and turn it clockwise until you clearly hear a click.

Do not pinch the band attached to the cap; otherwise, the cap cannot be closed properly and fuel vapors can escape.◀

The warning lamp lights up briefly if the gas cap is loose or missing. If this occurs, close the cap correctly.

Manually releasing the fuel filler flap

In the event of a malfunction, you can release the fuel filler flap manually:

Pull the button in the cargo area with the fuel pump symbol down. The fuel filler flap is released.

Observe the following when refueling

When handling fuels, follow the safety instructions provided at filling stations; otherwise, there is a risk of personal injury or property damage.◀

When refueling, insert the filler nozzle completely into the filler pipe. Avoid lifting the filler nozzle while filling the tank, as that would lead to:

- ▷ Premature pump shutoff
- ▷ Reduced efficiency of the fuel-vapor recovery system.

The fuel tank is full when the filler nozzle clicks off the first time.

Fuel tank capacity

Approx. 15.5 US gallons/55 liters, including the reserve capacity of 2.1 US gallons/8 liters.

Refuel as soon as possible once your cruising range falls below 30 miles/ 50 km; otherwise, engine functions are not ensured and damage can occur.◀

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Fuel specifications

Do not fill the tank with leaded fuel as this would cause permanent damage to the catalytic converter.
Do not fill the tank with E85, i.e., fuel containing 85% ethanol, nor with FlexFuel. Otherwise, the engine and fuel supply system will be damaged.◀

Required fuel

Super Premium Gasoline/AKI 91

This gasoline is highly recommended.

However, you may also use gasoline with less AKI. The minimum AKI Rating is:

▷ Z4 sDrive30i: 87

▷ Z4 sDrive35i: 89

If you use gasoline with this minimum AKI Rating, the engine may produce knocking sounds when starting at high outside temperatures. This has no effect on the engine life.

Do not use any gasoline below the specified minimum fuel grade. Otherwise, the engine could be damaged.◀

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Use high-quality brands

Field experience has indicated significant differences in fuel quality: volatility, composition, additives, etc., among gasolines offered for sale in the United States and Canada. Fuels containing up to and including 10% ethanol or other oxygenates with up to 2.8% oxygen by weight, that is, 15% MTBE or 3% methanol plus an equivalent amount of co-solvent, will not void the applicable warranties with respect to defects in materials or workmanship.

The use of poor-quality fuels may result in driveability, starting and stalling problems especially under certain environmental conditions such as high ambient temperature and high altitude.
Should you encounter driveability problems which you suspect could be related to the fuel you are using, we recommend that you respond by switching to a recognized high-quality brand such as gasoline that is advertised as Top Tier Detergent Gasoline.
Failure to comply with these recommendations may also result in unscheduled maintenance.◀

BMW recommends BP fuels

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Wheels and tires

Tire inflation pressures

Information for your safety

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It is not merely the tires' service life, but also driving comfort and, to a great extent, driving safety that depend on the condition of the tires and the maintenance of the specified tire pressure.

Check the tire inflation pressure regularly and correct it, if necessary: at least twice a month and before starting long trips. If you fail to observe this precaution you may be driving on tires with incorrect tire pressures, a condition that can not only compromise your vehicle's driving stability, but also lead to tire damage and the risk of an accident. Do not drive with deflated, i.e., flat tires, except when using run-flat tires. A flat tire will seriously impair your vehicle's handling and braking response. Attempts to drive on a flat tire can lead to loss of control over the vehicle.◀

Checking pressure

Only check tire inflation pressure when the tires are cold. This means after a maximum of 1.25 miles/2 km driving or when the vehicle has been parked for at least 2 hours. When tires are warm, the tire inflation pressure is higher.

After correcting the tire inflation pressure, reinitialize the Tire Pressure Monitor, refer to page 69, or the Flat Tire Monitor, refer to page 68.◀

Inflation pressure specifications

The tables below provide all the correct inflation pressures for the specified tire sizes at ambient temperature.

The inflation pressures apply to the tire sizes approved and tire brands recommended by BMW; a list of these is available from your BMW center.◀

For correct identification of the right tire inflation pressures, observe the following:

- ▷ Tire sizes for your vehicle
- ▷ Load conditions
- ▷ Maximum allowable driving speed

Tire inflation pressures for driving up to 100 mph or 160 km/h

For normal driving up to 100 mph or 160 km/h and to achieve optimum driving comfort, adjust pressures to the respective tire inflation pressures listed on the following pages in the columns for traveling speeds up to a maximum of 100 mph or 160 km/h.

These tire inflation pressures can also be found on the driver's side door post when the driver's door is open.

The maximum permissible speed for these tire pressures is 100 mph or 160 km/h. Do not exceed this speed; otherwise, tire damage and accidents could occur.◀

Tire inflation pressures for driving above 100 mph or 160 km/h

In order to drive at maximum speeds in excess of 100 mph or 160 km/h, adjust pressures to the respective tire inflation pressures listed on the following pages in the columns for traveling speeds including those exceeding 100 mph or 160 km/h. Otherwise, tire damage and accidents could occur.◀

Observe all national and local maximum speed limits; otherwise, violations of the laws could occur.

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Tire inflation pressures Z4 sDrive30i

Tire size	Pressure specifications in psi/kPa			
	Traveling speeds up to a max. of 100 mph/160 km/h		Traveling speeds including those exceeding 100 mph/160 km/h	
All pressure specifications in the table are indicated in psi/kilopascal with cold tires. Cold = ambient temperature				
without Sport Package:				
225/45 R 17 91 V 225/45 R 17 91 H M+S 225/45 R 17 94 V M+S XL	36/250	44/300	36/250	44/300
Front: 225/45 R 17 91 V	36/250	-	36/250	-
Rear: 255/40 R 17 94 V	-	39/270	-	39/270
Front: 225/40 R 18 88 W	36/250	-	36/250	-
Rear: 255/35 R 18 90 W	-	42/290	-	42/290
Front: 225/35 R 19 88 Y XL	36/250	-	36/250	-
Rear: 255/30 R 19 91 Y XL	-	42/290	-	42/290
with Sport Package:				
225/45 R 17 91 W 225/45 R 17 91 H M+S 225/45 R 17 94 V M+S XL	36/250	44/300	36/250	44/300
Front: 225/45 R 17 91 W	36/250	-	36/250	-
Rear: 255/40 R 17 94 W	-	39/270	-	39/270
Front: 225/40 R 18 88 W	36/250	-	38/260	-
Rear: 255/35 R 18 90 W	-	42/290	-	45/310
Front: 225/35 R 19 88 Y XL	36/250	-	36/250	-
Rear: 255/30 R 19 91 Y XL	-	42/290	-	44/300
More details on the permissible load and weights can be found on page 150.				

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Tire inflation pressures Z4 sDrive35i

Tire size	Pressure specifications in psi/kPa			
	Traveling speeds up to a max. of 100 mph/160 km/h		Traveling speeds including those exceeding 100 mph/160 km/h	
All pressure specifications in the table are indicated in psi/kilopascal with cold tires. Cold = ambient temperature				
without Sport Package:				
225/45 R 17 91 H M+S 225/45 R 17 94 V M+S XL	36/250	44/300	36/250	44/300
Front: 225/45 R 17 91 V	36/250	-	36/250	-
Rear: 255/40 R 17 94 V	-	39/270	-	39/270
Front: 225/40 R 18 88 W	36/250	-	36/250	-
Rear: 255/35 R 18 90 W	-	42/290	-	42/290
Front: 225/35 R 19 88 Y XL	36/250	-	36/250	-
Rear: 255/30 R 19 91 Y XL	-	42/290	-	42/290
with Sport Package:				
225/45 R 17 91 H M+S 225/45 R 17 94 V M+S XL	36/250	44/300	36/250	44/300
Front: 225/45 R 17 91W	36/250	-	36/250	-
Rear: 255/40 R 17 94 W	-	39/270	-	39/270
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Rear: 255/35 R 18 90 W	-	42/290	-	45/310
Front: 225/35 R 19 88 Y XL	36/250	-	36/250	-
Rear: 255/30 R 19 91 Y XL	-	42/290	-	44/300
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Tire identification marks

Knowledge of the labeling on the side of the tire makes it easier to identify and choose the right tires.

Tire size

For example: 225/45 R 17 91 V

Nominal width in mm
Aspect ratio in %
Radial belt construction
Rim diameter in inches
Load rating, not on ZR tires
Speed code letter, in front of the R on ZR tires

Speed code letter

Q = up to 100 mph or 160 km/h

T = up to 118 mph or 190 km/h

H = up to 131 mph or 210 km/h

V = up to 150 mph or 240 km/h

W = up to 167 mph or 270 km/h

Y = up to 186 mph or 300 km/h

Tire Identification Number

Tires with DOT codes meet the guidelines of the US Department of Transportation.

DOT code:

For example: DOT xxxx xxx 3709

Manufacturer's code for tire make
Tire size and tire design
Tire age

Tire age

The manufacturing date of tires is contained in the tire coding: DOT ... 3709 means that the tire was manufactured in week 37 of 2009.

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BMW recommends that you replace all tires after 6 years at most, even if some tires may last for 10 years.

Uniform Tire Quality Grading

Quality grades can be found where applicable on the tire sidewall between tread shoulder and maximum section width. For example:

Tread wear 200 Traction AA
Temperature A

DOT Quality Grades

Tread wear
Traction AA A B C
Temperature A B C

All passenger car tires must conform to Federal Safety Requirements in addition to these grades.◀

Tread wear

The tread wear grade is a comparative rating based on the wear rate of the tire when tested under controlled conditions on a specified government test course. For example, a tire graded 150 would wear one and one-half (1 ½) times as well on the government course as a tire graded 100. The relative performance of tires depends upon the actual conditions of their use, however, and may depart significantly from the norm due to variations in driving habits, service practices and differences in road characteristics and climate.

Traction

The traction grades, from highest to lowest, are AA, A, B, and C.
Those grades represent the tire's ability to stop on wet pavement as measured under controlled conditions on specified government test surfaces of asphalt and concrete. A tire marked C may have poor traction performance.

The traction grade assigned to this tire is based on straight-ahead braking traction tests, and does not include acceleration, cornering, hydroplaning, or peak traction characteristics.◀

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Temperature

The temperature grades are A, the highest, B, and C, representing the tire's resistance to the generation of heat and its ability to dissipate heat when tested under controlled conditions on a specified indoor laboratory test wheel. Sustained high temperature can cause the material of the tire to degenerate and reduce tire life, and excessive temperature can lead to sudden tire failure. The grade C corresponds to a level of performance which all passenger car tires must meet under the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 109. Grades B and A represent higher levels of performance on the laboratory test wheel than the minimum required by law.

The temperature grade for this tire is established for a tire that is properly inflated and not overloaded. Excessive speed, underinflation, or excessive loading, either separately or in combination, can cause heat buildup and possible tire failure.◀

RSC – run-flat tires

You will recognize run-flat tires by a circular symbol containing the letters RSC on the side of the tire, refer to page 113.

M+S

Winter and all-season tires.
These have better winter properties than summer tires.

XL

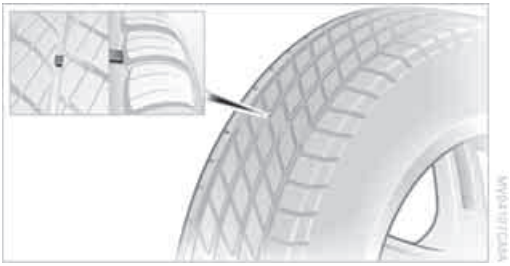
Designation for specially reinforced tires.

Tire condition

Inspect your tires frequently for tread wear, signs of damage and for foreign objects lodged in the tread. Check the tread depth.

Minimum tread depth

The tread depth should not drop below 1/8 in/ 3 mm, although, for example, European legislation only specifies a minimum tread depth of 1/16 in/1.6 mm. At tread depths below 1/8 in/ 3 mm there is an increased risk of high-speed hydroplaning, even when only small amounts of water are present on the road surface.
When winter tires wear down past a tread depth of 1/6 in/4 mm, they become perceptibly less suitable for winter conditions. In the interest of safety, new tires should be installed.



Wear indicators in the base of the tread groove are distributed around the tire's circumference; the letters TWI, for Tread Wear Indicator, on the tire's sidewalls identify tires that incorporate these wear indicators. Once the tire tread has worn down to the wear indicators, the tire has worn to a depth of 1/16 in/1.6 mm.

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Wheel/tire damage

Please note that low-profile tires cause wheels, tires and suspension parts to be more susceptible to road hazard and consequential damages.
Unusual vibrations encountered during normal vehicle operation can indicate tire failure or some other vehicle defect. This can, for example, be caused by driving over curbs. The same applies to any other abnormal road behavior, such as pulling severely to the right or left.

In these cases, reduce speed immediately and have wheels and tires thoroughly checked. To do so, drive carefully to the nearest BMW center or tire shop that works according to BMW repair procedures with correspondingly trained personnel. If necessary, have the vehicle towed there.
Otherwise, tire damage can be extremely dangerous for vehicle occupants and other road users.◀

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Tire age

For various reasons, such as the development of brittleness, BMW recommends tire replacement after no more than 6 years, regardless of the actual wear of the tires.

The manufacturing date of tires is contained in the tire coding:
DOT ... 3709 means that the tire was manufactured in week 37 of 2009.

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Run-flat tires

The symbol identifying run-flat tires is a circle with the letters RSC on the sidewall.
Run-flat tires comprise a conditionally self-supporting tire and a special rim. The reinforcement in the sidewalls ensures that the tire can continue to be used subject to certain restrictions, even if depressurized.

For information on continuing to drive with a flat tire, refer to Indication of a flat tire, page 68.

New wheels and tires

Have new wheels and tires installed only by your BMW center or tire shop that works according to BMW repair procedures with correspondingly trained personnel. If this work is not carried out properly, there is a danger of subsequent damage and related safety hazards. Make sure that the new wheels are balanced.◀

Retreaded tires

BMW recommends that you do not use retreaded tires, since driving safety may be impaired. The causes for this include potentially different tire casing structures and often wide variations in tire age, which can result in a limited service life.◀

Correct wheels and tires

When mounting new tires or changing over from summer to winter tires and vice versa, mount run-flat tires for your own safety. In the event of a flat, no spare wheel is available. Your BMW center will be glad to advise you.

BMW recommends that you use only wheel and tire combinations that BMW has tested and approved for your particular vehicle. Variations in factors such as manufacturing tolerances mean that even wheels and tires with identical official size ratings could actually have different dimensions, which could lead to body contact and thus to severe accidents. If non-approved wheels and tires are used, BMW cannot evaluate their suitability, and therefore cannot guarantee their driving safety.◀

You can inquire about the right wheel/tire combination at your BMW center.

The correct combination of wheels and tires is also necessary to ensure reliable operation of various vehicle systems such as ABS, DSC or TPM.

To maintain good handling and vehicle response, use only tires of a single brand and tread configuration. After a tire has been damaged, mount the previous wheel and tire combination again as soon as possible.

Wheels with Tire Pressure Monitor TPM electronics

When mounting new tires or changing over from summer to winter tires, or vice versa, only use wheels with TPM electronics; otherwise, the Tire Pressure Monitor may not be able to detect a puncture, refer to page 69. Your BMW center will be glad to advise you.

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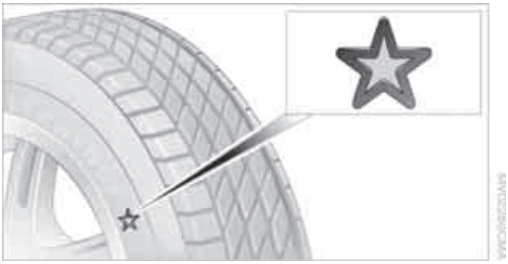
Recommended tire brands



Certain makes of tire are recommended by BMW for each tire size. They are marked with a clearly visible BMW designation on the sidewall of the tire.

When properly used, these tires meet the highest standards in terms of safety and handling characteristics.

Special characteristics of winter tires

BMW recommends winter tires for winter roads or at temperatures below +45 °F /+7 °C. Although all-season M+S tires provide better winter traction than summer tires, they generally fail to provide the same levels of cold-weather performance as winter tires.

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Pay attention to speed

Always comply with the speed limit for the winter tires mounted on your car; failure to do so could result in tire damage and accidents.◀

If the car is capable of speeds higher than that permitted for the winter tires, a label stating the maximum permitted speed for the mounted tires must be displayed in your field of view. Specialist tire dealers and your BMW center can supply these labels.

Storage

Always store wheels and tires in a cool, dry place with as little exposure to light as possible. Always protect tires against all contact with oil, grease and fuels. Do not exceed the maximum tire inflation pressure indicated on the sidewall of the tire.

Swapping wheels between axles

BMW advises against swapping wheels between the front and rear axles, even if all tires have the same size, as this could impair driving characteristics. If the tires are of mixed sizes, swapping wheels between the axles is not permissible.

Snow chains*

Only certain fine-link snow chains have been tested by BMW, classified as safe for use and recommended. Consult your BMW center for more information.
Snow chains must be mounted in pairs and on the rear wheels only. Observe the manufacturer's instructions when mounting snow chains. Do not exceed a speed of 30 mph or 50 km/h.

Do not initialize the Flat Tire Monitor if snow chains are mounted; otherwise, the instrument might issue an incorrect reading. When driving with snow chains, you may find it helpful to activate DTC temporarily, refer to page 65.◀

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Under the hood

Do not work on the car unless you possess the necessary technical knowledge. If you are unfamiliar with the statutory guidelines, have any work on the vehicle performed only by a BMW center or by a workshop that works according to BMW repair procedures with correspondingly trained personnel. If this work is not carried out properly, there is a danger of subsequent damage and related safety hazards.◀

Hood

Releasing

Pull the lever.

Opening

To avoid damage, make sure that the wiper arms are against the windshield before you open the engine compartment. Do not open the engine hood before the engine has cooled down; otherwise, injuries may result.◀

Push the release lever to the right and open the hood.

Closing

Close the hood from a height of approx. 16 in/ 40 cm with momentum. It must be clearly heard to engage.

Make sure that the closing path of the hood is clear; otherwise, injuries may result.

If you see any signs while driving your vehicle that the hood is not completely closed, stop at once and close it securely.◀

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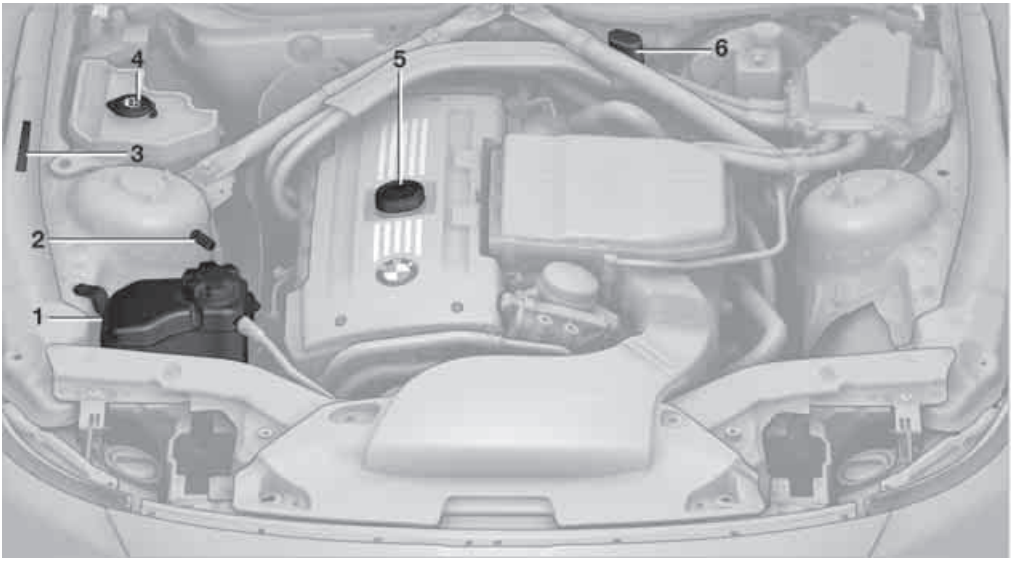
Important parts of the engine compartment



1 Expansion tank for coolant, refer to page 118

2 Jump-starting connection, negative terminal, refer to page 131

3 Vehicle identification number

4 Washer fluid filler neck for headlamp cleaning system and window washer system, refer to page 52

5 Fluid filler neck for engine oil, refer to page 117

6 Jump-starting connection, positive terminal, refer to page 131

Engine oil

The engine oil consumption is dependent on driving style and driving conditions.

Checking engine oil level

Your car is equipped with an electronic oil-level monitor.

For the oil level to be measured and displayed correctly, it is necessary that the engine be at operating temperature, i.e., after uninterrupted driving for at least approx. 6.2 miles/10 km. You can have the oil level displayed while you are driving, or while the vehicle is at a standstill on a level surface and the engine is running.

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You can have the oil level reading displayed in the instrument cluster.

1. Push button **1** in the turn indicator lever up or down repeatedly until the appropriate symbol is shown in the display, accompanied by the word "OIL".

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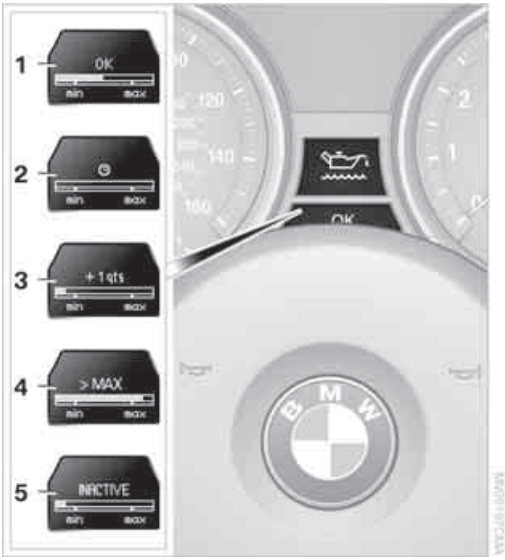
2. Press button **2** in the turn indicator lever. The oil level is checked and the reading displayed.

Possible displays



1 Oil level OK

2 Oil level is being checked.
This can take about 3 minutes if the car is at a standstill on a level surface, or about 5 minutes while the car is on the move.

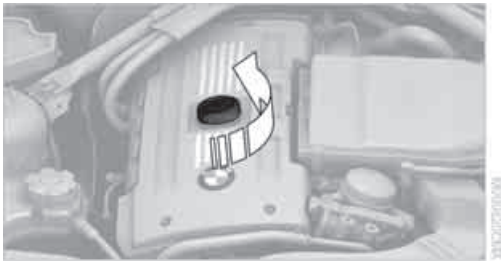
3 Oil level down to minimum:
Add engine oil as soon as possible, but no more than 1 US quart/1 liter, refer also to Adding engine oil on page 117.

4 Oil level is too high.

⚠ Too much oil will harm the engine. Have the vehicle checked without delay.◀

5 The oil level sensor is defective.
Do not add engine oil. You can continue your journey. Note the newly calculated distance remaining to the next oil service, refer to page 60. Have the system checked as soon as possible.

Adding engine oil



Do not add 1 US quart/1 liter of engine oil until the following warning lamp lights up in the instrument cluster, or until the oil level monitor shows "+1qt" or "+1l".

⚠ Add oil within the next 125 miles/200 km; otherwise, the engine damage could occur.◀

⚠ Keep oils, greases, etc. out of the reach of children and comply with the relevant warnings on the containers. Otherwise, health hazards may result.◀

Oil change

Have oil changed only at your BMW center or at a workshop that works according to BMW repair procedures with correspondingly trained personnel.

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Oil types

Do not use oil additives as these may cause engine damage.◀

Specified engine oils

Your service center can advise you on which engine oils have been approved by the manufacturer of your vehicle.

The engine oil quality is critical for the life of the engine.

Approved oils can be identified by the following specification:

Preferred:	BMW Longlife-01
	BMW Longlife-01 FE
Alternative:	BMW Longlife-98

Approved oils belong to the following viscosity classes: SAE 0W-40, SAE 0W-30, SAE 5W-40 and SAE 5W-30.

Alternative oil types

If the approved engine oils are not available, up to 1 US quart/1 liter of another oil with the following specification may be used:

API SM or higher

BMW recommends Castrol

Coolant

Do not add coolant to the cooling system when the engine is hot. Escaping coolant can cause burns.◀

Coolant consists of half water and half additive. Not all commercially available additives are suitable for your BMW. Ask your BMW center for suitable additives.

Only use suitable additives; otherwise, engine damage may result. Because additives are harmful to your health, it is important to follow the instructions on the containers.◀

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Comply with the appropriate environmental protection regulations when disposing of coolant additives.◀

Checking coolant level

1. Do not open the engine hood before the engine has cooled down.
2. Turn the expansion tank cap counterclockwise slightly to allow any accumulated pressure to escape, then continue turning to open.
3. The coolant level is correct if it is between the maximum and minimum marks in the filler neck, refer also to the diagram next to the filler neck.

4. If the coolant is low, slowly add coolant up to the specified level; do not overfill.
5. Turn the cap until there is an audible click.
6. Have the reason for the coolant loss eliminated as soon as possible.

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Maintenance

BMW Maintenance System

The BMW Maintenance System supports the preservation of the traffic and operating safety of your BMW. The objective is to optimize efforts with respect to minimal vehicle maintenance costs.

If and when you come to sell your BMW, a comprehensive record of servicing will prove a significant benefit.

Condition Based Service CBS

Sensors and special algorithms take the different driving conditions of your BMW into account. Condition Based Service uses this to determine the current and future service requirements. By letting you define a service and maintenance regimen that reflects your own individual requirements, the system builds the basis for trouble-free driving.

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In the instrument cluster, you can have the remaining times or distances for selected maintenance tasks and any legally prescribed dates displayed, refer to page 60:

- Engine oil
- Brake pads, separately for the front and back
- Brake fluid
- Vehicle check
- Legally mandated inspections depending on local regulations

Service data in the remote control

Your vehicle continuously stores service-requirement information in the remote control while you are driving. Your BMW Service Advisor can read out this data from the remote control unit, and propose an optimized maintenance approach. Whenever you take your car in for servicing you should therefore hand your BMW Service Advisor the remote control unit that you last used.

Make sure that the date in the instrument cluster is always set correctly, refer to page 62; otherwise, the effectiveness of Condition Based Service CBS is not assured.◀

Service and Warranty Information Booklet for US models and Warranty and Service Guide Booklet for Canadian models

Please consult your Service and Warranty Information Booklet for US models and Warranty and Service Guide Booklet for Canadian models for additional information on service requirements.

BMW recommends that you have service and repair operations performed at your BMW center.
Take the time to ensure that these service procedures are confirmed by entries in your vehicle's Service and Warranty Information Booklet for US models and Warranty and Service Guide Booklet for Canadian models. These entries verify that your vehicle has received the specified regular maintenance.◀

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Socket for Onboard Diagnosis OBD

Primary components that make up exhaust emissions can be checked by a device via the OBD socket.

This socket is located under a cover on the left on the driver's side.

Exhaust emission values

The warning lamp lights up:
The vehicle emissions are raised. The trip can be continued. Have the car checked as soon as possible.

Canadian models display this warning lamp.

The lamp flashes under certain conditions. This indicates excessive misfiring in the engine. If this happens, you should reduce your speed and visit your nearest BMW center as soon as possible. Severe engine misfiring can quickly lead to serious damage of emissions-related components, especially the catalytic converter.

The warning lamp comes on if the gas cap is not properly tightened and the OBD system assumes that fuel vapor is escaping. If the gas cap is then tightened, the warning lamp should go out within a few days.

Data recorders

Your vehicle may be equipped with one or several measuring or diagnostic modules or a device for recording or sending certain vehicle data or information. In addition, if you have signed a service contract for BMW Assist, certain vehicle data may be transmitted or recorded in order to facilitate the corresponding services.

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Care

Care products

Regular cleaning and care contributes significantly to the value retention of your BMW.

BMW recommends cleaning and caring for your vehicle with products that are approved by BMW for this purpose.

Your BMW center will be happy to advise you on the products and services available for cleaning and caring for your BMW.

Original BMW CareProducts have been material-tested, laboratory-checked and proven in the field, and offer optimal care and protection for your vehicle.◀

Do not use cleaners that contain alcohol or solvents as these may result in damage.◀

Cleaning agents can contain substances that are dangerous or hazardous to your health. Therefore, follow the warning and safety instructions on the packaging. When cleaning inside the vehicle, always open the doors or windows of the vehicle. In enclosed areas, provide for sufficient ventilation. Only use products designed for cleaning vehicles.◀

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Exterior care

Washing the vehicle

Especially during the winter months, ensure that the vehicle is washed more frequently. Heavy soiling and road salt can lead to vehicle damage.◀

After washing the vehicle, apply the brakes briefly to dry them; otherwise, water can reduce braking efficiency over the short term and brake discs can corrode.◀

Automatic car washes

Preference should be given to cloth car washes.

Do not use high-pressure car washes; otherwise, water may drip into the vehicle around the windows.◀

Before driving into a car wash, ensure that it is suitable for your BMW. Check the following:

- ▷ Dimensions of your vehicle, refer to page 149.
- ▷ If necessary: fold in the exterior mirrors, refer to page 37.
- ▷ Maximum permissible tire width.

Avoid car washes with guide rail heights over 4 in/10 cm; otherwise, there is danger of damaging chassis parts.◀

Preparations before driving into an automatic car wash:

- ▷ Unscrew the rod antenna*.
- ▷ Deactivate the rain sensor* to avoid unintentional activation of the wipers.
- ▷ Remove additional attachments, e.g., spoilers or telephone antennas, if there is a possibility that they could be damaged.

Automatic transmission

Before driving into an automatic car wash, perform the following steps to ensure that the vehicle can roll:

1. Insert the remote control, even with Comfort Access, into the ignition lock.
2. Move the selector lever to position N.
3. Release the parking brake.
4. Switch off the engine.
5. Leave the remote control in the ignition lock so that the vehicle can roll.

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7-gear sport automatic transmission with dual clutch

Before driving into an automatic car wash, perform the following steps to ensure that the vehicle can roll:

1. Insert the remote control, even with Comfort Access, into the ignition lock.
2. Engage transmission position N.
3. Release the parking brake.
4. Switch off the engine.
5. Leave the remote control in the ignition lock so that the vehicle can roll.

Transmission position P is engaged:

▷ Automatically after approx. 30 minutes

▷ When you take the remote control out of the ignition lock

Steam jets / high-pressure washers

When using steam jets or high-pressure washers, ensure that you maintain sufficient clearance to the vehicle and do not exceed a temperature of 140 °F /60 °C.
Insufficient clearance or excessive pressure or temperature can lead to component damage or water penetration. Follow the operating instructions of the high-pressure washer.◀

When using high-pressure washers, do not spray against the seals of the retractable hardtop, the sensors and the cameras, e.g., of the Park Distance Control or Rear View Camera, for an extended period and maintain a distance of at least 12 in/30 cm.◀

Manual car wash

When washing the vehicle by hand, use large quantities of water and car shampoo if necessary. Clean the vehicle with a sponge or washing brush, applying light pressure only.

Before cleaning the windshield, deactivate the rain sensor or switch off the ignition to prevent unintentional activation of the wipers.◀

Observe local regulations pertaining to washing vehicles by hand.◀

Headlamps

Do not rub them dry and do not use abrasive or corrosive cleaning agents.

Loosen dirt, e.g., insects, with shampoo or insect remover and wash away with copious quantities of water.

Thaw ice with a windshield deicer and do not use an ice scraper.

Windows

Clean the inside and outside surfaces of the windows and the mirrors with window cleaner.

Do not clean the mirrors with cleaners containing quartz.◀

Retractable hardtop

Proceed as you would in a normal car wash.

When you open a wet hardtop, water drops may run into the cargo area. If necessary, remove items from the cargo area beforehand to avoid water stains or soiling.◀

Paintwork care

Regular care contributes to value retention and protects the paintwork against the long-term effects of damaging substances.

Region-specific environmental influences can damage the vehicle paintwork. Therefore, it is important to adapt the frequency and scope of car care accordingly.

Immediately remove aggressive materials such as spilled fuel, oil, grease, brake fluid, tree sap or bird droppings to prevent damage to the paintwork.

Repairing paintwork damage

Immediately repair scratches or similar damage, such as that caused by stones hitting the vehicle, where necessary to prevent rusting.◀

BMW recommends having paintwork damage repaired by a professional paint repair workshop according to BMW specifications using original BMW paint materials.

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Preservation

A preservation treatment is necessary when water no longer beads off the clean paintwork surface. Only use products for paintwork preservation that contain carnauba or synthetic waxes.

Rubber seals

Treat only with water or rubber care products.

Do not use silicon-containing care products on rubber seals; otherwise, noise and damage could occur.◀

Chrome parts

Carefully clean vehicle parts, such as the radiator grill, door handles or window frames, with copious quantities of water and a shampoo additive. For additional treatment, use a chrome polish.

Light-alloy wheels

For technical reasons, dust is generated during braking that is deposited on the light-alloy wheels. Remove the dust regularly using acid-free rim cleaner.

Do not use aggressive, acidic, strongly alkaline and abrasive cleaning agents or steam jets over 140 °F /60 °C; otherwise, damage may occur.◀

Outside sensors / cameras

Keep the sensors and cameras on the outside of the vehicle, e.g., those of Park Distance Control, clean and free of ice to ensure that they remain fully functional.◀

Interior care

Upholstery fabrics/cloth trims/ Alcantara fabrics

Vacuum regularly with a vacuum cleaner to remove superficial dirt.

To remove severe spots such as stains from beverages, use a soft sponge or lint-free microfiber cloth and suitable interior cleaners. Follow the instructions on the packaging.

Clean the upholstery down to the seams using a sweeping motion. Avoid strong rubbing.◀

Opened Velcro fasteners, etc., on pants or other articles of clothing can damage the seat covers. Ensure that Velcro fasteners are closed.◀

Leather/leather trim

The leather used by BMW is a high quality natural product. Slight irregularities in the leather are a typical characteristic of natural leather.◀

Dust and road grit in the pores and folds of the leather have an abrasive effect, leading to increased wear and causing the leather surface to become brittle prematurely. Therefore, regularly dust the leather with a cloth, for example.

Clean light-colored leather more frequently as dust and dirt are more noticeable.

Treat the leather at least once every two months using a leather lotion as dirt and grease will gradually attack the leather's protective layer.

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Rivets, etc., on pants or other articles of clothing can damage the seat covers.◀

Carpets / cargo area

You can vacuum the carpets and floor mats or clean them with interior cleaner if heavily soiled.

The floor mats can be removed for cleaning. When replacing the mats, ensure that the seat rails do not extend over the floor mats, as this may damage the mats.

Lint on the floor mats occurs for technical reasons and can be removed by vacuuming repeatedly.

When cleaning the interior, do not move both seats all the way forward while moving them to their uppermost position and leaning the backrests forward. Otherwise, the seats could hit and damage the seal on the windshield, the sun visor or the headliner.◀

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Interior plastic parts

- ▷ Imitation leather surfaces
- ▷ Lamp glasses
- ▷ Display pane of instrument cluster
- ▷ Matte parts

Clean with water and solvent-free plastic cleaner if necessary.

Fine wood parts

Clean fine wood trim and fine wood parts with a damp cloth. Wipe dry with a soft cloth.

Safety belts

Dirty belt straps impede the reeling action and thus have a negative impact on safety.

Do not clean with cleaning agents as these may destroy the fabric.◀

Use only a mild soapy solution, with the safety belts clipped into their buckles. Do not allow the reels to retract the safety belts until they are dry.

Interior sensors / cameras

To clean interior sensors and cameras, e.g., of the high-beam assistant, use a lint-free cloth moistened with glass cleaner.

Displays

To clean the displays, e.g., of the radio or instrument cluster, use a display cleaning cloth or a soft, non-abrasive, lint-free cloth.

Avoid applying excessive pressure when cleaning the displays; otherwise, damage may occur.◀

Do not use chemical or abrasive household cleaning agents. Keep all types of fluid away from the device. Otherwise, surfaces or electrical components may be corroded or damaged.◀

CD/DVD drives

Do not use a cleaning CD, as it may damage parts of the drive.◀

Vehicle storage

If your vehicle is to be decommissioned for longer than three months, your BMW center or a workshop that operates according to BMW specifications will be glad to advise you.

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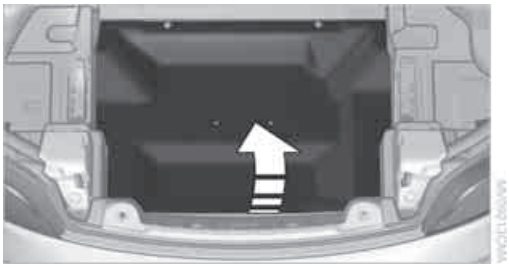
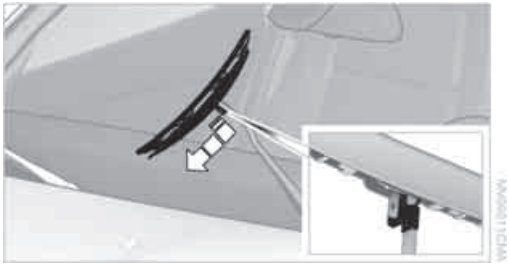
Replacing components

Onboard vehicle tool kit



The onboard vehicle tool kit is stored in a pouch under the cargo area floor panel.

Wiper blades



1. Fold up the wiper arm.
2. Fold the wiper blade upwards.
3. Press the hook.
4. Pull the wiper blade downward out of the holder and remove it toward the top left, see arrow.

To avoid damage, make sure that the wiper arms are resting against the windshield before you open the engine compartment.◀

Lamps and bulbs

Lamps and bulbs make an essential contribution to vehicle safety. They should, therefore, be handled carefully. BMW recommends having your BMW center perform any work that you do not feel competent to perform yourself or that is not described here.

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Never touch the glass of new bulbs with your bare fingers, as even minute amounts of contamination will burn into the bulb's surface and reduce its service life. Use a clean tissue, cloth or something similar, or hold the bulb by its base.◀

You can obtain a selection of replacement bulbs at your BMW center.

Only change bulbs while they are cool to the touch; otherwise, you could suffer burns.◀

When working on electrical systems, always begin by switching off the consumer in question; otherwise, short-circuits could result. To avoid possible injury or equipment damage when replacing bulbs, observe any instructions provided by the bulb manufacturer.◀

For care of the headlamps, please follow the instructions in the chapter entitled 'Care'.

If the routine for changing a particular bulb is not described here, please contact your BMW center or a workshop that works according to BMW repair procedures with correspondingly trained personnel.◀

Light-emitting diodes LED

Light-emitting diodes installed behind translucent lenses serve as the light source for many of the controls and displays in your vehicle. These light-emitting diodes, which operate using a concept similar to that applied in conventional lasers, are officially designated as Class 1 light-emitting diodes.

Do not remove the covers or expose the eyes directly to the unfiltered light source for several hours; otherwise, this could cause irritation to the retina.◀

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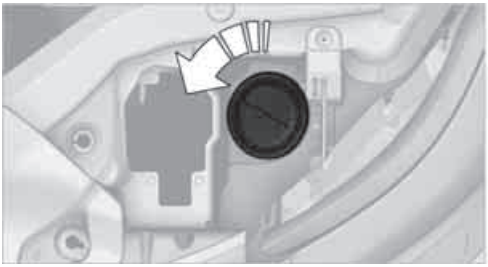
Xenon lamps

Have any work on the xenon lamp system, including bulb replacements, performed only by a BMW center or a workshop that works according to BMW repair procedures with correspondingly trained personnel. Otherwise, if such work is carried out improperly, the high voltage in the system presents the danger of fatal injuries.◀

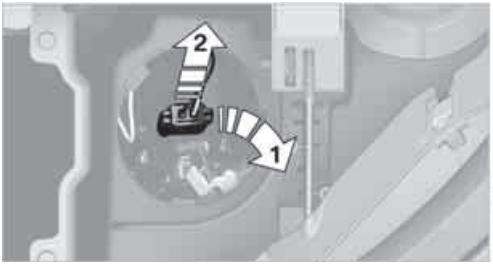
Parking lamps and roadside parking lamps, daytime running lights

H8 bulb, 35 watts

1. Switch off the lamps and take the remote control out of the ignition lock.
2. Turn the upper access cover to the left and remove it, see arrow.



3. Turn the lamp by approx. 90°, see arrow **1**, and pull it out, see arrow **2**.



4. Disconnect the plug, change the bulb and reconnect the plug.
5. Insert the bulb and turn it until it stops.
6. Screw on the access cover tightly by turning it to the right.

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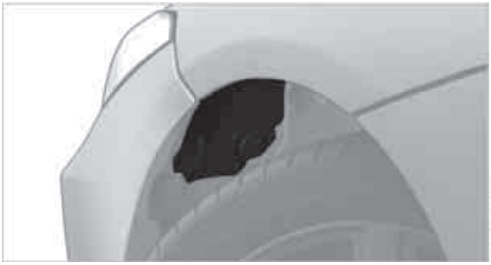
Be careful when attaching the access cover; otherwise, it may leak, causing damage to the headlamp system.◀

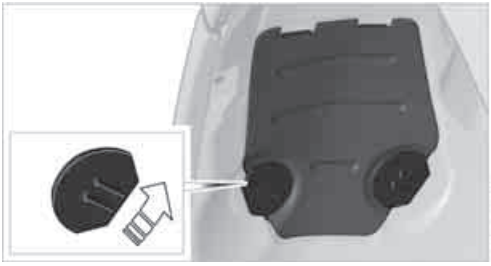
Turn signals, front

P24W bulb, 24 watt

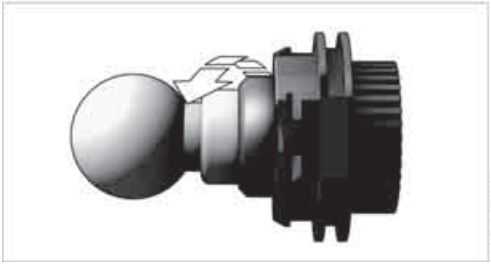
1. Turn the wheel outwards.



2. Turn both locks in the wheel house to the left and remove the cover.



3. Turn the bulb holder to the left and remove it.
4. Turn the bulb to the right, see arrow, and remove it.



5. Change the bulb and screw it into the bulb holder toward the left.
6. Insert the bulb holder and turn it to the right.
7. Reattach the cover.

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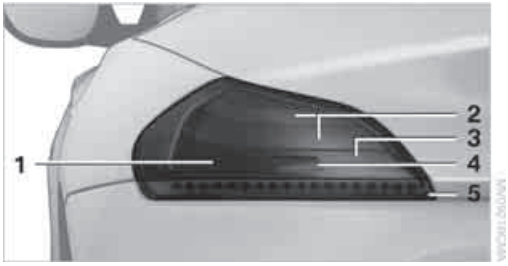
Tail lamps

▷ Brake lamp, backup lamp: W16W bulb, 16 watts



1 Brake lamp

2 Tail lamp, LED

3 Brake lamp

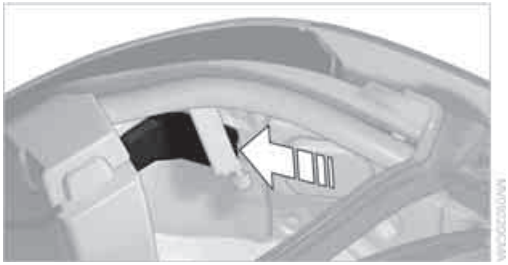
4 Backup lamp

5 Turn signal/dynamic brake lamp*, LED

If bulb **2** or **5** malfunctions, please contact your BMW center or a workshop that works according to BMW repair procedures with correspondingly trained personnel.

Changing the backup lamp and inner brake lamp

1. Press the locking mechanism in the cargo area, see arrow, and remove the cover.



2. Pull out the bulb holder and replace the bulb.

▷ Inner brake lamp:

▷ Backup lamp:

3. Attach the bulb holder.
4. Reattach the cover.

Changing the outer brake lamp

1. Remove the cover in the cargo area.

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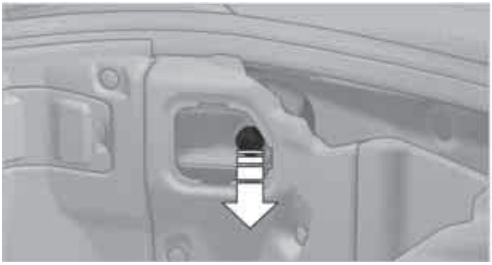
2. Pull out the bulb holder, see arrow, and change the bulb.



3. Attach the bulb holder.
4. Reattach the cover.

License plate lamp, rear lamp, center brake lamp and turn signal

These lamps use LED technology for operation. In the event of a malfunction, please contact your BMW center or a workshop that works according to BMW repair procedures with correspondingly trained personnel.

Changing wheels

Your BMW is equipped with run-flat tires as standard. This removes the need to change a wheel immediately in the event of a puncture.

For information on continuing to drive with a damaged tire, refer to Indication of a flat tire on page 68.

The symbol identifying run-flat tires is a circle with the letters RSC on the sidewall, refer to Run-flat tires, page 113.

When mounting new tires or changing over from summer to winter tires and vice versa, mount run-flat tires for your own safety. In the event of a flat, no spare wheel is available. Your BMW center will be glad to advise you. Refer also to New wheels and tires, page 113.

▷ The tools for changing wheels are available as optional accessories from your BMW center.

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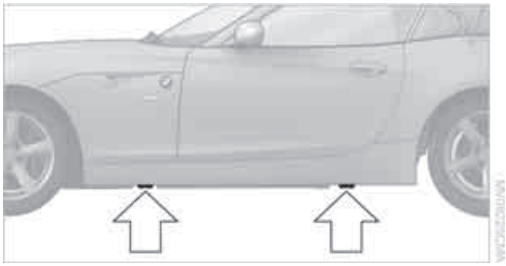
Jack mounting points



The jacking points are at the positions shown in the illustration.

Lug bolt lock*

1 Lug bolt for adapter

2 Adapter, in onboard vehicle tool kit

Removing the wind deflector

1. Remove the adapter **2** from the onboard vehicle tool kit and insert it in the lug bolt.
2. Unscrew the lug bolt **1**.

Remove the adapter after screwing the lug bolt back on.

The code number is stamped on the front of the adapter. Please note down this number and keep it in a safe place in case the adapter should get lost.

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Vehicle battery

Battery care

The battery is 100% maintenance-free, the electrolyte will last for the life of the battery when the vehicle is operated in a temperate climate. Your BMW center will be glad to advise in all matters concerning the battery.

Battery replacement

Only used approved batteries.

Only use vehicle batteries that have been approved for your vehicle by the manufacturer; otherwise, the vehicle could be damaged and systems or functions may not be fully available.◀

After a battery replacement, have the battery registered on the vehicle by your service center to ensure that all comfort functions are fully available.

Charging the battery

Only charge the battery in the vehicle via the terminals in the engine compartment with the engine off. Connections, refer to Jump-starting on page 131.

Disposal

Have old batteries disposed of by your BMW center or bring them to a recycling center. Maintain the battery in an upright position for transport and storage. Always secure the battery against tipping over during transport.◀

Power failure

After a temporary power loss, the functioning of some equipment may be limited and require reinitialization. Individual settings may likewise have been lost and will have to be programmed:

- ▷ Time and date
  These values must be updated, refer to page 61
- ▷ Radio
  Stations must be stored again, refer to the separate Owner's Manual for Radio.
- ▷ Seat and mirror memory
  The positions must be stored again, refer to page 34.
- ▷ Inside rearview mirror with digital compass
  The system must be calibrated, refer to page 89.

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Fuses

Never attempt to repair a blown fuse and do not replace a defective fuse with a substitute of another color or amperage rating; otherwise, this could lead to a circuit overload, ultimately resulting in a fire in the vehicle.◀

1. Remove the screws **1** using the screwdriver from the onboard vehicle tool kit.
2. Remove the cover **2**, unwinding the cable to the footwell lamp*, if necessary.

3. Release the shiny fastener **3**.

4. Fold the current distributor **4** downward and pull forward.

A pair of plastic tweezers is found on the current distributor.

See the inside of the cover for information on fuse assignment.

The cover is reinstalled in reverse order.

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Giving and receiving assistance

Emergency Request*

Requirements

- ▷ BMW Assist is activated. Activating BMW Assist, refer to the separate Owner's Manual.
- ▷ Radio readiness is on.
- ▷ The BMW Assist system is logged on to a wireless network.
- ▷ The Emergency Request system is operable.
- ▷ Equipment version with full preparation package mobile phone. This equipment makes it possible to send an Emergency Request even if no mobile phone is paired with the vehicle.

Once your service contract for BMW Assist expires, the BMW Assist system can be deactivated by a BMW center without you having to visit a workshop. Once the BMW Assist system has been deactivated, Emergency Requests are not possible. The BMW Assist system can be reactivated by a BMW center after a new contract has been signed.

Sending an Emergency Request

1. Briefly press the cover flap to open.

2. Press the SOS button until the LED in the button lights up.

As soon as the voice connection to the BMW Assist Response Center has been established, the LED flashes.

Once the BMW Assist Response Center has received your Emergency Request, the BMW Assist Response Center contacts you and takes further steps to help you. Even if you are unable to respond, the BMW Assist Response Center will be able to initiate further steps to assist you under certain conditions.

If the circumstances allow this, remain in the vehicle until the connection has been established. You will then be able to provide a detailed description of the situation.

In a BMW Assist Emergency Request, data for determining the necessary rescue measures are transmitted to the BMW Assist Response Center, e.g., the current position of your vehicle, if it can be determined.

If the LED is flashing but the BMW Assist Response Center cannot be heard over the hands-free system, it is possible that the hands-free system is malfunctioning. You may still be heard by the BMW Assist Response Center, however.

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Under certain conditions, an Emergency Request is sent automatically immediately after a severe accident. This Automatic Collision Notification is not affected by the button being pressed.

⚠ For technical reasons, the Emergency Request service cannot be guaranteed for the most unfavorable conditions.◀

Roadside Assistance

BMW Roadside Assistance is there to assist you around the clock in the event of a breakdown, including on weekends and public holidays.

The phone numbers of Roadside Assistance in your home country can be found in the Contact brochure.

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First aid pouch*

Some of the articles contained in the first aid pouch have a limited service life. Therefore, check the expiration dates of the contents regularly and replace any items in good time, if necessary.

The first aid pouch is located on the lateral storage shelf behind the seats.

Warning triangle*

The warning triangle is located in a holder in the luggage compartment lid. Press the tabs to take it out.

Jump-starting

If the car's own battery is flat, your BMW's engine can be started by connecting two jumper cables to another vehicle's battery. You can also use the same method to help start another vehicle. Only use jumper cables with fully-insulated clamp handles.

⚠ Do not touch any electrically live parts when the engine is running, or a fatal accident may occur. Carefully adhere to the following sequence, both to prevent damage to one or both vehicles, and to guard against possible personal injuries.◀

Preparation

1. Check whether the battery of the other vehicle has a voltage of 12 volts and approximately the same capacitance in Ah. This information can be found on the battery.
2. Switch off the engine of the assisting vehicle.
3. Switch off any consumers in both vehicles.

⚠ There must not be any contact between the bodies of the two vehicles; otherwise, there is a danger of shorting.◀

Connecting jumper cables

⚠ Connect the jumper cables in the correct order, so that no sparks which could cause injury occur.◀

Your BMW has a jump-starting connection in the engine compartment which acts as the battery's positive terminal, refer also to the Engine compartment overview on page 116. The cap is marked with +.

1. Pull the cap of the BMW jump-starting connection up to remove.

2. Attach one terminal clamp of the plus/+ jumper cable to the positive terminal of the battery or a starting-aid terminal of the vehicle providing assistance.
3. Attach the second terminal clamp of the plus/+ jumper cable to the positive terminal of the battery or a starting-aid terminal of the vehicle to be started.

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4. Attach one terminal clamp of the minus/– jumper cable to the negative terminal of the battery or to an engine or body ground of the assisting vehicle.
   Your BMW has a special nut as body ground or negative pole.

5. Attach the second terminal clamp of the minus/– jumper cable to the negative terminal of the battery or to the engine or body ground of the vehicle to be started.

Starting the engine

1. Start the engine of the donor vehicle and allow it to run for a few minutes at slightly increased idle speed.
2. Start the engine on the other vehicle in the usual way.
   If the first start attempt is not successful, wait a few minutes before another attempt in order to allow the discharged battery to recharge.
3. Let the engines run for a few minutes.
4. Disconnect the jumper cables by reversing the above connecting sequence.

If necessary, have the battery checked and recharged.

Never use spray fluids to start the engine.◀

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Tow-starting, towing away

Observe the applicable laws and regulations for tow-starting and towing vehicles.◀

Do not transport any passengers other than the driver in a vehicle that is being towed.◀

Using a tow fitting

The screw-in tow fitting must always be carried in the car. It can be screwed in at the front or rear of the BMW.

It is stored in the onboard vehicle tool kit underneath the floor panel in the cargo area, refer to page 125.

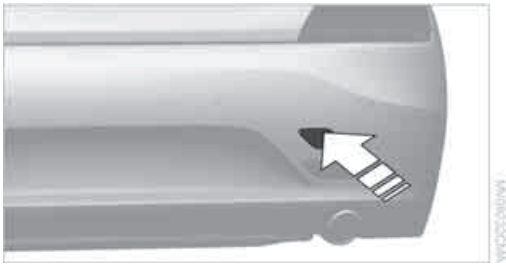
Use only the towing eyelet supplied with the vehicle and screw it in firmly until it stops. Use the tow fitting for towing on paved roads only. Avoid lateral loading of the tow fitting, e.g., do not lift the vehicle by the tow fitting. Otherwise, the tow fitting and the vehicle could be damaged.◀

Access to screw thread

Front

Release the cover panel in the bumper:
Press on the recess at the bottom left in the cover panel.

Rear



Release the cover panel in the bumper:
Press on the recess at the bottom center in the cover panel.

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Being towed

Make sure that the ignition is switched on, refer to page 41; otherwise, the low-beam headlamps, tail lamps, turn signal indicators and windshield wipers may be unavailable.

If the electrical system fails, do not tow-start or tow the vehicle. The electrical steering wheel lock cannot be released and the vehicle cannot be steered. Jump-starting, refer to page 131.

Power steering assistance is not available when the engine is not running. Thus, braking and steering will require increased effort.◀

Manual transmission

Gearshift lever in neutral position.

Automatic transmission

Selector lever in position N.
Changing selector lever positions, refer to page 45.

Do not exceed a towing speed of 31 mph or 50 km/h and a towing distance of 31 miles/50 km; otherwise, the automatic transmission may be damaged.◀

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7-gear sport automatic transmission with dual clutch

Ensure that transmission lock P is not engaged as the rear wheels will otherwise be blocked.
When using the car wash function, refer to page 122, note that the parking lock P is engaged automatically after approx. 30 minutes, blocking the rear wheels.
If an electrical malfunction occurs or if towing takes longer than approx. 20 minutes, manually release the parking lock, refer to page 49.◀

Do not exceed a towing speed of 31 mph or 50 km/h and a towing distance of 31 miles/50 km; otherwise, the 7-gear sport automatic transmission may be damaged.◀

Towing methods

Do not lift the vehicle by a tow fitting or body and chassis parts; otherwise, damage may result.◀

With a tow bar

The towing vehicle must not be lighter than the towed vehicle; otherwise, it may be impossible to maintain control.◀

The tow fittings used should be on the same side on both vehicles. Should it prove impossible to avoid mounting the tow bar at an angle, please observe the following:

- ▷ Clearance and maneuvering capability will be sharply limited during cornering.
- ▷ The tow bar will generate lateral forces if it is attached offset.

Attach the tow bar to the tow fittings only, as attaching it to other parts of the vehicle could result in damage.◀

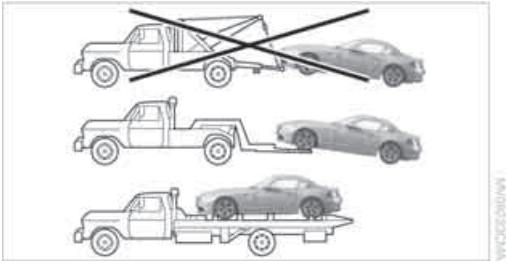
With a tow rope

When starting off in the towing vehicle, make sure that the tow rope is taut.

To avoid jerking and the associated stresses on vehicle components when towing, always use nylon ropes or nylon straps. Attach the tow rope to the tow fittings only, as attaching it to other parts of the vehicle could result in damage.◀

With a tow truck

Manual and automatic transmission:



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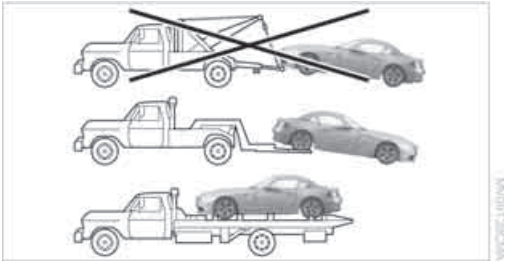
7-gear sport automatic transmission with dual clutch:



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Have the BMW transported with a tow truck with a so-called lift bar or on a flat bed.

Tow-starting

Avoid tow-starting the vehicle whenever possible; instead, jump-start the engine, refer to page 131. Vehicles with a catalytic converter should only be tow-started when the engine is cold.
Vehicles with an automatic transmission or 7-gear sport automatic transmission with dual clutch cannot be tow-started at all.

1. Switch on hazard warning flashers, comply with local regulations.
2. Switch on the ignition, refer to page 41.
3. Shift into 3rd gear.
4. Have the vehicle tow-started with the clutch depressed and slowly release the clutch. After the engine starts, immediately depress the clutch completely again.
5. Stop at a suitable location, remove the tow bar or rope and switch off the hazard warning flashers.
6. Have the vehicle checked.

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Indicator and warning lamps

table for information on causes and how to react. Note whether a lamp comes on alone or in combination with another. Some lamps can light up in different colors. Corresponding distinctions are made in the text.

Indicator and warning lamps can light up in a variety of combinations and colors. See the

1	2	Cause	What to do
		Turn signals	
		High beams/headlamp flasher switched on	
		Fasten safety belts	Fasten your safety belt, refer also to page 36.
BRAKE	PARK	Indication in US models Lights up in red: Parking brake set Lights up in yellow: Parking brake malfunctioning.	 Release parking brake. Have the system checked immediately.
PARK		Parking brake malfunctioning. Emergency braking with the parking brake not possible.	Have the system checked immediately.
	PARK	Parking brake malfunctioning Not functional while vehicle is stationary.	Secure vehicle against rolling when parked. Have the system checked immediately.
BRAKE PARK	PARK	Parking brake failed	Secure vehicle against rolling when parked. Have the system checked immediately.
	PARK	Indication in Canadian models Lights up in red: Parking brake set Lights up in yellow: Parking brake malfunctioning.	 Release parking brake. Have the system checked immediately.

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1	2	Cause	What to do
(P)	(!)	Parking brake malfunctioning Emergency braking with the parking brake not possible.	Have the system checked immediately.
	PARK (P)	Parking brake malfunctioning Not functional while vehicle is stationary.	Secure vehicle against rolling when parked. Have the system checked immediately.
(!) (P)	PARK (P)	Parking brake failed	Secure vehicle against rolling when parked. Have the system checked immediately.
		Outside temperature warning	Drive cautiously, refer also to page 55.
		Lights up briefly: Approx. 2.1 US gallons/8 liters of fuel remain in the tank Remains on: Remaining operating range is no more than 30 miles/50 km, refer to page 56	
	START	Engine refuses to start	Depress the brake or clutch in order to start the engine, refer to page 42.
	!	Ignition switched on and driver's door open	Switch off the ignition, refer to page 41, or close the driver's door.
		Parking lamps still on	Switch off the parking lamps, refer to page 75.
	P	Roadside parking lamps still on	Switch off the roadside parking lamps, refer to page 77.
		Door open	
		Hood open	
		Lights up in red:	
		Roof activation system failure	Roof cannot be moved. If the retractable hardtop does not lock, contact your nearest BMW center.
		Roof activation system malfunctioning	Roof movement incomplete. Please check if the roof is blocked, then press or pull the switch again.
		Roof not locked	Open the roof fully and close it again. Only continue driving after taking this measure.

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1	2	Cause	What to do
		Lights up in yellow:	
		High temperature of roof motor	Roof activation temporarily limited to closing only.
		Cargo area partition not in lowermost position	Press down the cargo area partition until it engages on both sides.
		Roof activation only possible while vehicle is stationary.	
		Vehicle not level, roof activation not possible	Move the vehicle to a level surface.
		Luggage compartment lid open	
		Gas cap missing or loose	Make sure that the gas cap is correctly positioned and close it until it clicks audibly. Do not jam the strap between the gas cap and the vehicle.
		Window washer fluid level too low	Add washer fluid as soon as possible, refer to page 52.
		Lights up in red:	
		Service due	Arrange a service appointment. Check service requirements, refer to page 60.
		Lights up in yellow: The engine will start the next time the start/stop button is touched, possibly without the brake or clutch being depressed	
		Remote control malfunctioning or, in cars with Comfort Access, not detected	The motor cannot be started. Have the remote control checked, if necessary.
		Battery in remote control discharged	Use the remote control for a longer journey or, in cars with Comfort Access, replace the battery.
		Belt tensioners and/or airbag system failed	Have the system checked immediately.
		Lights up:	
		Emergency Request system has failed or is malfunctioning	Have the system checked as soon as possible.

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1	2	Cause	What to do
		Lights up in red:	
		Motor malfunction	Stop the car and switch off the motor. You cannot continue your journey. Contact your BMW center.
		Lights up in yellow:	
		Full motor power no longer available	You can continue your journey, but moderate your speed and exercise due caution. Have the engine checked as soon as possible.
SERVICE ENGINE SOON		Indication in US models:	
		Warning lamp flashes:	
		Engine malfunction under high load. High engine load will result in damage to the catalytic converter	You can continue your journey, but moderate your speed and exercise due caution. Have the vehicle checked without delay.
		Warning lamp comes on:	
		Engine malfunction with adverse effect on exhaust emissions	Have the car checked as soon as possible.
		Indication in Canadian models:	
		Warning lamp flashes:	
		Engine malfunction under high load. High engine load will result in damage to the catalytic converter	You can continue your journey, but moderate your speed and exercise due caution. Have the vehicle checked without delay.
		Warning lamp comes on:	
		Engine malfunction with adverse effect on exhaust emissions	Have the car checked as soon as possible.
		Lights up in red:	
		Engine overheating	Carefully bring the car to a stop, switch off the engine and allow it to cool down. Do not open the hood; otherwise, there would be a risk of injury due to scalding. Contact your BMW center.
		Lights up in yellow:	
		Engine too hot	Continue driving at more moderate speed so that the engine can cool down. Have the engine checked without delay if the situation reoccurs.

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1	2	Cause	What to do
		Lights up in red:	
		Battery is no longer being charged. Alternator malfunction	Switch off all unnecessary electrical consumers. Have the power supply system checked without delay.
		Lights up in yellow:	
		Battery charge level very low, battery aged or not securely connected	Have the battery checked as soon as possible.
PARK		Indication in US models	
		Parking brake set	
(P)		Indication in Canadian models	
		Parking brake set	
BRAKE		Indication in US models	
		Lights up in red:	
		Brake fluid level too low	Reduced braking effect, stop the car carefully. Contact your BMW center.
		Lights up in yellow:	
		▷ Drive-off assistant failed. The car will not be held in place after the brake is released	Have the system checked as soon as possible.
		▷ DBC failed. No power braking support during emergency braking	You can continue your journey, but moderate your speed and exercise due caution. Have the system checked as soon as possible.
		▷ Brake overheated or	Allow the brake to cool down. You can continue your journey, but moderate your speed and exercise due caution.
		▷ High brake load	You can continue your journey, but moderate your speed and exercise due caution.
(!)		Indication in Canadian models	
		Lights up in red:	
		Brake fluid level too low	Reduced braking effect, stop the car carefully. Contact your BMW center.
		Lights up in yellow:	
		▷ Drive-off assistant failed. The car will not be held in place after the brake is released	Have the system checked as soon as possible.

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1	2	Cause	What to do
		▷ DBC failed. No power braking support during emergency braking	You can continue your journey, but moderate your speed and exercise due caution. Have the system checked as soon as possible.
		▷ Brake overheated or	Allow the brake to cool down. You can continue your journey, but moderate your speed and exercise due caution.
		▷ High brake load	You can continue your journey, but moderate your speed and exercise due caution.
BRAKE		Indication in US models Brake pads worn	Have the condition of the brake pads checked without delay.
(!)		Indication in Canadian models Brake pads worn.	Have the condition of the brake pads checked without delay.
		Lights up in red:	Have the system in question checked immediately.
		▷ Starter failed or	The engine cannot be restarted.
		▷ Ignition malfunctioning. Engine restart only possible when brake is depressed or	Depress the brake to restart the engine.
		▷ Lighting system failed. Low beams/ tail lamps and brake lamps still operational. All other lamps failed	
		Lights up in yellow:	
		▷ Control of the brake lamps failed or	You can continue your journey, but moderate your speed and exercise due caution. Have the system in question checked immediately.
		▷ fuel supply malfunctioning	
		Flashing: Dynamic Stability Control DSC or Dynamic Traction Control DTC is controlling drive and braking forces, refer also to page 65	
OFF		Dynamic Traction Control DTC activated, refer also to page 65	
OFF	DSC OFF	Dynamic Stability Control DSC and Dynamic Traction Control DTC deactivated, refer also to page 65	Driving stability limited during acceleration and cornering. Driving style must be readjusted.

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1	2	Cause	What to do
		Suspension control system failed, refer also to page 65	Driving stability limited during acceleration and cornering. You can continue your journey, but moderate your speed and exercise due caution. Have the system checked as soon as possible.
BRAKE		Indication in US models DSC Dynamic Stability Control and DTC including drive-off assistant failed.	Driving stability limited during acceleration and cornering. You can continue your journey, but moderate your speed and exercise due caution. Have the system checked as soon as possible.
		Indication* in Canadian models DSC Dynamic Stability Control and DTC including drive-off assistant and Flat Tire Monitor failed.	Driving stability limited during acceleration and cornering. You can continue your journey, but moderate your speed and exercise due caution. Have the system checked as soon as possible.
ABS BRAKE		Indication in US models The driving stability control systems, including ABS failed, refer to page 65. Reduced braking and driving stability	You can continue your journey. Drive at moderate speeds, avoiding abrupt braking maneuvers. Have the system checked as soon as possible.
ABS		Indication* in Canadian models The driving stability systems including ABS and the Flat Tire Monitor* failed, refer to page 65. Reduced braking and driving stability	You can continue your journey. Drive at moderate speeds, avoiding abrupt braking maneuvers. Have the system checked as soon as possible.
ABS BRAKE		Indication in US models Vehicle electronics failed	You cannot continue your journey. Contact your BMW center.
ABS		Indication* in Canadian models Vehicle electronics failed	You cannot continue your journey. Contact your BMW center.

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1	2	Cause	What to do
		Vehicles with Flat Tire Monitor*	
		Light up in yellow and red:	
		▷ Tire is deflated	Carefully bring the car to a stop. Observe the information starting on page 67.
		▷ Flat Tire Monitor not initialized	Initialize Flat Tire Monitor, refer to page 68.
		Light up in yellow:	
		Flat Tire Monitor failed. Punctures are not indicated	Have the system checked.
		Vehicles with Tire Pressure Monitor*	
		Light up in yellow and red:	
		There is a flat tire or substantial loss of tire pressure.	Carefully bring the car to a stop. Observe the information starting on page 69.
		Light up in yellow:	
		Tire Pressure Monitor not initialized.	Check the inflation pressure and reset the system, refer to page 69.
		The small lamp flashes yellow and then stays on, the large lamp lights up in yellow:	
		Tire Pressure Monitor failed. Punctures are not indicated.	Have the system checked. Observe the information starting on page 71.
		Lights up in red:	
		▷ Transmission limp-home program active with restricted range of gears, possibly with reduced acceleration.	You can continue your journey, but moderate your speed and exercise due caution. Have the system checked immediately.
		Gears can be engaged without depressing the brake	Always depress the brake to engage a gear.
		Lights up in yellow:	Have the system checked as soon as possible.
		▷ Automatic selector lever locked: Selector lever locked in position P with engine running and brake depressed or	Overriding selector lever lock, refer to page 46.
		▷ Brake signal malfunctioning: gear can be engaged without depressing the brake	To engage a gear while the vehicle is at a standstill, always depress the brake. Before leaving the vehicle, move the selector lever to position P and switch off the engine.

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1	2	Cause	What to do
		Lights up in red:	
		Transmission overheating	Bring the car to a stop and move the selector lever to position P. Allow the transmission to cool down. You can continue your journey, but moderate your speed and exercise due caution. Have the system checked if the situation reoccurs.
		Lights up in yellow:	
		Transmission too hot	Avoid high engine loads. You can continue your journey, but moderate your speed and exercise due caution.
		Selector lever position P not engaged. Vehicle not prevented from rolling	
		Selector lever position P not engaged. Ignition cannot be switched off	Engage selector lever position P when you wish to switch off the ignition, refer to page 41.
		Selector lever malfunctioning	Drive may be continued. Shift again if necessary. Have the system checked if the situation reoccurs.
		Selector lever position P not engaged. Vehicle not prevented from rolling	To engage a gear while the vehicle is at a standstill, always depress the brake. Switch off the engine before leaving the vehicle. Have the system checked as soon as possible.
		Pinch protection system of the power windows malfunctioning	Have the system checked.
		Cruise control deactivated: ▷ Driving stability control systems are active or ▷ Parking brake is set or ▷ The vehicle speed was below 20 mph or 30 km/h or ▷ Engaged gear not suitable for the speed being driven	
		Cruise control system failed	Drive may be continued. Have the system checked.
		Park Distance Control failed	Have the system checked.

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1	2	Cause	What to do
		Bulb of exterior lighting system failed	Have the exterior lighting checked as soon as possible.
		Low-beam headlamp or fog lamp failed	Have the low beams checked as soon as possible.
		High-beam headlamp failed	Have the high-beam headlamps checked.
		Headlamp beam throw adjustment system failed	Have the headlamp beam throw adjustment system checked.
		Adaptive light control failed	
		Coolant level too low	Add coolant immediately, refer to page 118.
		Engine oil pressure too low	Stop immediately and switch off the engine. You cannot continue your journey. Contact your BMW center.
		Engine oil level too low	Add engine oil immediately; refer to page 116 for more information.
	SERVICE	Lights up in red:	
		Service appointment overdue	Arrange a service appointment. Check service requirements, refer to page 60.
		Lights up in yellow:	
		Service due	Arrange a service appointment. Check service requirements, refer to page 60.
		No service due	Check service requirements, refer to page 60.
	00.00.00	Time and date no longer correct	Set the time and date, refer to page 61.
		Power steering failed Markedly different steering response	You can continue your journey, but moderate your speed and exercise due caution. Have the system checked as soon as possible.
		Damping control is malfunctioning or has failed Driving comfort is impaired	You can continue your journey, but moderate your speed and exercise due caution. Have the system checked as soon as possible.

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Technical data

Engine data

		Z4 sDrive30i	Z4 sDrive35i
Displacement	cu in/cm³	182.8/2,996	181.8/2,979
Number of cylinders		6	6
Maximum power output	hp	255	300
at engine speed	rpm	6,600	5,800
Maximum torque	lb ft/Nm	220/298	300/407
at engine speed	rpm	2,600	1,400 - 5,000

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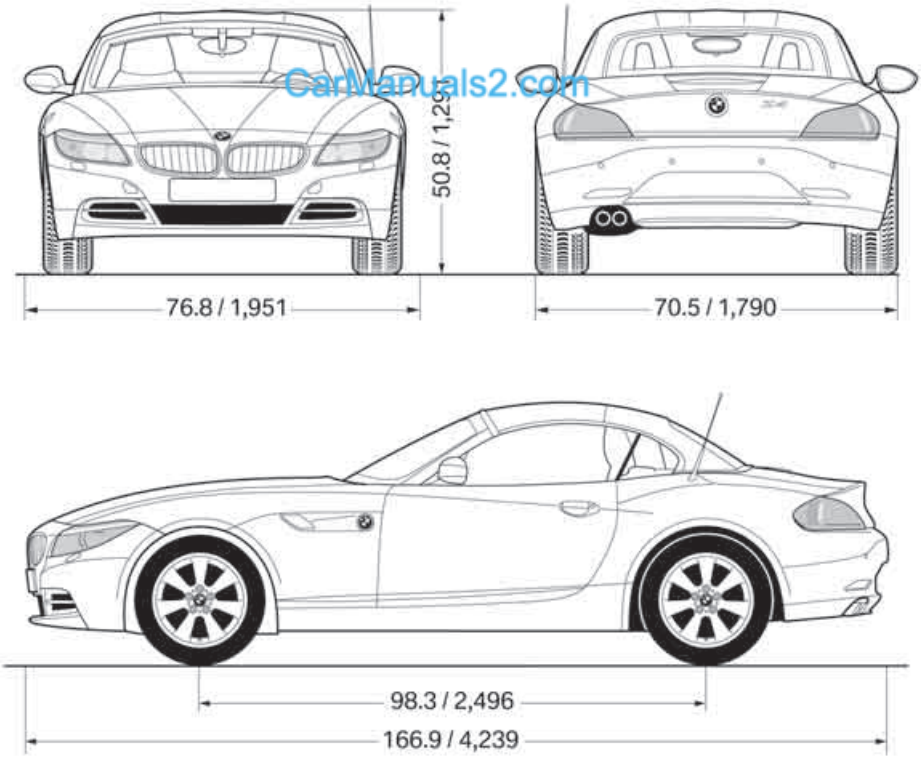
Dimensions



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All dimensions given in inches/mm.
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Weights

		Z4 sDrive30i	Z4 sDrive35i
Approved gross weight			
▷ With manual transmission	lbs/kg	3,924/1,780	4,134/1,875
▷ With automatic transmission	lbs/kg	3,990/1,810	4,178/1,895
Load	lbs/kg	562/255	562/255
Approved front axle load	lbs/kg	1,808/820	1,918/870
Approved rear axle load	lbs/kg	2,227/1,010	2,271/1,030
Cargo area capacity	cu ft/l	6.4 - 10.9/180 - 310	6.4 - 10.9/180 - 310

Capacities

			Notes
Fuel tank	US gal/liters	Approx. 15.5/55	
Including reserve of	US gal/liters	Approx. 2.1/8.0	Fuel grade: page 107
Window washer system			
Including headlamp washers	US qt/liters	Approx. 6.3/6.0	For more details: page 52

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