

In the event of repair 2 procedures are used, depending on the vehicle. Refer to the vehicle-specific repair instructions for the correct procedure.

### **1. General notes for stamped vehicle identification numbers:**

The vehicle identification number is stamped with a special tool. There are different special tool numbers and stamping procedures for the various vehicles. Refer to the relevant repair instructions.

In repair work, the vehicle identification number is always stamped into a replacement vehicle identification number surface. The replacement surface is usually situated under the original VIN surface.

The IGEF number (bodyshell number) is omitted when the wheel arch is replaced.

In the event of component or body replacement by the BMW garages/workshops, clearly delimit the vehicle identification number at front and rear by stamping a + in place of the BMW badge.

If a VIN is stamped into the replacement surface in addition to the original VIN (e.g. if the original VIN has been tampered with), the following applies: The original VIN must be crossed out. To do so, stamp the letter I from the punch digits lengthways through the original VIN.

#### ***Important!***

Do not use an angle grinder in conjunction with a cutting disk!

The protective film used as standard is omitted after the VIN has been manually stamped in. Paint area in accordance with BMW Painting Handbook. Ensure that layer thicknesses are small.

Observe national/country-specific regulations.

### **2. General notes for embossed vehicle identification numbers:**

This procedure is used for all vehicles on which the vehicle identification number can not be stamped.

For the repair new parts with an embossed vehicle identification number can as a rule be ordered from the BMW Parts Department. If this is not possible, observe country-specific regulations.

The IGEF number (bodyshell number) is omitted when the wheel arch is replaced.

If a VIN is embossed into the replacement surface in addition to the original VIN (e.g. if the original VIN has been tampered with), the following applies: The vehicle-specific repair instructions describe the procedure.

The protective film used as standard is omitted after the VIN has been embossed. Paint area in accordance with BMW Painting Handbook. Ensure that layer thicknesses are small.

Observe national/country-specific regulations.