



Service Information

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Service Engineering

PERFORM THE PROCEDURE OUTLINED IN THIS SERVICE INFORMATION ON ALL AFFECTED VEHICLES THE NEXT TIME THEY ARE IN THE SHOP FOR MAINTENANCE OR REPAIRS AND PRIOR TO CUSTOMER DELIVERY.

SUBJECT

Recall Campaign 00V-048 - Brake Lamp Switch Replacement

MODEL

E38 (7 Series)	produced 9/99 to 10/99
E39 (5 Series)	produced 9/99 to 10/99
E46 (3 Series)	produced 9/99 to 10/99

SITUATION

The brake lamps of the affected vehicle are controlled by a switch activated by the movement of the brake pedal. This switch could fail internally, causing it to remain in the "brake lamps off" position or in the "brake lamps on" position. If this happens, the brake lamps either will not operate or will be continuously illuminated, regardless of brake pedal position.

AFFECTED VEHICLES

This recall involves E38, E39 and E46 vehicles which were produced from September 1999 to October 1999.

In order to determine if a specific vehicle is affected by this recall, it will be necessary to utilize the "Service Menu" of the DCS (Dealer Communication System). Based on the response of the system, either proceed with the corrective action or take no further action.

Please initial and route to the following for information before filing									
X	Service Manager		X	Warranty		X	Service Technicians - Initial Below		
X	Service Advisor			Parts Mgr.					
X	Service Advisor			Body Shop					
X	Shop Foreman			PDI Dept.					

★ ★ FIX IT RIGHT THE FIRST TIME, ON TIME, EVERY TIME ★ ★

For administrative convenience and to reduce costs, this bulletin may contain repair procedures for authorized BMW car centers and/or authorized BMW SAV centers. All references to SAVs and/or the XS are ONLY intended for authorized BMW SAV centers. Furthermore, ONLY BMW SAV centers are authorized to perform repair and service work on SAVs.

The Chassis Number Ranges listed below are only for informational purposes and are not to be considered as the only deciding factor.

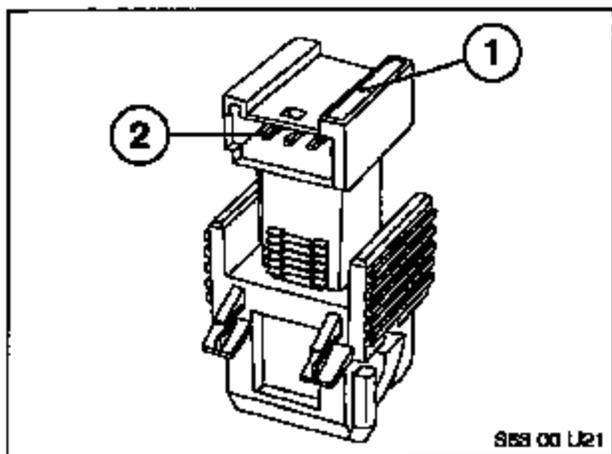
Model	Chassis Number Range
528IT	BR95516 – BR95572
528IAT	BV64103 – BV64793
528I	BY17695 – BY18336
M5	BZ94030 – BZ94515
323IA	CA87228 – CA88576
323I	CD57807 – CD57809
750IL	DD73808 – DD73916
740IL	DE05022 – DE05031
750IL Prot.	DE35023 – DE35028
740I	DN78152 – DN79207
740iL	DP09177
740IL	DP11645 – DP14044
323iCA	EA82011
328i	EJ41167 – EJ41523
323IA	FP70381 – FP72449
328IA	FR17063 – FR18183
540i	GC93726 – GC94381
540IA	GM64135 – GM66278
540iA Touring	GN91080 – GN91177
528IA	GU07239 – GU13466
323iA Touring	JM00008 – JM00015
323Ci	JN61689 – JN62328
323CiA	JN82146 – JN83029
328CiA	JN92010 – JN93341
328Ci	JP01391 – JP02315
328IA	JR57553 – JR58414
323I	KC67613 – KC88810
328I	KG17831 – KG18278

CORRECTION

Check brake light switch and replace if necessary

PROCEDURE

1. Remove the lower footwell trim to expose the brake light switch



2. Check whether the brake light switch is marked with a white bar (1) at the connector end (2)

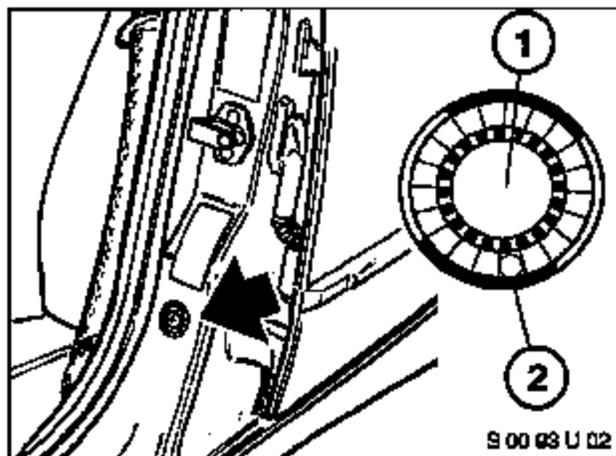
If the brake light switch is marked with a white bar (1), reinstall the lower footwell trim. No further actions are necessary.

If the brake light switch is not marked with a white bar on the connector side, continue with step 3.

3. Remove and replace the brake light switch (Refer to Repair Instruction 61 31 310)
4. Reinstall the lower footwell trim

PARTS INFORMATION

Part Number	Description	Quantity
61 31 4 105 242	Brake Light Switch	1

LABEL INSTRUCTIONS

This Recall Campaign has been assigned code number 289. After the vehicle has been checked, and corrected if necessary, obtain a label (SD 92-130) and:

- a. emboss your BMW dealer warranty number in the middle of the label (1);
- b. punch out code number 289 printed on the label and,
- c. affix the label to the B pillar as shown.

If the vehicle already has a label from a previous Service Action/Recall Campaign, affix the new label next to the old one. Do not affix one label on top of another one because a number from an underlying label could appear in the punched-out hole of the new label.

WARRANTY INFORMATION

Reimbursement for this Recall Campaign will be provided through Campaign Entry.

Defect Code **00 61 42 01 00**

Work Package #1: **Check brake light switch**

Labor Operation: **00 52 100**

Labor Allowance: **5 FRU**

Work Package #2: **Check and replace braka light switch**

Labor Operation: **00 52 101**

Labor Allowance: **5 FRU**

Parts Allowance: **61 31 4 105 242** **Brake Light Switch** **1**

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Recall Campaign No. 00V-048, Brake Lamp Switch

Dear BMW Owner/Lessee:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

BMW AG has determined that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain model year 2000 BMW 323i, 328i, 528i, 528iT, 540i, 540iT, M5, 740i, 740iL, and 750iL vehicles. Our records indicate that you are the owner or lessee of a potentially affected vehicle.

DESCRIPTION OF DEFECT

The brake lamps of your vehicle are controlled by a switch activated by movement of the brake pedal. This switch could fail internally, causing it to remain either in the "brake lamps off" position or in the "brake lamps on" position. If this happens, the brake lamps either will not operate or will be continuously illuminated, regardless of brake pedal position.

DESCRIPTION OF INSPECTION / REPAIR

The repair will consist of inspecting and, if necessary, replacing the existing brake lamp switch with an improved switch.

This repair will require approximately one hour and will be performed free of charge by your Authorized BMW center. Additional time may be required depending on the BMW center's scheduling and processing.

PRECAUTIONS

- 1. CONTACT YOUR AUTHORIZED BMW CENTER IMMEDIATELY TO HAVE THE NECESSARY REPAIR PERFORMED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**
2. Before the repair, brake lamp operation should be checked with the vehicle stationary by turning the key to position 2 ("Ignition" or "on") and depressing the brake pedal. An observer facing the rear of the vehicle can determine if the brake lamps are working properly. If the brake lamps are inoperative or continuously lit, the vehicle should not be driven. Arrangements should be made for pickup and repair.
3. If the inoperative or continuously-lit brake lamps are ignored and the vehicle is driven, a crash involving another vehicle (or vehicles) could occur without prior warning, depending on environmental and traffic conditions.
4. If you are not the sole driver of your car, please advise all other drivers of these necessary precautions.

OTHER INFORMATION

If the vehicle to which this notice applies has been leased and you are the lessor, you MUST send a copy of this notice to the lessee.

If you no longer own this vehicle, we would appreciate your furnishing us with the name and address of the new owner, using the enclosed postage-paid card.

Should you have any questions about this campaign, please contact your Authorized BMW center.

We appreciate your confidence in our product, and we wish to do everything we can to retain your confidence. Should you need additional assistance, you may contact BMW Customer Relations at 1-800-831-1117.

If the BMW center is unable to remedy the defect without charge or within a reasonable period of time, you may notify the Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Washington, DC 20590, or call the toll-free Auto Safety Hotline at 1-800-424-9393 (Washington, DC area residents may call 202-366-0123).

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