



This Service Information bulletin supersedes S.I. B04 04 02 **dated August 2004**

NEW designates changes to this revision

SUBJECT

Manual Shift Lever Sticks in 5th and Reverse Gears

MODEL

NEW E36 Z3 2.8, 3.0

NEW E36 M coupe, M roadster S52, S54

NEW E36 M3 S50, S52

NEW E39 528i, 530i

NEW E46 328i, 330i up to 1/2003 production

NEW E53 3.0i up to 1/2003 production

SITUATION

- The Manual Shift Lever is difficult to move into and out of the 5th gear and reverse.
- The Manual Shift Lever does not automatically move from the 5th and reverse gears back to the center/neutral position.
- No Manual shift lever guidance indicating looseness of shifter

This concerns all models referenced above manufactured prior to 1/2003.

CAUSE

The 5th gear and reverse gear selector shaft pin is sticking due to a defective bushing mounted in the selector shaft bore of the transmission.

CORRECTION

Replace the 5th and reverse gear selector shaft pin bushing.

NEW PROCEDURE

All models except E36 M3:

In case of customer complaint, the 5th and reverse gear selector shaft pin bushing must be replaced separately as described in BMW Repair Instruction 23 11 565.

E36 M3:

In case of customer complaint, the 5th and reverse gear selector shaft pin bushing must be replaced separately as described in the Repair Instructions attached to this Service Information Bulletin.

PARTS INFORMATION

Part Number	Description	Quantity
23 11 7 542 726	Bushing Repair Kit	2

WARRANTY INFORMATION

Covered under the terms of the BMW New Vehicle Limited Warranty.

Defect Code	23 00 92 34 00
Labor Operation:	00 54 939
Labor Allowance:	Refer to appropriate KSD CD for labor allowance

ATTACHMENTS

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