

1 GETTING IN

2 ORIENTATION

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4 DRIVING

Welcome aboard

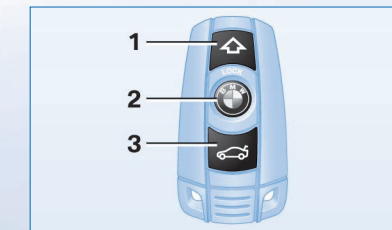
Your BMW M3 Sedan offers you a wealth of options that turn driving into an adventure.

This quick reference guide is to give you a first overview. It contains only the most important information so that you have the basic functions of your BMW M3 Sedan immediately at your fingertips.

For your own safety and the safety of others, please read the detailed Owner's Manual.

BMW wishes you a good start and much satisfaction with your BMW M3 Sedan.

Opening and closing with the remote control



Opening

1 Press briefly:
Doors, luggage compartment, and fuel filler door are unlocked.

Closing

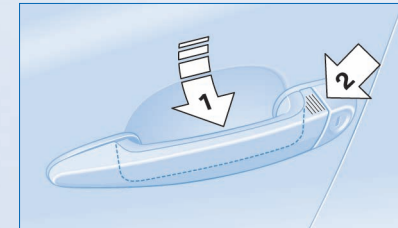
2 Press briefly:
Doors, luggage compartment, and fuel filler door are locked.

Unlocking luggage compartment lid

3 Press and hold.

Opening and closing with Comfort Access*

This option makes it possible to gain entry or start the engine without holding the remote control in your hand. The remote control is automatically detected when it is in the immediate vicinity of the vehicle or inside the passenger compartment.



Special features that differ from a conventional remote control:

Opening

1 Grasp the door handle completely.

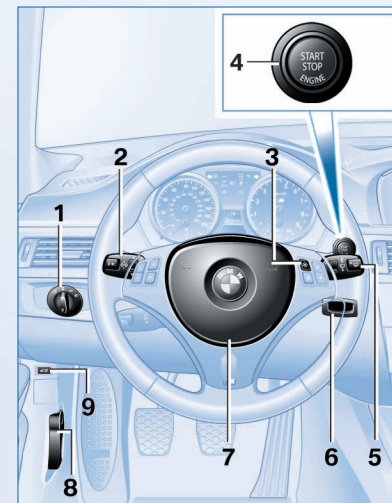
Closing

2 Touch this surface with your finger for approx. 1 second.

Unlocking luggage compartment lid

Press the button in the handle on the outside of the luggage compartment lid.

Around the steering wheel



1 Parking lamps/low beams

Automatic headlamp control*

Daytime running lamps

Welcome lamps

Adaptive Head Light*

2 Turn signal

High beams

Headlamp flasher

Side marker lamps

Computer

Settings and information about vehicle

3 Activating/deactivating MDrive*

4 START • STOP • ENGINE :

Switching engine on/off and switching

ignition on/off

5 Wiper system

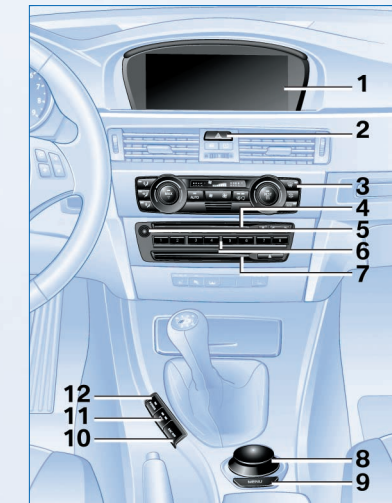
6 Ignition lock

7 Horn

8 Unlocking hood

9 Unlocking luggage compartment lid

Around the center console



1 Control Display

2 Hazard warning flashers

3 Automatic air conditioning system

4 Drive for audio CDs

5 Sound on/off, volume

6 Programmable memory/direct selection buttons

7 Drive for navigation DVDs

8 Controller

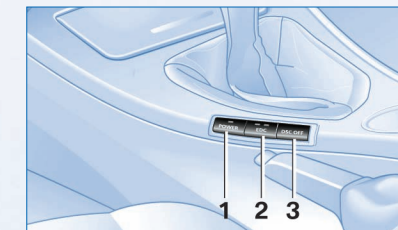
9 Activating start menu on Control Display

10 DSC OFF

11 EDC*

12 POWER

Driving dynamics systems



1 POWER

M Motor Dynamic Control, changing the response behavior of the engine:

– Normal program:

Gentle response to accelerator pedal movements, LED off

– Sport program:

Instantaneous response to accelerator pedal movements, LED on

2 EDC*

Changing the Electronic Damper Control:

– Comfort: LEDs off

– Normal: one LED on

– Sport: both LEDs on

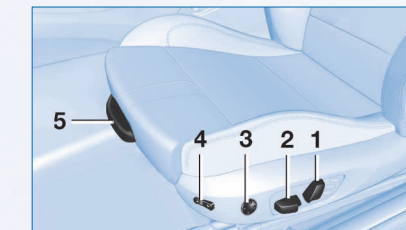
3 DSC OFF

– DSC on: indicator lamp in the instrument panel off

– DSC off: indicator lamps in the instrument panel on, a message also appears on the Control Display

Adjusting seat, head rest, steering wheel, and mirrors

Seat



1 Backrest tilt

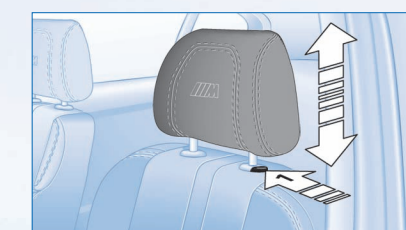
2 Forward/back, height, inclination

3 Lumbar support*

4 Backrest width

5 Thigh support

Head rest



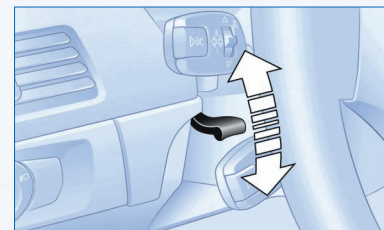
To adjust upward: pull

To adjust downward:

1. Press button 1.

2. Slide head rest down.

Steering wheel



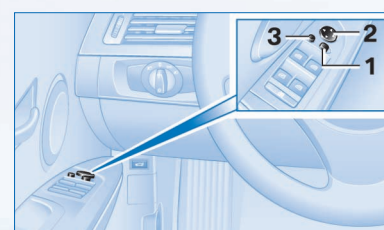
Adjusts in various steps:

1. Fold lever down.

2. Adjust distance and height of steering wheel.

3. Fold lever up.

Outside mirrors



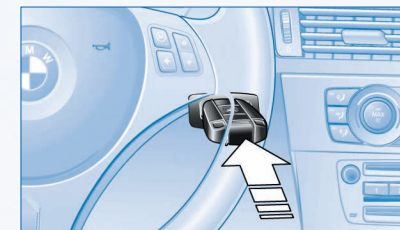
1 Selecting left/right

2 Adjusting

3 Folding in and out*

Ignition lock

Remote control



Inserting

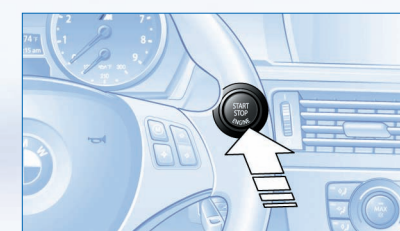
Insert the remote control into the ignition lock until it reaches the stop.

Removing

Briefly press remote control in. It will pop out a short distance.

For additional information, refer to the vehicle Owner's Manual under Ignition lock.

Ignition on and off

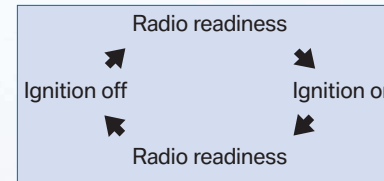


1. Radio readiness:

Individual electrical devices are ready to operate. Time and outside temperature are displayed.

2. **Ignition on:**
All electrical devices are ready to operate. Several indicator and warning lamps light up.
3. **Ignition off:**
All indicator and warning lamps go out.

Pressing the **START • STOP • ENGINE** button repeatedly switches radio readiness or the ignition on and off according to the following diagram:



Do not depress the clutch pedal while doing so and with the M Double Clutch Transmission, do not depress the brake pedal while doing so; otherwise, the engine will start.

As soon as you insert the remote control into the ignition lock, radio readiness is switched on.

Comfort Access

The remote control must be in the vehicle, but does not necessarily have to be inserted into the ignition lock.

Switching engine on and off

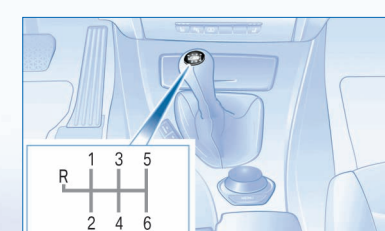
Starting

1. Remote control in the ignition lock or, with Comfort Access, inside the vehicle.
2. Manual transmission: engage the parking brake.
3. With manual transmission, depress the clutch pedal, with M Double Clutch Transmission, depress the brake pedal.
4. Briefly press the **START • STOP • ENGINE** button.

Switching off

1. With vehicle at rest, engage parking brake.
2. Shift into a gear or a drive position.
3. Briefly press the **START • STOP • ENGINE** button.

Manual transmission



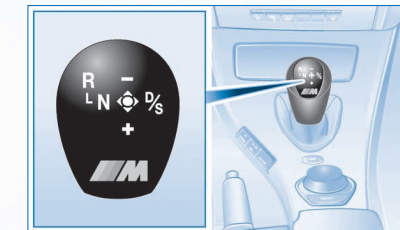
Reverse:

Push past the resistance when pressing the gearshift to the left.

5th/6th gear:

Press gearshift to the right.

M Double Clutch Transmission with Drivelogic



R: Reverse

•: middle position

N: Neutral, idling

+: manual upshifting

–: manual downshifting

D/S: shifting between Drive mode and Sequential mode

With vehicle at rest, depress brake pedal before shifting out of N.

Car wash

Shift into N and leave the remote control in the ignition lock so that the vehicle is able to roll. Once you remove the remote control, the transmission automatically shifts into P.

Displays in the instrument panel

R Reverse

Only select when vehicle is stopped.

N Idling.

S Sequential mode

Shifting manually using the shifting paddles on the steering wheel or using the selector lever.

D Drive mode

The transmission shifts gears automatically.

P Parking lock

Automatically activated as soon as you remove the remote control from the ignition lock.

Drivelogic: selecting driving program

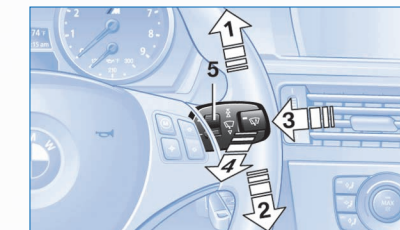


Press left or right button until the desired program is displayed in the instrument panel.

Your options range from 1 Winter program/compensating to 6 sporty purist

Program 6 is only available when DSC is switched off.

Wiper system



Wiper speed

1 Normal: briefly press 1 time.

Fast: briefly press 2 times.

2 From fast to normal:

Briefly press 1 time

Lever returns to the starting position.

Switching off wipers

2 From normal: briefly press 1 time. From fast: briefly press 2 times.

Brief wipe

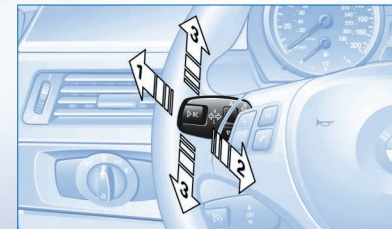
2 Briefly press 1 time.

3 Activating/deactivating the interval operation or rain sensor*.

4 Cleaning the windshield and headlamps*.

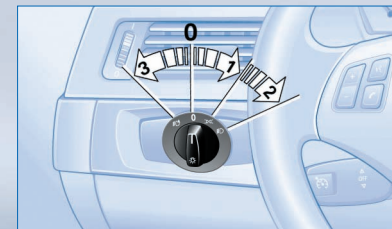
5 Adjusting the interval time or sensitivity of the rain sensor*.

High beams, headlamp flasher, turn signals



- 1 High beams
- 2 Headlamp flasher
- 3 Turn signal on: press lever past the resistance point.
- Turn signal off: briefly press lever up or down.
- Brief turn signal activation: Briefly press lever up or down.

Parking lamps, low beams



- 0 Lights off/daytime running lamps
- 1 Parking lamps/daytime running lamps
- 2 Low beams/welcome lamps
- 3 Automatic headlamp control*/daytime running lamps/welcome lamps/Adaptive Head Light*

iDrive

Controls



- 1 Controller
- 2 To open the start menu: Press the **MENU** button

The controller is used to navigate through the menus of iDrive and to carry out setting changes. You can rotate the controller, press it, and move it to the left and right, as well as forward and back.

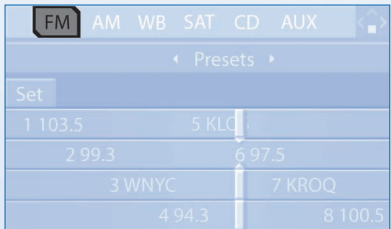
Start menu



To access Communication, Navigation, Entertainment, Climate: move the controller in the appropriate direction. To access the **i** menu: Press the controller.

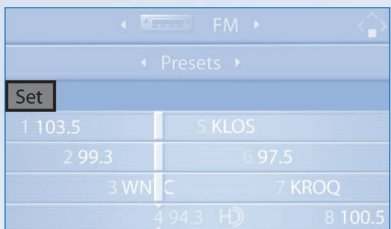
Details regarding the individual functions can be found under the appropriate key word in the vehicle Owner's Manual.

Additional menu navigation



The currently selected field is highlighted.

- 1. To select a menu item: rotate the controller.
- 2. To activate the highlighted menu item: press the controller.



- 3. To change settings/make selections: Rotate the controller.
- 4. To switch between fields: Move the controller to the left, right, front, or back. The setting is confirmed when you change to another field/menu.

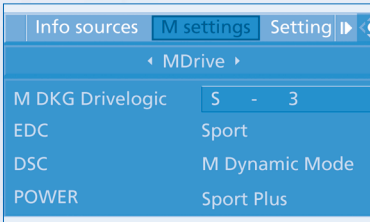
To return to the start menu: Press the **MENU** button.

To return from the **i** menu to the start menu: press the **MENU** button 2 times.

MDrive*

Configuring individual settings and sport functions using iDrive

- 1. Press the **MENU** button. The start menu is activated.
- 2. Press the controller to select the **i MENU**.
- 3. Select "M settings" and press the controller.
- 4. Select "MDrive" and press the controller.



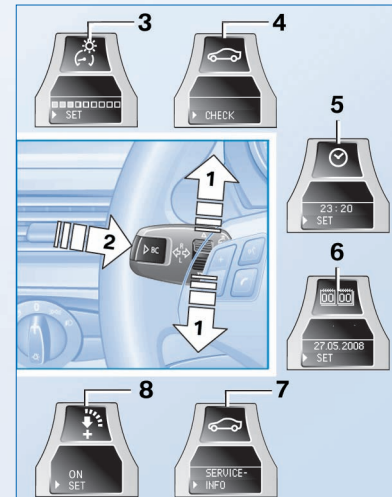
Setting options:

- **M Double Clutch Transmission*** Selecting shifting mode and driving program
- **EDC** Select between: Comfort, Normal, and Sport
- **DSC** Select between: On, off, M Dynamic Mode
- **POWER** Select between: Normal, Sport, and Sport Plus
- **Servotronic** Select between: Normal, and Sport
- **Shift Lights*** Switching on/off

Activating/deactivating MDrive: Press the **M** button on the steering wheel: Individual settings are simultaneously called up.

Settings and information

Basic operation



- 1 Selecting display or setting values.
- 2 Confirming selected display or set values.
- 3 With the lights switched on: Instrument lighting.
- 4 Check Control.
- 5 Setting time.
- 6 Setting date.
- 7 Required service.
- 8 Shift Lights*.

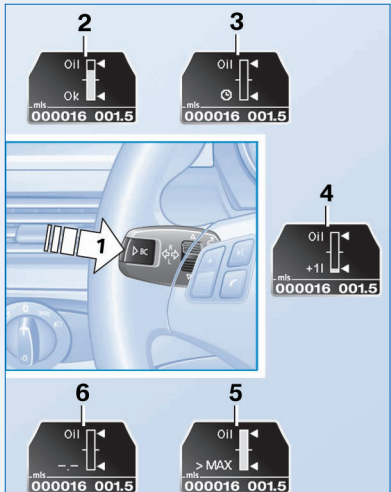
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Electronic oil level control

Check the oil level when you have an opportunity while driving. The engine must be warmed up.

Checking oil level

- 1. Press button 1 repeatedly until the oil level display appears in the instrument panel.



- Possible displays**
- 2 Oil level OK.
- 3 Oil level is being determined. This process can last approx. 5 minutes.
- 4 Oil level at minimum/under minimum. At the next opportunity/immediately add max. 1 US quart/liter, min. 0.5 US quart/liter of engine oil.
- 5 Oil level too high. Have the vehicle checked immediately in order to prevent engine damage.
- 6 Measurement not possible at this time, engine is not yet warmed up.

For additional information, refer to the vehicle Owner's Manual under Check-engine oil level.

Tire inflation pressure



The pressure specifications are listed on the driver's door pillar.

After a correction of the tire inflation pressure, reinitialize the Tire Pressure Monitor, refer to Owner's Manual under Tire Pressure Monitor.

Breaking-in

Up to 1250 miles/2000 km Drive with changing engine and vehicle speeds; do not exceed 5500 rpm or 105 mph/170 km/h during this time.

Between 1250 and 3100 miles/ 2000 and 5000 km Engine and vehicle speeds can be gradually increased. Extended cruising speed of vehicle: Maximum 135 mph/220 km/h. Only drive at the maximum speed of 155 mph/250 km/h for short periods, e.g. when passing another vehicle.

New tires For production-related reasons, the traction of new tires is not yet optimal. Therefore drive with restraint during the first 190 miles/300 km.

New brake system Brake linings and rotors achieve a good wear pattern only after an initial break-in phase. Therefore drive with restraint during the first 310 miles/500 km.

Warming-up

During the warm-up phase, the high output V8 engine runs slightly more roughly.

Tachometer Avoid engine speeds in the yellow pre-warning field whenever possible! The variable pre-warning field limits the currently permissible engine speed range as a function of the engine oil temperature.

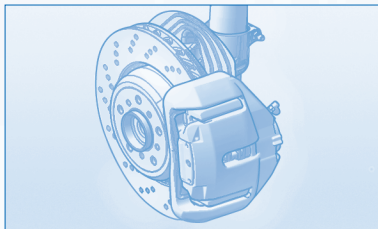
Cold engine



Warmed-up engine

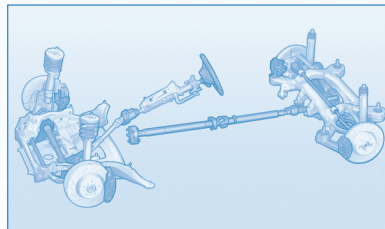


Compound brake



Your BMW M3 has a high-performance brake system equipped with compound brake rotors. The structural specifics of compound brake rotors generate function-related sounds during braking. This noise generation, however, has no influence on the performance, operating reliability, and service life of the brakes.

Drive train



In your BMW M3, special importance has been placed on the direct connection of the engine to the drive system. Due to the torsionally rigid design of the drive train that is customary in a sports car, the transmission of torque is audible. When there are load shifts, clicking sounds may occur. They do not lead to any impairment to the function or service life of the components.

More about the technology of your BMW M3

In the vehicle Owner's Manual under Driving tips.

Driving on a racetrack

Before you drive on a racetrack, BMW recommends:
– Participation in the BMW Driver Training
– Having the vehicle checked at your BMW center

Racetrack operation leads to premature component wear.

The standard brake pads and wear indicators are not designed for racetrack operation. Your BMW center will be happy to advise you.

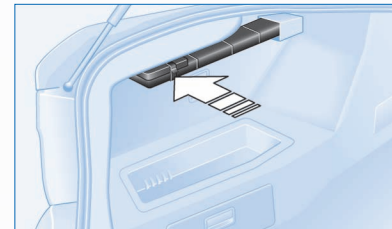
Fuel

Super Premium Gasoline/AKI 93. The minimum approved fuel grade is AKI 91.

Tank capacity approx. 16.6 US gal/63 liters, including a reserve of: approx. 3.3 US gal/ 12.5 liters.

Warning triangle*, first aid kit*, onboard tool kit

Warning triangle



In the luggage compartment, on the left side. Press on the tab to remove.

First aid kit, onboard tool kit



First aid kit: In the luggage compartment, on the right next to the first aid kit. To remove the cover: reach into the recess and pull upward.

Onboard tool kit: In the luggage compartment, on the right next to the first aid kit. To remove the cover: reach into the recess and pull upward.

At a glance.

The most important functions of your **BMW M3 Sedan**.

