

Quick reference guide
for the vehicle



The Ultimate
Driving Machine®

BMW M3



At a glance. The main functions of your BMW M3.

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Your BMW M3 at a glance.

Welcome on board

Your BMW M3 offers a wide range of equipment to make driving an enjoyable experience.

This quick reference guide provides an initial overview. It contains information to enable you to become familiar with the basic functions of your BMW M3.

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

You will find additional information in other brochures in the vehicle.

BMW hopes you get off to a good start and that you enjoy your BMW M3.

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* Optional extras or country-specific items

Some illustrations show country-specific items or optional extras.





4 Opening and closing Remote control



Open

Unlocks the entire vehicle.

Close

Locks the entire vehicle.

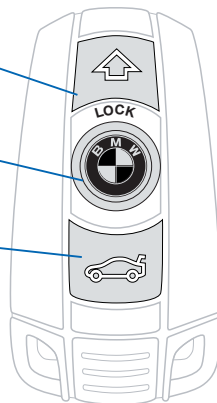
Open trunk lid

Press and hold (approx. 1 second).

Panic Mode*

Press for at least 3 seconds.

Press any button to cancel.



Convenient opening*

Press and hold the Open button to open the windows and the glass sunroof* or hardtop* after unlocking.

Convenient closing*

Convertible:

Using the remote control for Comfort Access*, press and hold the Close button to close the windows and hardtop after locking.

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Personal Profile and Comfort Access*

Personal Profile

Some of the vehicle's functions can be individually tailored and stored for several remote controls.

Different settings are retrieved and implemented in the vehicle, depending on the remote control that is detected when unlocking the vehicle.

Keyless driving pleasure*

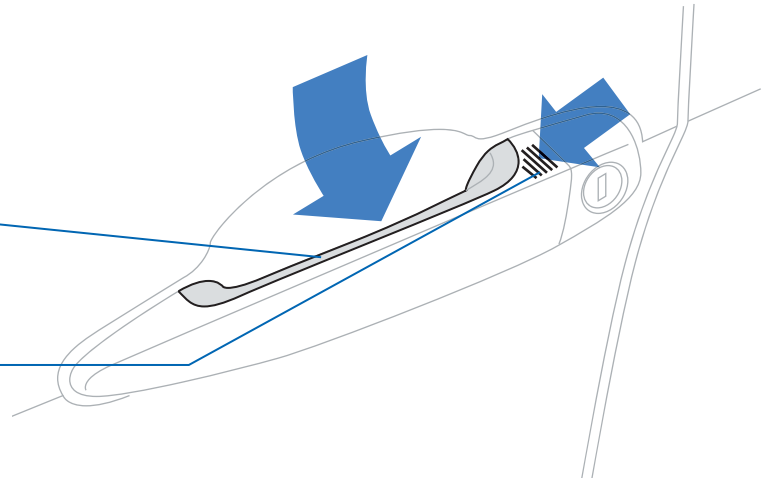
The Comfort Access system allows you to gain access to the vehicle and start the engine without holding the remote control. The remote control is automatically detected in the immediate vicinity or inside the vehicle.

Open

Take a firm hold of the door handle.

Close

Touch the panel for approx. one second.



6 Seat and mirrors

Mirrors

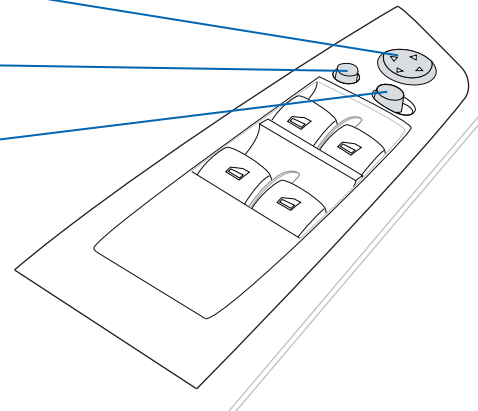
Mirror adjustment

Folding mirrors in and out*

Mirror left/right, automatic curb monitor*

Select mirror: left/right.

Automatic curb monitor on: switch in driver's mirror position.





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Electric seat adjustment

MEMORY button

Memory buttons

Backrest angle

Forward/back, height, seat tilt

Lumbar support*

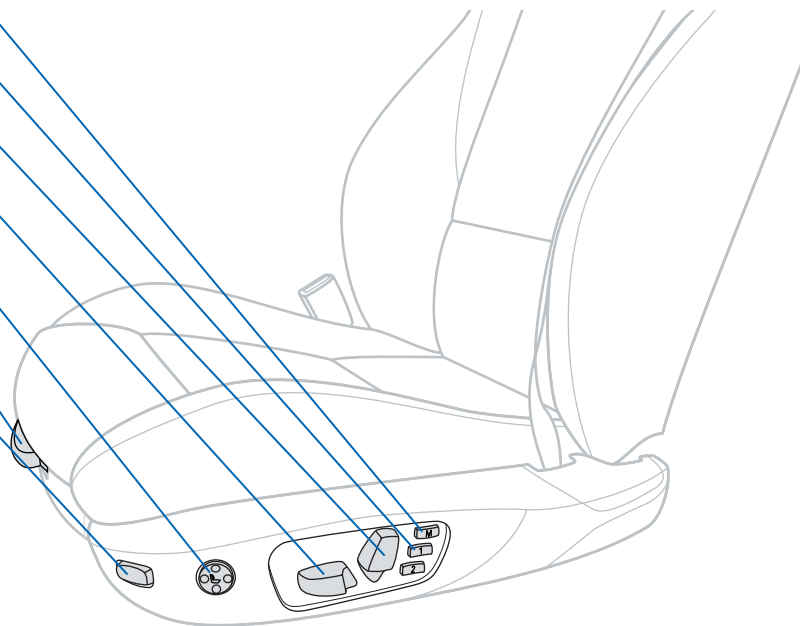
Thigh support

Backrest width*

Seat and mirror memory

You can store 2 different driver's seat and exterior mirror positions per remote control used.

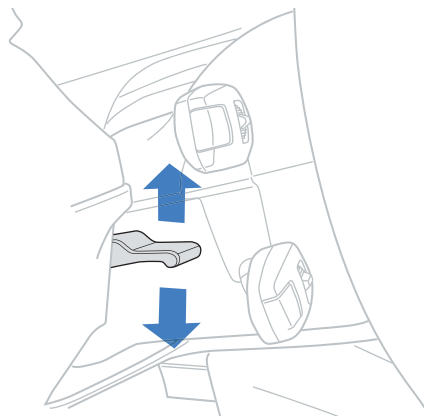
1. Radio readiness or ignition on.
2. Adjust the seat and mirrors.
3. Press the MEMORY button; the LED lights up.
4. Press memory button 1 or 2.





Adjusting the steering wheel

1. Move the lever down.
2. Adjust the steering wheel to the seating position in longitudinal direction and height.
3. Move the lever back up.



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Around the steering wheel

Activating turn signals

Push the lever up or down past the pressure point.

Canceling turn signals

Push the lever to the point of resistance.

Signaling briefly/one-touch indicating

Push the lever up or down to the pressure point.

High beams

Push the lever.

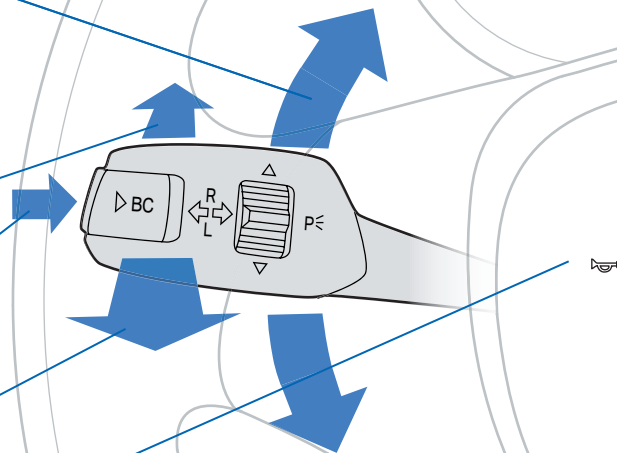
Onboard computer

Press the button on the lever.

Headlamp flasher

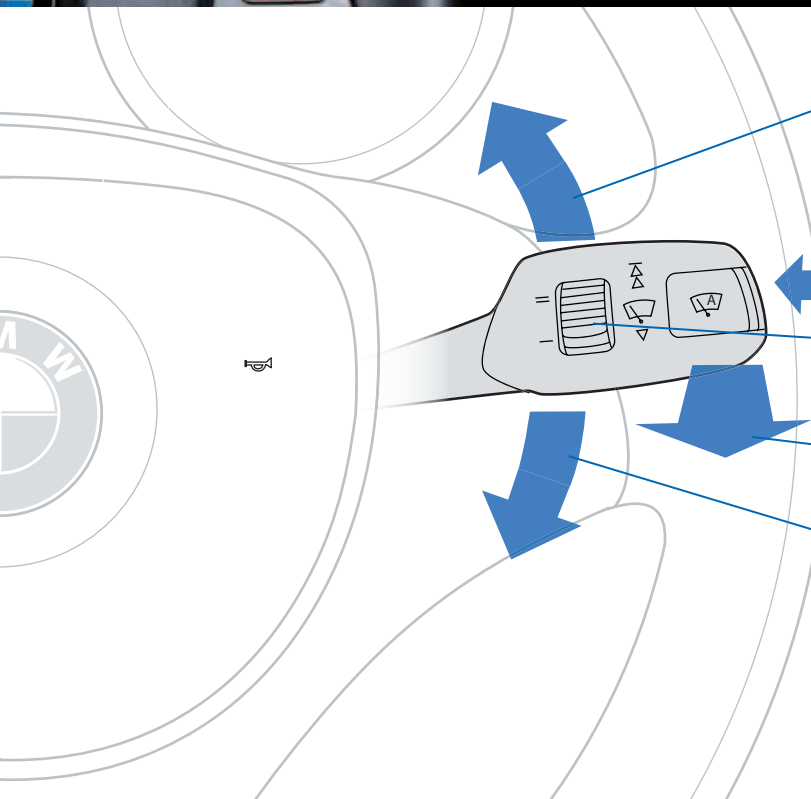
Pull the lever.

Horn



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Around the steering wheel



Switching on the wipers

Normal: push once.
Rapid: push twice.

Activating/deactivating intermittent operation or the rain sensor*

Press the button on the lever.

Interval or sensitivity of the rain sensor

Turn the thumbwheel.

Washing the windshield and headlamps

Pull the lever.

Turning off the wipers

From normal speed: push once.
From rapid speed: push twice.

Brief wipe

Push once.

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Onboard computer

1. Selecting display or setting values.

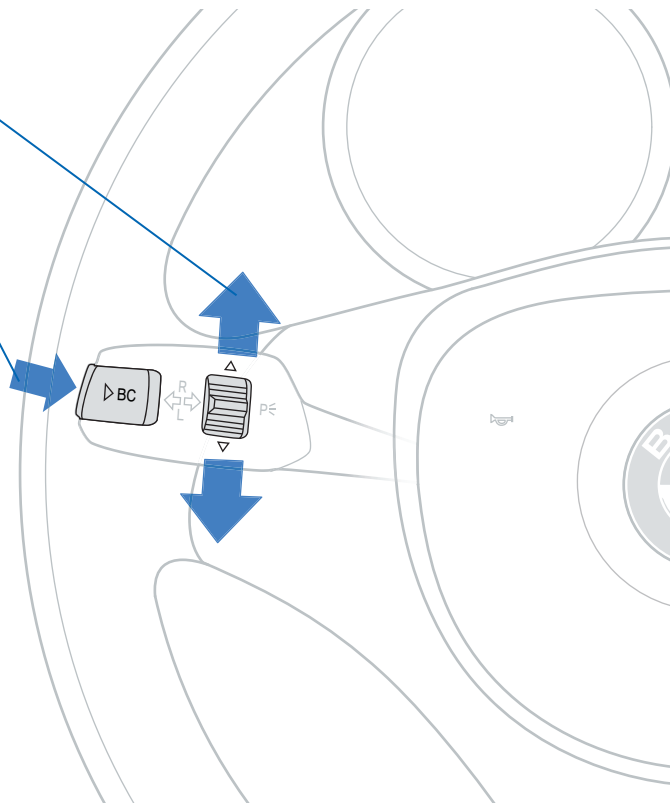
2. Confirming selected display or set values.

Settings and information

- With lights switched on:
Dim the instrument illumination.
- Check Control
- Set time
- Set date
- Service requirements
- Adjust formats and measuring units, reset to factory settings
- Individual vehicle settings
- Shift lights*

Tip

You will find details about the individual functions in the Owner's Manual of the vehicle under the respective keyword.



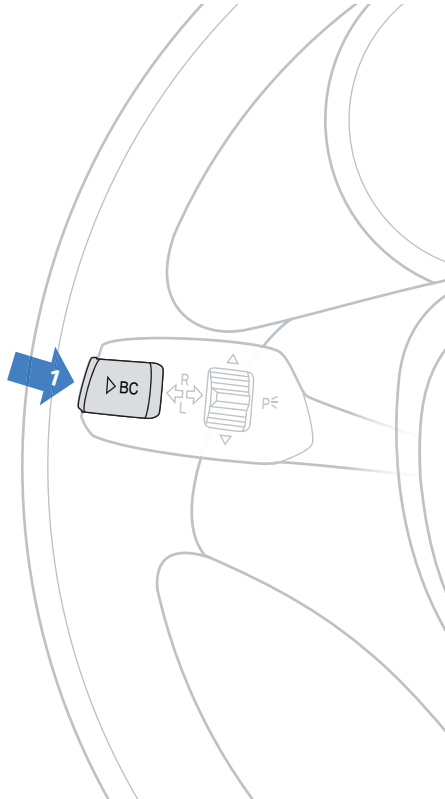
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Electronic oil level check*

If possible, determine the oil level while driving.
The engine must be at operating temperature.

Check oil level

Press button 1 until the oil level is displayed.



Possible displays



Oil level OK.



Oil level at minimum:
At the next opportunity, refill
with max. 1 US quart/1 liter
of engine oil, or at least
0.5 US quarts/0.5 liters.



Oil level being determined.
This process can take
3-5 minutes.

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Around the center console

Hazard warning flashers

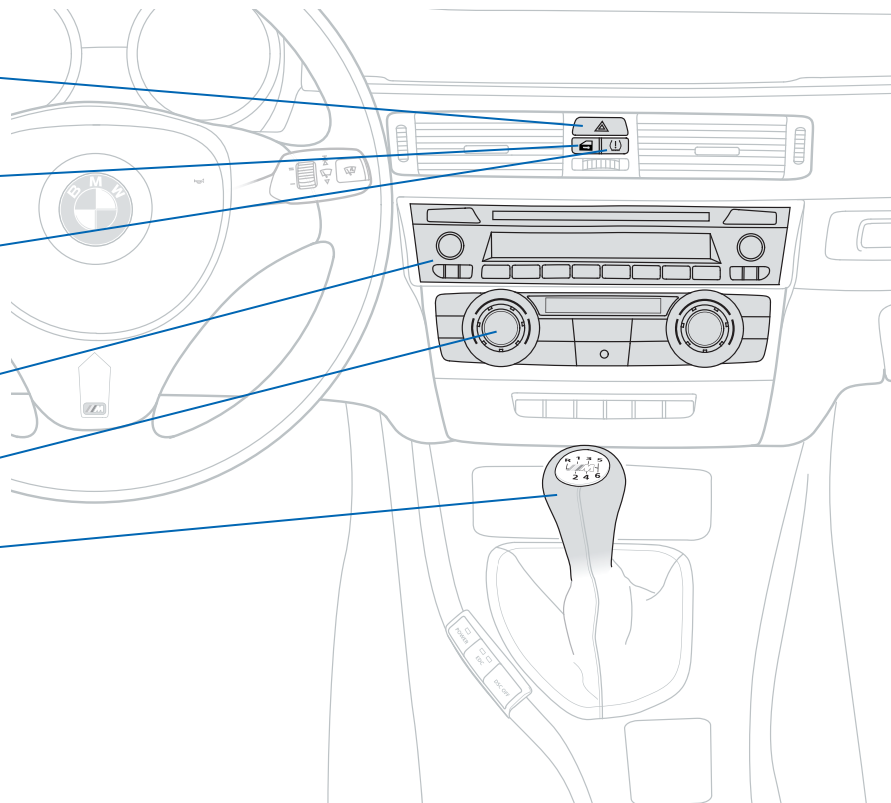
Central locking

FTM Flat Tire Monitor*
TPM Tire Pressure Monitor*

Entertainment

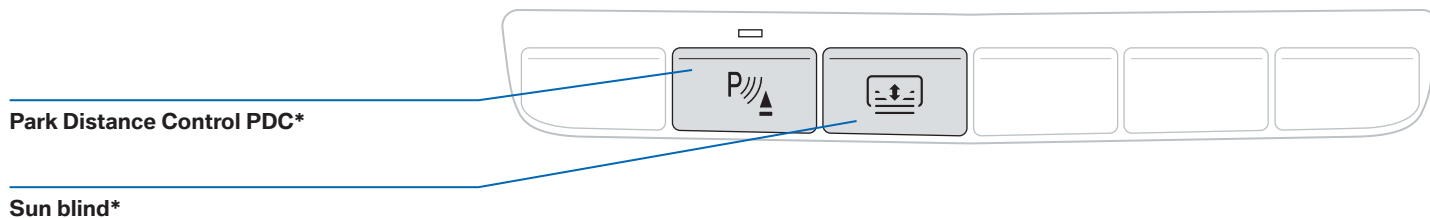
Automatic climate control

Selector lever or gearshift



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Buttons in the center console



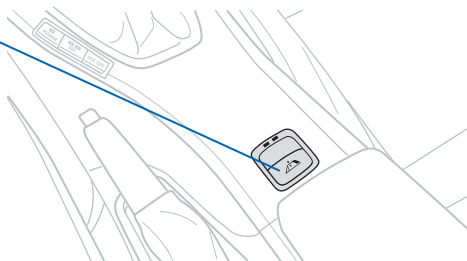
Convertible: retractable hardtop

Open

Press the switch.

Close

Pull the switch.



Only operate the hardtop when the vehicle is stationary.

Prior to opening and closing, verify that no objects are located on or next to the trunk cover and that the trunk lid is closed.

Refer to the information in the Owner's Manual.

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Automatic climate control

Fine adjustment, air temperature, upper body

Air volume, AUTO intensity, Automatic climate control off

AUTO program

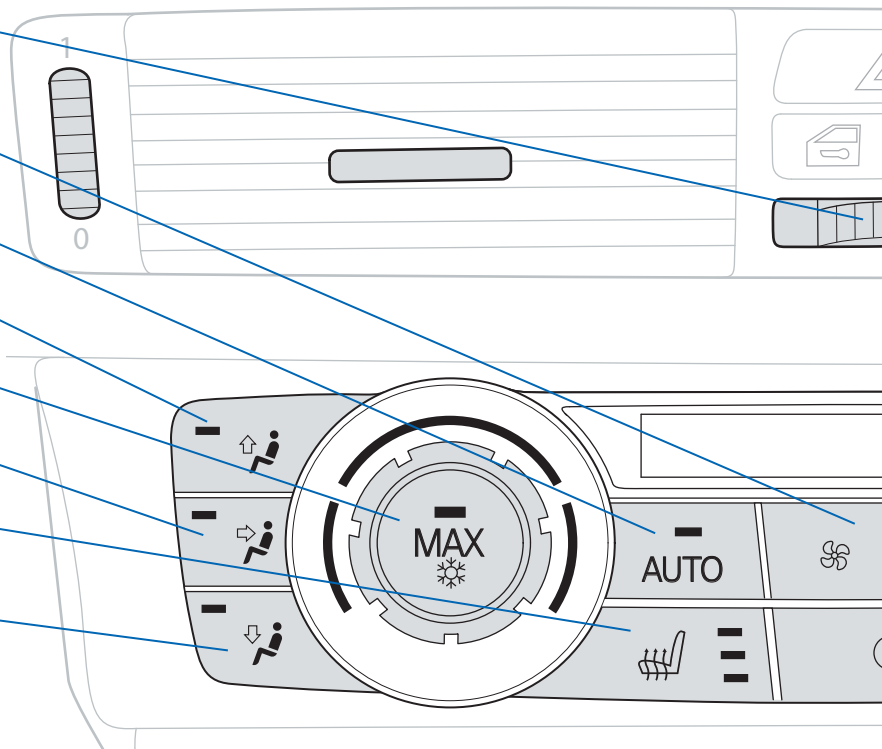
Air distribution, windshield and side windows

Maximum cooling

Air distribution, upper body area

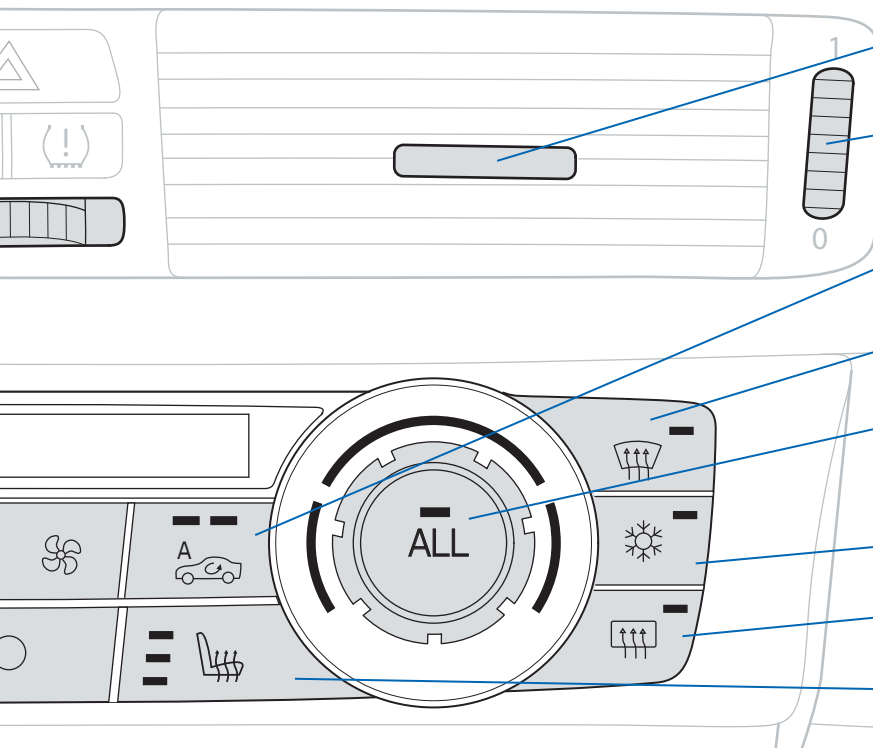
Seat heating*

Air distribution, foot area



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Automatic climate control



Changing the direction of the airflow

Opening and closing the air vents

**Automatic recirculated-air control,
recirculated-air mode**

**Defrosting windows,
removing condensation**

ALL program
Settings for the driver's side are applied to the front passenger side.

Cooling function

Rear window defroster

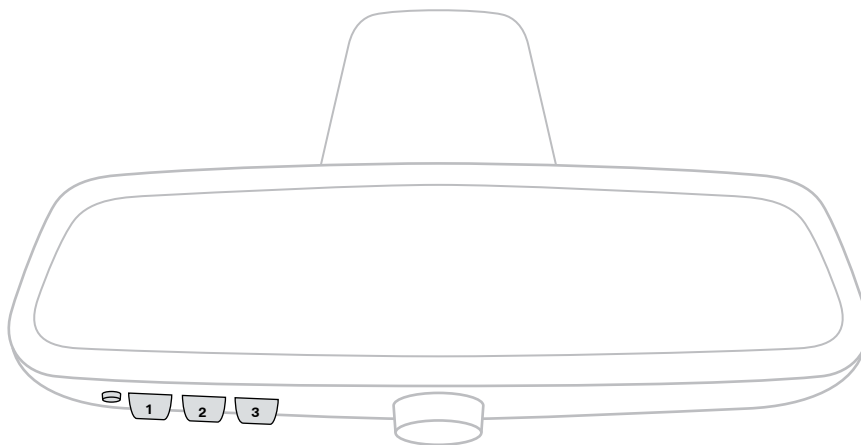
Seat heating*

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Garage door opener

Garage door opener

1. The ignition is on.
2. Press both outer buttons, 1 and 3, for approx. 20 seconds until the LED flashes.
3. Hold the hand-held transmitter a distance of approx. 2 to 8 in/5 to 20 cm away from the memory buttons.
4. Simultaneously press the transmit button of the hand-held transmitter and the memory button of the universal remote control.
5. Release both buttons when the LED flashes rapidly.

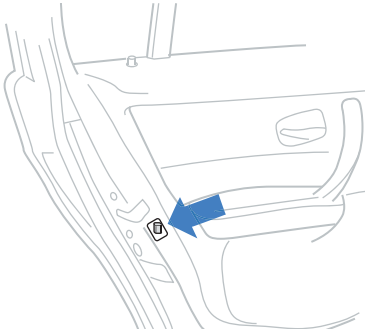


Refer to the following section in the Owner's Manual: Integrated universal remote control.

Sedan:

Securing rear doors and windows

Push down the lever in the rear doors. The door can only be opened from the outside.



Child safety lock for rear side windows

Press the power window

child safety lock in the driver's side door when children are riding in the back.

The LED lights up: operation of the rear windows is disabled.

Child restraint systems

Please observe the manufacturer's instructions of the child restraint systems concerning the selection, mounting and use of these systems; otherwise, the child's safety may be compromised.

LATCH child restraint fixing system

Before mounting the LATCH child restraint fixing system, pull the belt away from the child seat fastening area.

The inserts for the lower LATCH mountings are located in the slit between the seat and the backrest.

Make sure that both lower LATCH mountings are firmly snapped in and that the child restraint system is leaning against the backrest.

Pass the upper strap* between the holders of the head rests and attach it to the fastening point* with the hook. Tighten the upper safety belt and move the head restraint to its lowest position.

Refer to the following section in the Owner's Manual: Transporting children safely.

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Start/Stop button



Switching the ignition on/off

Press the Start/Stop button without depressing the brake or the clutch.

Starting the engine

Press the Start/Stop button and depress the brake and, if necessary, the clutch.

Engine off/radio ready state

Press Start/Stop button when the engine is running.

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Manual transmission/Parking brake

Reverse

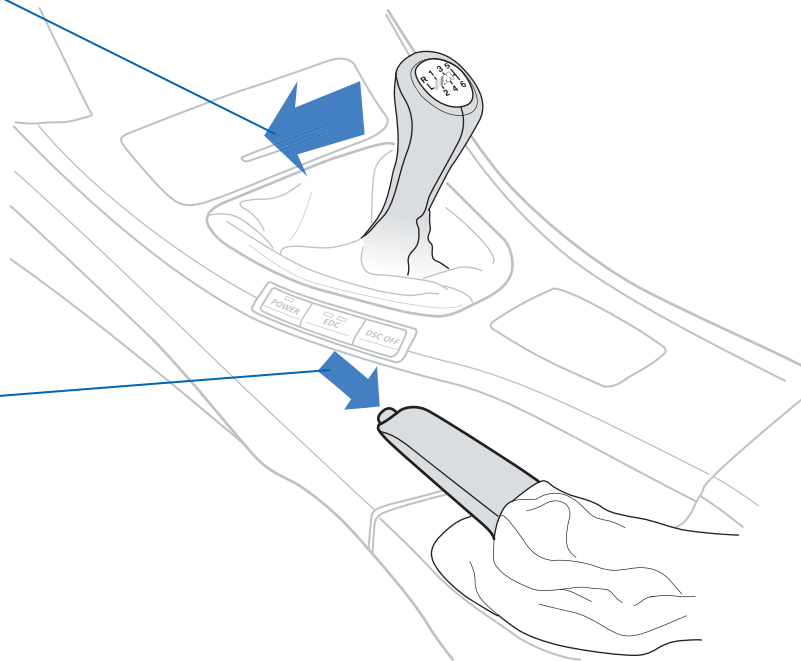
When pushing the gearshift to the left, overcome the resistance.

Releasing the parking brake

Pull the lever slightly upward, press the button and move the lever down.

Putting on the parking brake

Pull up the lever.



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M Double-clutch transmission with Drivelogic*/Parking brake

Gear speeds

R: Reverse

●: Center position

N: Neutral, idling

+: manual upshifting

-: manual downshifting

D/S: change between the Drive mode and sequential mode

P: Parking position

Is automatically engaged when switching off the engine, except in gear position N.

Before driving into a car wash, so that the vehicle can roll:

1. Put the remote control into the ignition
2. Depress the brake
3. Engage N
4. Release the parking brake
5. Turn off the engine
6. Release the brake

The vehicle can roll for approx. 30 minutes, provided that the remote control remains in the ignition.

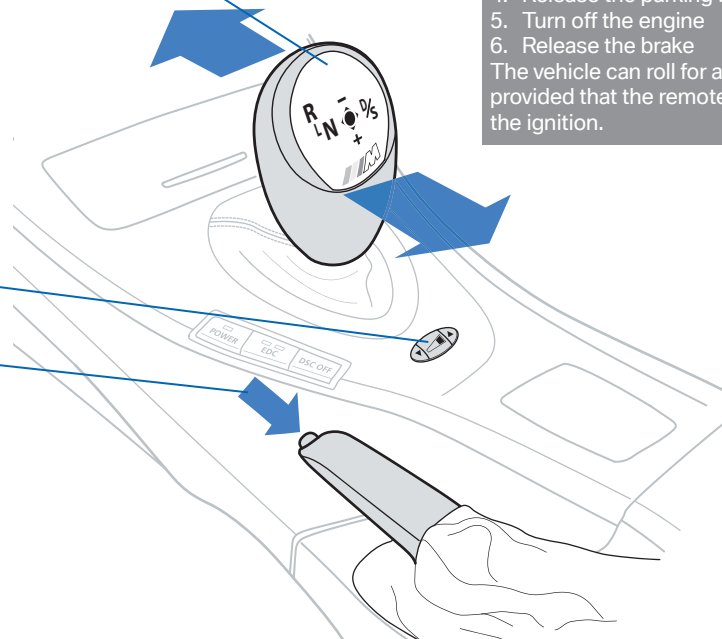
Drivelogic

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M Double-clutch transmission with Drivelogic*

**Sequential mode**

Shift via the shift levers or the selector lever while continuing to depress the accelerator. When accelerating, pull the selector lever back and push forward to switch back, i.e., pull the shift levers +/- on the steering wheel.

Switch from the sequential mode to the Drive mode: push the selector lever to the right in the D/S direction.

Drivelogic

Select the driving programs from 1, winter program/balanced, to 6, sporty.



Press the button left or right. The selected program is displayed on the instrument cluster.

Program 6 is only available in the sequential mode and when the DSC is switched off.

Shift lights

Yellow sequentially illuminating LEDs on the speedometer point to the imminent upshifting moment when approaching the maximum speed.

Shift no later than when the red LEDs are illuminated.

The LEDs flash when reaching the approved maximum speed. Shift lights are only displayed in the sequential mode.

Upshift early while the engine is still cold.



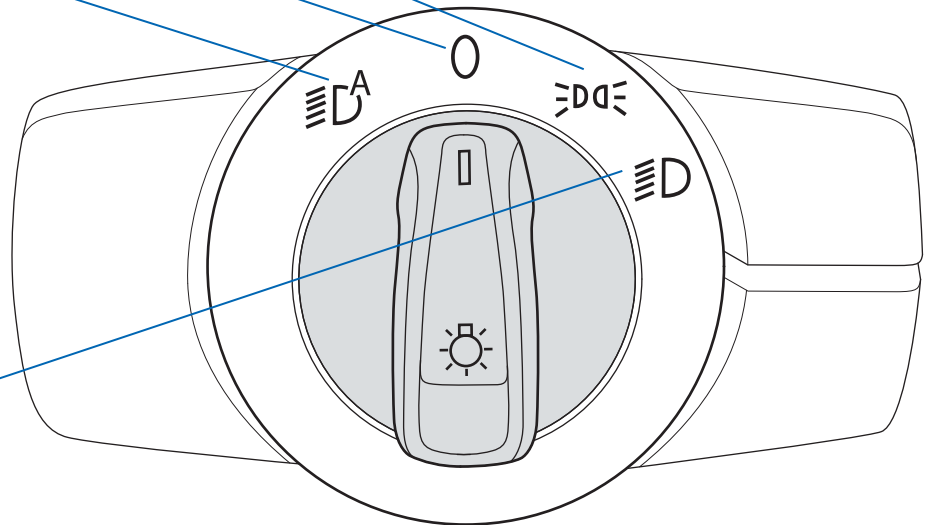
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Parking lights/daytime running lights

Lamps off/daytime running lights

Automatic headlamp control*
Adaptive Light Control*
High-beam Assistant*/welcome lamps
Daytime running lights

Low beams
Welcome lights





V8 High-performance engine

The high speed V8 engine uses a maximum performance of 414 hp and a maximum torque of 295 lb ft/400 Nm from a 244 cu in/4 liter displacement. It is characterized by a spontaneous response and a very broad usable speed range. The maximum engine speed of 8,400 rpm is electronically limited.

Drivetrain

Special importance was placed on the direct connection of the engine with the drivetrain in your BMW M3. Based on the torsionally stiff design of the drivetrain, as customary in a sports car, the transmission of the torque is also acoustically confirmed. This may therefore result in clicking noises at load alterations. They do not affect the function or the service life of the components negatively.

Driving on a racetrack

Prior to taking the vehicle to a racetrack, BMW recommends the following:

- Participation in BMW driver training
- Have the vehicle checked at your BMW service center.

Racetrack driving results in increased wear and tear of components.

The standard brake pads and wear indicators are not designed for use on a racetrack. Your center will be most obliged to advise you.

When engine components are hot due to high power demands, engine management may reduce the output in order to protect the engine. After a cooling off period, the full engine power is at your disposal again.

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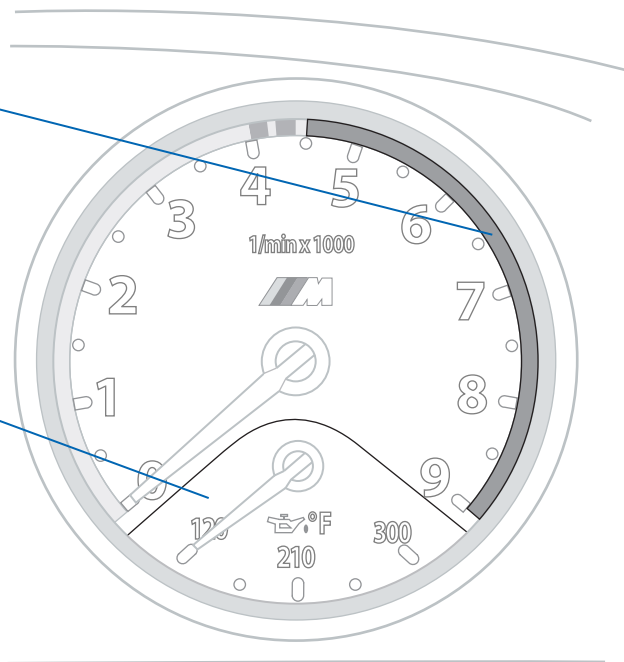
Warm-up

Tachometer

The variable warning area limits the currently permitted engine speed, depending on the engine oil temperature. Avoid engine speeds in the yellow warning area!

Engine oil temperature

During the warm-up phase, the V8 high performance engine may sound a bit rough with a momentarily higher idling speed. You must drive the vehicle with caution until the engine has reached its operating temperature. The engine oil temperature of an engine at operating temperature is 175 °F/80 °C to 250 °F/120 °C.





Break-in period

Up to 1,200 miles/2,000 km

Drive at alternating speeds and do not exceed 5,500/min or 105 mph/170 km/h. Always avoid a full-throttle position of the accelerator.

From 1,200 miles/2,000 km to 3,000 miles/5,000 km

Engine and vehicle speed may be gradually increased. Only briefly exceed the vehicle speed of 135 mph/220 km/h, for example, when passing.

New tires

The road-holding capabilities of new tires are not yet optimal. You should drive with restraint during the first 200 miles/300 km.

New brake system

Brake pads and rotors reach the most favorable wear and contact pattern at approx. 300 miles/500 km.

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Driving dynamics systems

Electronic Damping Control EDC*

- Comfort: LED off.
- Normal: one LED lights up.
- Sport: both LEDs light up.

M Engine Dynamics Control POWER

Press the button to switch between the Normal and Sport programs.

When the Sport program is selected, the LED in the POWER button lights up.

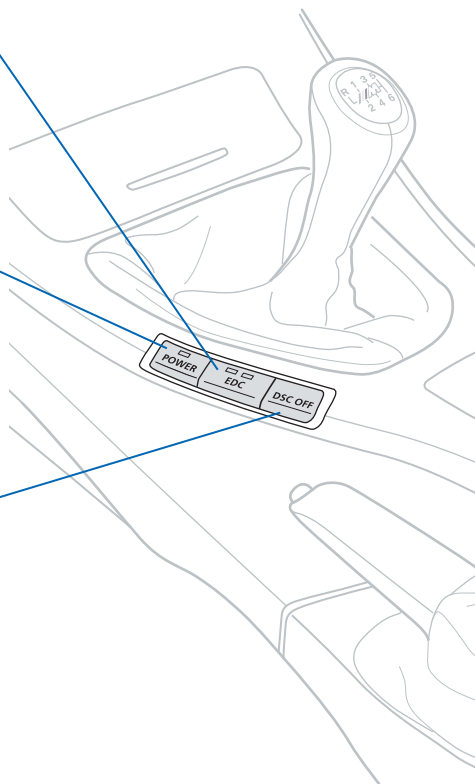
Dynamic Stability Control DSC

Deactivate DSC

Press the DSC OFF button for more than approx. 1 second.

Activate DSC

Press the DSC OFF button again.



Dynamic Stability Control DSC

DSC optimizes the driving stability and traction. In addition, the system detects unstable driving conditions, such as over or understeering, and assists in keeping the vehicle on a safe course within physical limits through an active brake control on individual wheels.

Operation is via the DSC OFF button.



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CD player

Changing the audio sources

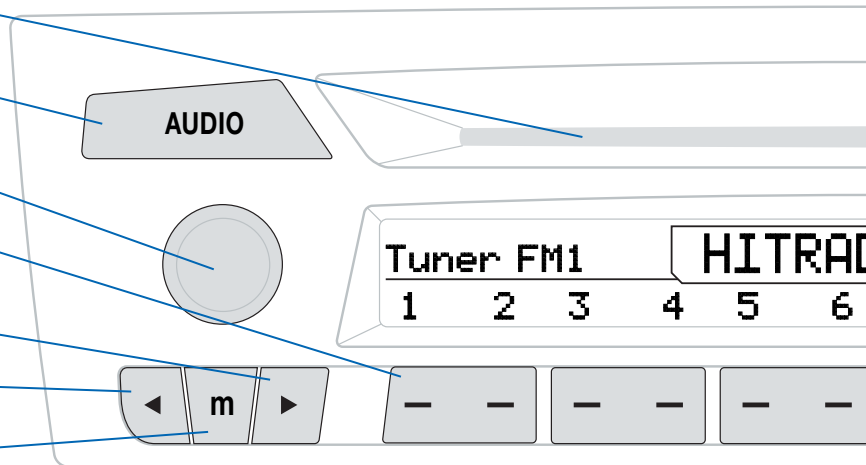
On/off, volume control

Function keys for confirming the menu items shown above

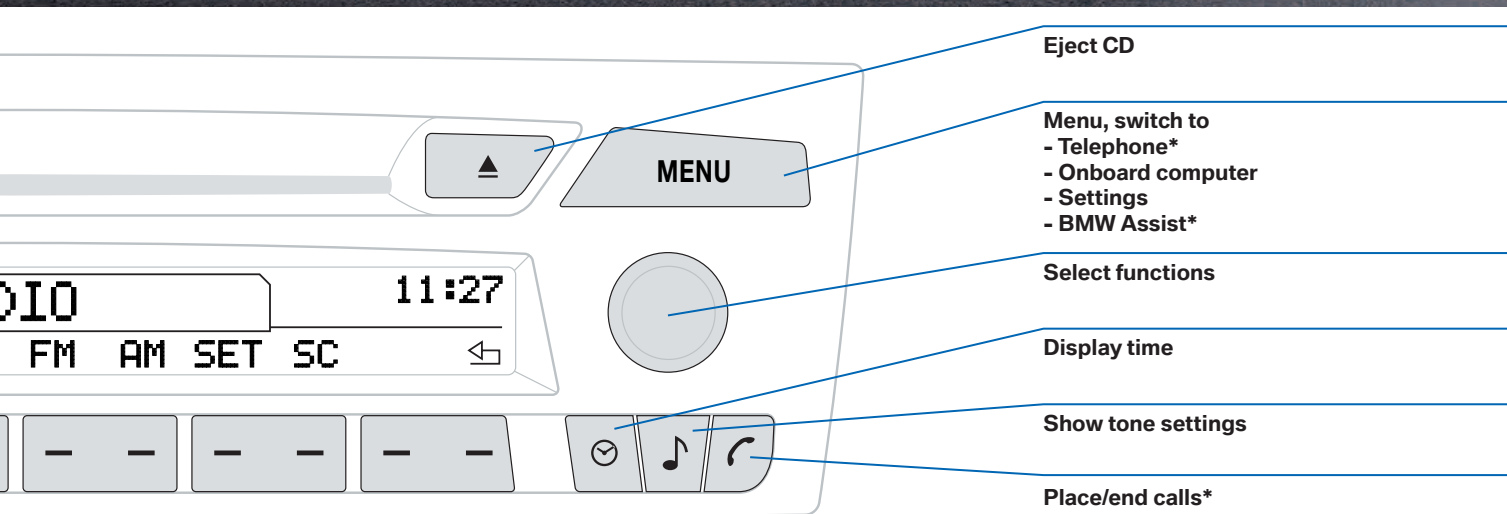
Changing station/track

Changing station/track

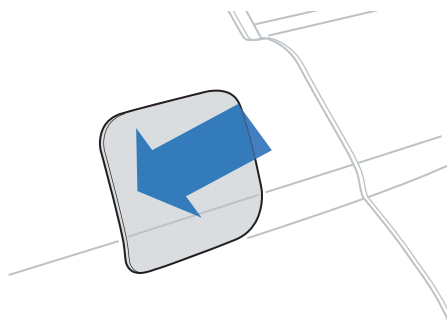
Manually selecting the frequency



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Refueling

To open the fuel filler flap:
Lightly press the rear edge.

Fuel quality

BMW recommends using Super Premium
Gasoline/AKI 93.

Minimum grade: AKI 91.

Refer to the information in the Owner's Manual.

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Tire pressure

FTM Flat Tire Monitor*

The system identifies a loss of pressure by comparing the speeds of rotation of the individual wheels as the car is traveling.

The system must be initialized with the correct tire pressures in order for it to respond reliably in detecting a flat tire.

FTM is no replacement for tire pressure checks.

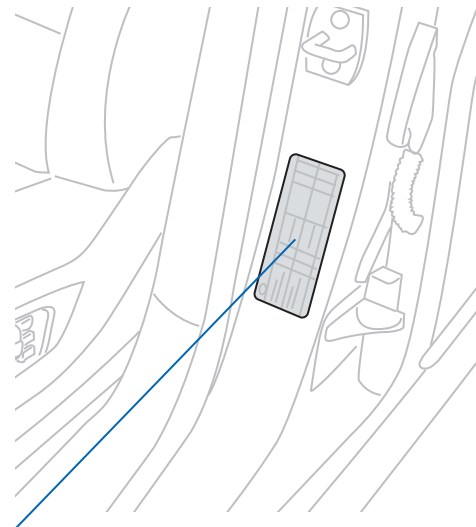
TPM Tire Pressure Monitor*

Monitoring of the tire inflation pressure in the four mounted tires: the system signals when the tire inflation pressure has dropped considerably in one or more tires.

The system must have been reset when the inflation pressure was correct; otherwise, reliable signaling of a flat tire is not ensured.

Tip

Check the tire pressure twice a month and reinitialize the system after adjusting tire pressures and after changing a tire or wheel.



Tire pressure

Note the tire pressures in the Owner's Manual for speeds up to 100 mph or 160 km/h and maximum driving comfort and adjust, if necessary. These tire pressures may also be found on the door pillar when opening the driver's door.

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BMW Ultimate Service™



BMW Ultimate Service™

Included at no charge with all new BMW vehicles for the first four years or 50,000 miles/80,000 km, whichever comes first.

It includes the New Vehicle Limited Warranty and the BMW Maintenance Program, which cover all factory-recommended maintenance services and specific items that require replacement due to normal wear and tear.

Also included are four years of unlimited mileage Roadside Assistance, and, if the vehicle is equipped with the BMW Assist™* and Bluetooth® system*, a four-year, unlimited mileage subscription to the BMW Assist Safety Plan.

See your authorized BMW center for more details.

Socket for Onboard Diagnostics OBD

On the driver's side is an OBD socket for testing components that are critical to exhaust emissions standards.

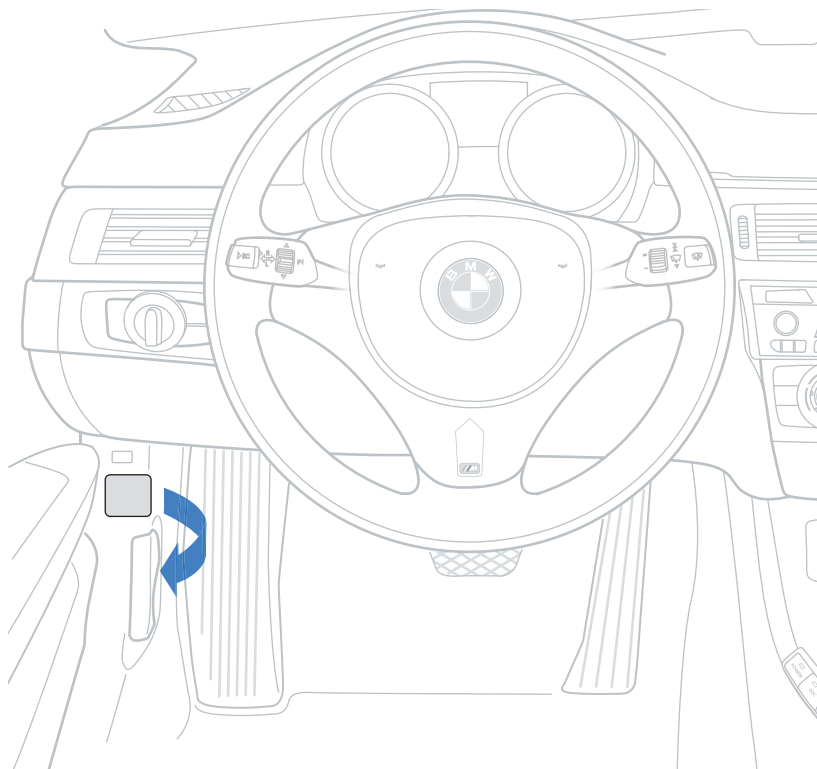
Emissions values

SERVICE
ENGINE
SOON

The warning lamp lights up.
The emission values are deteriorating. Have the vehicle checked as soon as possible.



Refer to the information in the Owner's Manual.



BMW Roadside Assistance

Can be contacted if assistance is needed in the event of a breakdown.

Telephone: (800) 332-BMW (4269)

For vehicles with the BMW Assist option: Contacting Roadside Assistance through BMW Assist will also transmit vehicle and vehicle position data.

Towing

The only method approved for transporting your vehicle is using a commercial flatbed carrier truck and securing the vehicle to the flatbed truck with four nylon wheel straps.

When pulling the vehicle onto a flatbed carrier truck, only use the screw-in tow-eye found in the trunk tool kit.

Refer to the detailed towing instructions in the Owner's Manual.

BMW Financial Services**

Offers monthly payments.

UltimatePay: one-time electronic payment service.

EasyPay: have your monthly payment debited automatically every month from the bank account you designate. Of course, you can also pay by mail.

Simply go to the BMW Financial Services section of the Owner's Circle at bmwusa.com and look under "Account Services".

** Subject to credit approval

My Account

Enables BMW owners to enjoy high performance in their vehicles - and in the ownership experience itself.

This secure owner's site is filled with important, convenient and timely information.

Here is where your vehicle information and BMW Financial Service account history are kept and updated. You can see your monthly statements online, and even pay for them quickly and easily with the click of your mouse.

There is also a wide variety of informative features on interesting topics.

For example, check out the Owner's Manual section, which also contains video reference guides. Or watch a video to learn how to pair your Bluetooth phone.

Simply go to bmwusa.com and hover over My Account in the site's top navigation.

Warning triangle*, first aid kit*, loading the Convertible

Warning triangle

The warning triangle is located in the trunk.

First aid kit

The first aid kit is located in the trunk.

Convertible: The first aid kit is in a compartment under the front passenger seat.

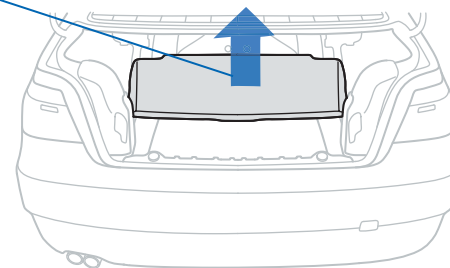
Expanding the trunk capacity

With the hardtop closed:

Push the trunk partition upward.

Convenient loading with the hardtop open*

1.  Briefly press the remote control button and press it again within one second and press and hold until the retractable hardtop stops in the intermediate position: the trunk lid opens slightly.
2. Open the trunk lid, push the trunk partition up and store the cargo in the trunk.
3. Push the trunk partition down until it locks in on both sides and close the trunk lid.
4.  Press and hold the button on the remote control to fold the retractable hardtop back in.



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