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BMW 3-Series (92-98) & Z3 (96-98) Haynes Online Manual

9 Hood release cable - removal and installation

3-Series models

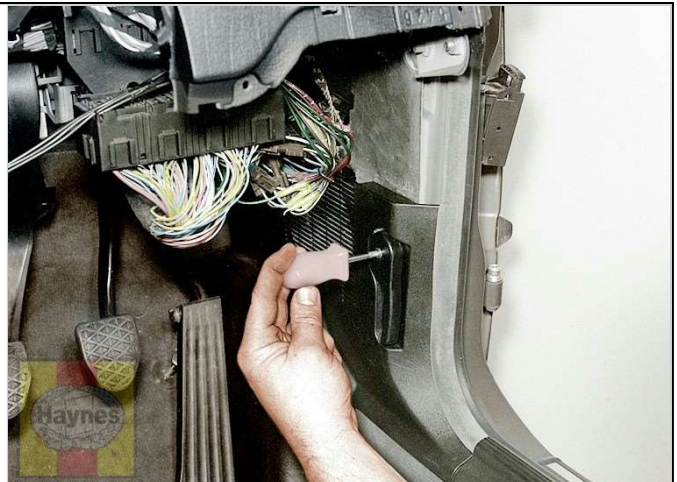
Removal

1 The hood release cable is in two sections, the main cable linking the release lever to the first lock assembly and the joining cable which links both lock assemblies.

2 Remove the driver's side hood lock (see [Section 10](#)).

3 To remove the main cable, work back along the length of the cable, noting its correct routing, and free it from the retaining clips and ties. Tie a length of string to the end of the cable. From inside the vehicle, remove the two retaining screws then unclip and remove the driver's side lower dash panel. Remove the retaining screw and remove the hood release lever. Peel the door sealing strip away from the footwell side panel then release the trim panel fastener by rotating it through 90-degrees. Unclip the panel. Remove the two retaining bolts and withdraw the cable assembly from the firewall (see illustrations) . Once the cable is free, untie the string and leave it in position in the vehicle; the string can then be used to draw the new cable back into position.

9.3a Remove the retaining screw . . .



9.3b . . . and remove the hood release lever



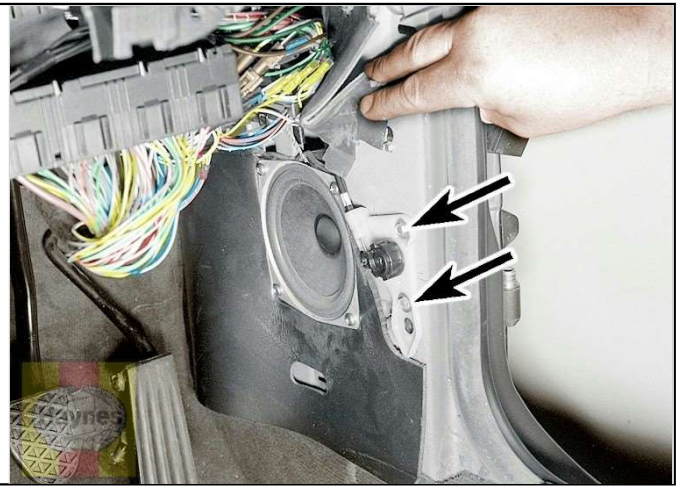
9.3c Remove the panel fastener . . .



9.3d . . . then unclip the panel and remove it from the driver's side footwell



9.3e Unscrew the two retaining bolts (arrows) and withdraw the release cable from the firewall



4 To remove the joining cable, remove the second lock assembly (see [Section 10](#)), then release the cable from its retaining clips and remove it from the vehicle.

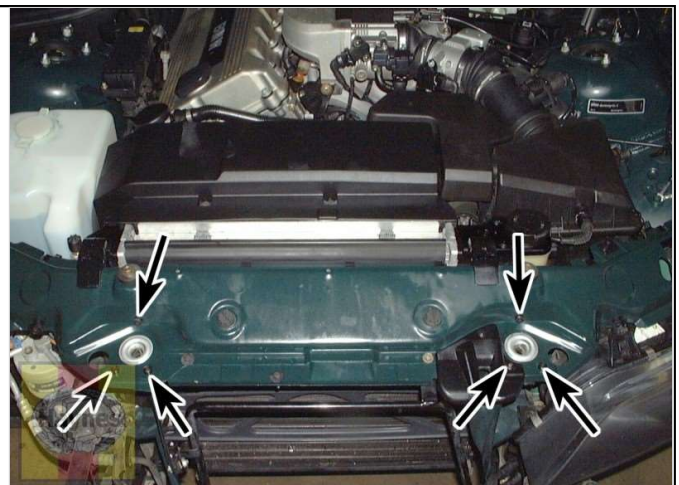
Installation

5 Installation is the reverse of removal ensuring that the cable is correctly routed, and secured to all the relevant retaining clips. Install the hood lock and adjust the cable (see [Section 10](#)).

Z3 models

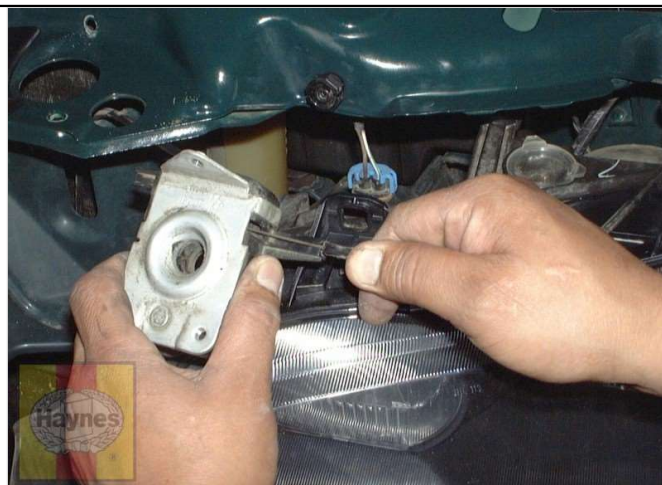
6 Raise the hood and remove the retaining screws from two hood catches (see illustration) . Remove the catches.

9.6 To detach the hood catches from the crossmember, remove these retaining screws (arrows)



7 Disconnect the center cable from the right hood catch (see illustration) .

9.7 Disconnect the center cable from the right hood catch



8 Disconnect the main cable from the left catch (see illustration) .

9.8 Disconnect the main cable from the left hood catch

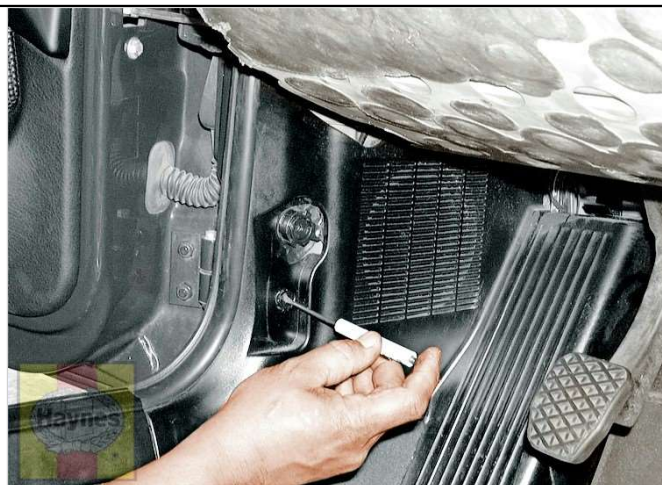


9 Inside the vehicle, remove the hood release handle retaining screw, remove the left kick panel and remove the cable clamp screw (see illustrations) . Pry out the rubber grommet where the cable goes through the firewall.

9.9a Inside the vehicle, remove the hood release handle retaining screw (arrow) . . .



9.9b . . . remove the kick panel retaining screw . . .



9.9c remove the left kick panel . . .



9.9d and remove the cable clamp screws (arrows)



10 Detach the cable guides inside the left wheel well. Pull the cable through the firewall.

11 Installation is the reverse of removal. After you're done, make sure that the lock catches function correctly before shutting the hood.