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BMW 3-Series 320i & 320xi (12-14), 325i, 325xi, 330i & 330xi (06) & 328i & 328xi (07-14) Haynes Online Manual

Vehicle identification numbers

Modifications are a continuing and unpublicized process in vehicle manufacturing. Since spare parts manuals and lists are compiled on a numerical basis, the individual vehicle numbers are essential to correctly identify the component required.

Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)

This very important identification number is stamped on a plate attached to the dashboard inside the windshield on the driver's side of the vehicle (see illustration) . The VIN also appears on the Vehicle Certificate of Title and Registration. It contains information such as where and when the vehicle was manufactured, the model year and the body style.

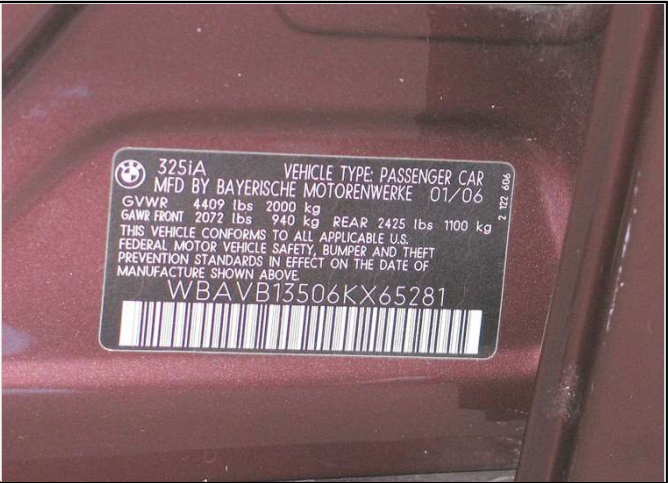
The Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) is visible through the driver's side of the windshield



Manufacturer's Certification Regulation label

The Manufacturer's Certification Regulation label is attached to the driver's side door opening (see illustration) . The label contains the name of the manufacturer, the month and year of production, the Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR), the Gross Axle Weight Rating (GAWR) and the certification statement.

The Manufacturer's Certification Regulation label is located on the driver's door opening



VIN model year code

Counting from the left, the model year code letter designation is the 10th character. On all models covered by this manual the model year codes are:

6	2006
7	2007
8	2008
9	2009
A	2010
B	2011
C	2012
D	2013
E	2014

Engine number

On all models, the engine identification number is stamped on a machined pad on the block, which is visible looking from the left side of the engine and looking between the second and third intake runners, just above the oil pan.

Transmission identification

The transmission identification tag is at the left-rear of the automatic transmission and on a plate at the left side of the case on manual transmissions. Refer to Chapter [7A](#) or [7B](#) for the transmission code numbers.