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BMW 3-Series and Z4 (99-05) Includes 2006 325ci/330ci Coupe and Convertible models Haynes Online Manual.

7 Bumper (rear) - removal and installation

1 To improve access, chock the front wheels, then raise the vehicle and secure it on jackstands.

2 Starting at the left-hand corner, carefully pry the plastic trim strip from the bumper cover (see illustration) . On models equipped with parking distance sensors, disconnect the wiring connectors as the panel is withdrawn.

7.2 Carefully pry the plastic trim strip from the bumper



3 Remove the bumper support mounting bolts located under the vehicle behind the bumper assembly near the trunk floor.

4 Remove the rear bumper cover retainers on the lower fenderwells.

A. On models built before October 2001, remove the bumper cover brackets on the left and right side of the wheelwells. Remove the expansion rivets from the fender splash shield.

B. On models built after October 2001, remove the bumper cover from the mounting lugs by rotating the lugs with the detent down.

5 Remove the fender splash shield fasteners (see illustrations) .

7.5a Pry out the center pin, then remove the expanding rivet



7.5b Remove the screw securing the bumper to the wheel arch liner



6 Pull the front edges of the bumper outwards and slide the bumper slightly to the rear (see illustrations) . Disconnect any relevant wiring connectors and remove the bumper.

7.6a Remove the bumper mounting Torx bolts (one each side) . . .



7.6b . . . and pull the front edge of the bumper away from the wheel arch



7 Installation is a reverse of the removal procedure ensuring that the bumper ends are correctly engaged with their slides. Apply locking compound to the bumper mounting bolts and tighten them securely.

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