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

20 Seats - removal and installation

Front seat removal

Warning:

These vehicles are equipped with side-impact airbags in the outer edges of the front seat backs. Be sure to disarm the airbag system before beginning this procedure (see Chapter 12).

Warning:

The seat belt tensioners are part of the Supplemental Restraint System and are triggered by a frontal impact above a predetermined force. When the system is triggered, a pyrotechnic (explosive) device is detonated which acts on the seat belt anchorage, and keeps the occupant in position in the seat. Once the tensioner has been triggered, the seat belt will be permanently locked and the assembly must be replaced. There is a risk of injury if the system is triggered inadvertently when working on the vehicle. Before working on the seats or seat belts, disable the airbag system (see Chapter 12).

1 Slide the seat fully forwards and raise the seat cushion fully.

Note:

Remove the headrest from the top of the seat to make it easier to get the seat out of the vehicle.

2 Disconnect the negative battery cable (see [Chapter 5](#)).

3 Starting at the rear, carefully pry the seat belt anchorage trim from the seat cushion side (see illustration) .

20.3 Release the clip at the front edge and remove the trim



Note:

On F-series chassis models, the seat belt anchorage trim center section must be pried out then up to access the seat belt retaining bolt.

4 Remove the retaining bolt and detach the seat belt from the seat (see illustration) .

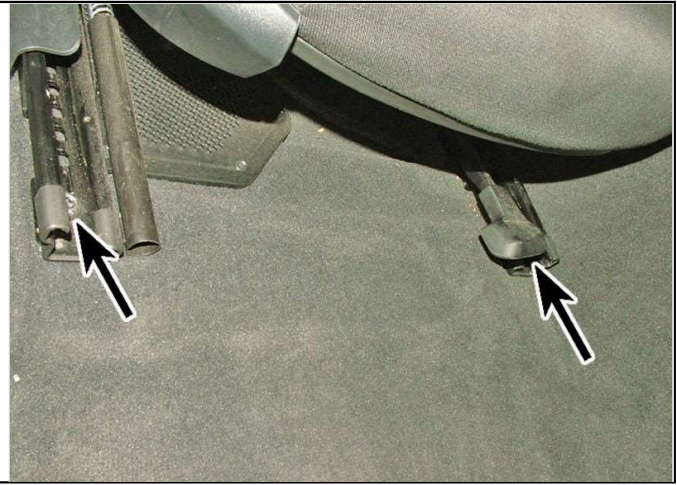
20.4 Remove the seat belt retaining bolt



5 Loosen and remove the bolts securing the rear of the seat rails to the floor.

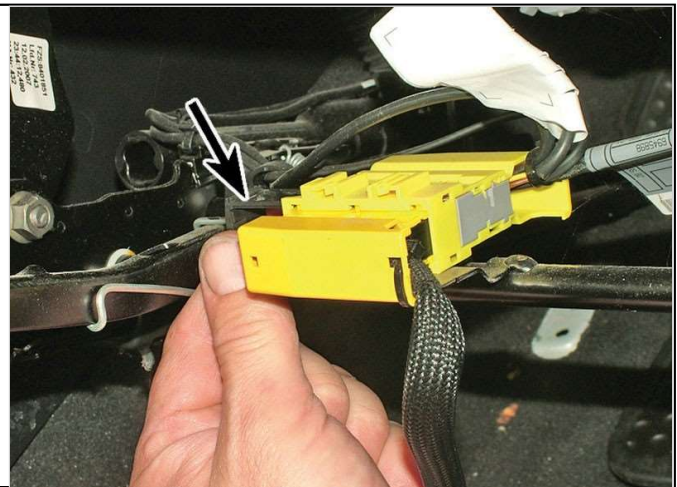
6 Slide the seat fully backwards, then loosen and remove the bolts at the front (see illustration) .

20.6 Remove the mounting bolts at the front



7 Working under the front of the seat, slide out the locking element and disconnect the seat electrical connector (see illustration) .

20.7 Slide out the locking element and disconnect the electrical connector



8 Lift the seat out from the vehicle.

Folding rear seat removal

Sedan models

9 The trim panel between the seat back and the door opening must be removed. Pull the top of the trim forward to release the retaining clip, then pull the trim panel upwards to remove it. Repeat this procedure on the opposite trim panel.

10 Pull up on the front of the seat cushion to release the left and right retaining clips, then remove it forward and out of the vehicle. Disconnect the seat heating wiring connectors (where applicable) as the seat is withdrawn.

11 Release the rear seat back, and fold it forward.

12 Remove the mounting bolt on each side at the outer hinges, then pull the seat back from the center

mountings.

Sports wagon models

13 Pull up on the front of the seat cushion to release the left and right retaining clips, and remove it forward.

14 Remove the center seat belt lower anchorage bolt and lift the cushion out of the vehicle. Disconnect the seat heating wiring connectors (where applicable) as the seat is withdrawn.

15 Release the rear seat back, and fold it forward.

16 The trim panel between the seat back and the door opening must be removed. Pull the top of the trim forward to release the retaining clip, then pull the trim panel upward to remove it (see illustration) . Repeat this procedure on the opposite trim panel.

20.16 Pull the top edge forward, then lift the trim panel upwards



17 Remove the bolt on each side, securing the seat back outer brackets to the vehicle body (see illustration) .

20.17 Remove the fastener on each side . .

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18 Lift each seat back assembly at the outer edges, and pull outward to disengage the center mounting (see illustration) . Maneuver the seats from the vehicle.

20.18 . . . then pull the cushions outwards to disengage the center mounting



Fixed rear seat removal

19 Pull up on the front edge of the seat cushion to release the left and right retaining clips, then remove the seat cushion from the vehicle.

20 Remove the mounting bolts at the center, lower edge of the backrest (see illustration) .

20.20 Remove the mounting bolts at the center, lower edge of the backrest



21 On E-series chassis models, working in the trunk compartment, use a large flat-bladed screwdriver to release the catches, then slide the seat upwards to release its lower retaining pins and remove it from the vehicle (see illustration) .

20.21 Use a screwdriver to release the catches in the trunk interior



22 On F-series chassis models, lift the seat back up and out, making sure the wire locking guides on each end of the seat back are out of their channels.

Installation

Front seat

23 Installation is the reverse of removal, noting the following points.

- A. On manually-adjusted seats, install the seat-retaining bolts and tighten them by hand only. Slide the seat fully forwards, then slide it back by two stops of the seat locking mechanism. Rock the seat to ensure that the seat locking mechanism is correctly engaged, then tighten the mounting bolts securely.
- B. On electrically-adjusted seats, ensure that the wiring is connected and correctly routed, then tighten the seat mounting bolts securely.
- C. Tighten the seat belt mounting bolt to the specified torque.
- D. Reconnect the negative battery cable (see [Chapter 5](#)).

Folding rear seat

24 Installation is the reverse of removal. Tighten the seat belt lower mounting bolts to the specified torque setting.

Fixed rear seat

25 Installation is the reverse of removal, making sure the seat back lower locating pegs or wire locking sides are correctly engaged with the body, and the seat belt buckles and lap belt are fed through the correct openings.