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

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## Booster battery (jump) starting

**Note:**

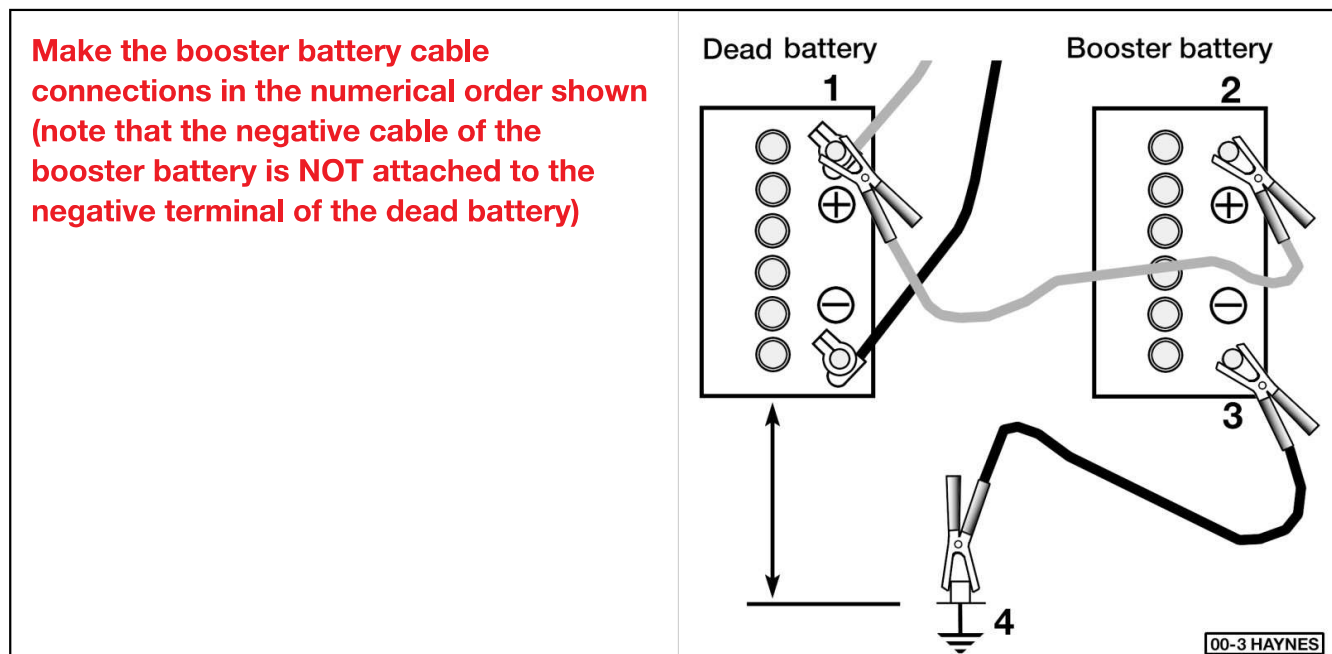
On all models except four-cylinder 3-series models and the 1996 Z3, the battery is located in the trunk. A remote positive terminal is provided in the engine compartment on these models.

Observe the following precautions when using a booster battery to start a vehicle:

- A. Before connecting the booster battery, make sure the ignition switch is in the Off position.
- B. Turn off the lights, heater and other electrical loads.
- C. Your eyes should be shielded. Safety goggles are a good idea.
- D. Make sure the booster battery is the same voltage as the dead one in the vehicle.
- E. The two vehicles MUST NOT TOUCH each other.
- F. Make sure the transmission is in Neutral (manual transaxle) or Park (automatic transaxle).

Connect the red jumper cable to the positive (+) terminals of each battery (or to the remote positive terminal in the engine compartment).

Connect one end of the black cable to the negative (-) terminal of the booster battery. The other end of this cable should be connected to a good ground on the engine block (see illustration) . Make sure the cable will not come into contact with the fan, drivebelts or other moving parts of the engine.



Start the engine using the booster battery, then, with the engine running at idle speed, disconnect the jumper cables in the reverse order of connection.