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

1 General information

The body is made of high strength steel sections. Most components are welded together, but some use is made of structural adhesives.

The hood, door and some other vulnerable panels are made of zinc-coated metal (galvanized steel), and are further protected by being coated with an anti-chip primer before being sprayed.

Extensive use is made of plastic materials, mainly in the interior, but also in exterior components. The front and rear bumpers and front grille are injection-molded from a synthetic material that is very strong and yet light. Plastic components such as wheel arch liners are installed on the underside of the vehicle, to improve the body's resistance to corrosion.

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