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

## 19 Grille and front panel - removal and installation

### 3-Series models

#### Grille

**Note:**

This procedure applies to either grille.

- 1 Raise the hood and remove the front radiator shroud or air duct (see [Chapter 3](#)).
- 2 Ball up your fist and tap the grille inward with the side of your hand until it pops out of the chrome trim ring.
- 3 To remove the chrome trim ring, pull it out from the front.
- 4 To install the grille and chrome trim ring, snap the two parts together, position the assembly in front of its hole in the front panel, then push on the top and bottom of the chrome ring until the assembly snaps into place.

#### Front panel

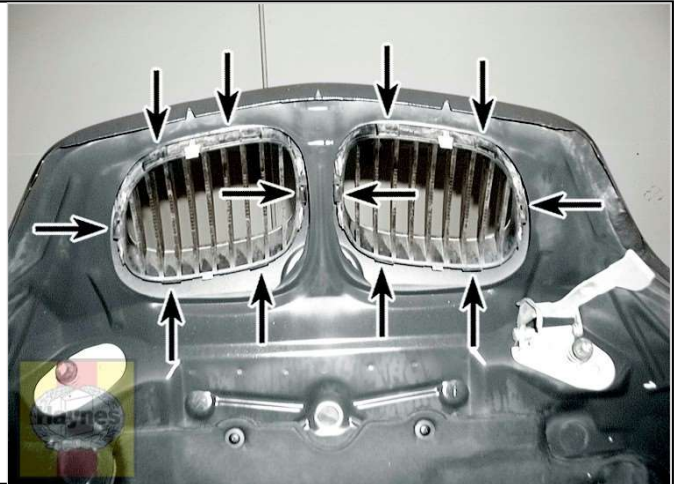
- 5 Remove the front bumper (see [Section 6](#)).
- 6 Remove the headlights (see [Chapter 12](#)).
- 7 If you're planning to replace the front panel, remove the two grille assemblies (see Steps 1 through 3). If you're simply removing the front panel assembly to service something, it's not necessary to remove the grilles to remove the front panel.
- 8 Remove the six upper panel retaining screws (one at each hood lock, on the upper radiator support; two on each end of the radiator).
- 9 Remove the four lower panel retaining screws from underneath the left and right ends of the front panel (two at each end).
- 10 Remove the front panel.

**11** Installation is the reverse of removal.

## **Z3 models (grille only)**

**12** Raise the hood. Working from inside the hood, depress the locking tabs of the grille (see illustration) and push out the grille from the back.

**19.12 To detach either grille from the hood, release these locking tabs and push out the grille from this side**



**13** Installation is the reverse of removal.

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