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

9 Rear brake caliper - removal and installation

Note:

Before starting work, refer to the precautions in [Section 1](#) and the warnings at the beginning of [Section 2](#).

Removal

- 1 Chock the front wheels, then jack up the rear of the vehicle and support on jackstands. Remove the relevant rear wheel.
- 2 Minimize fluid loss by first removing the [master cylinder](#) reservoir cap, and then tightening it down onto a piece of cellophane, to obtain an airtight seal. Alternatively, use a brake hose clamp, a C-clamp or a similar tool to clamp the flexible hose.
- 3 Clean the area around the fitting, then loosen the brake hose fitting nut.
- 4 Remove the [brake pads](#) as described in [Section 4](#).
- 5 Unscrew the [caliper](#) from the end of the flexible hose, and remove it from the vehicle.

Installation

- 6 Screw the [caliper](#) fully onto the flexible hose fitting.
- 7 Install the [brake pads](#) (refer to [Section 4](#)).
- 8 Securely tighten the brake line fitting nut.
- 9 Remove the brake hose clamp or cellophane, as applicable, and bleed the hydraulic system as described in [Section 2](#). Note that, providing the precautions described were taken to minimize brake fluid loss, it should only be necessary to bleed the relevant rear brake.
- 10 Install the wheel, then lower the vehicle to the ground and tighten the wheel bolts to the torque listed in the [Chapter 1 Specifications](#). On completion, check the brake fluid level as described in [Chapter 1](#).

