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

8 Front brake pad check

1 Loosen the front wheel bolts. Firmly apply the parking brake, then raise the front of the vehicle and support it securely on jackstands. Remove the front wheels.

2 For a quick check, the thickness of friction material remaining on each brake pad can be measured through the top of the caliper body (see illustration) . If any pad's friction material thickness is not within specification, all four pads must be replaced as a set.

8.2 Check the thickness of the brake pad friction material through the hole in the caliper body



3 For a comprehensive check, the brake pads should be removed and cleaned. The operation of the caliper can then also be checked, and the condition of the brake disc itself can be fully examined on both sides. Refer to [Chapter 9](#) for further information.

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