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

16 Parking brake cables - removal and installation

Removal

- 1 Remove the rear section of the center console as described in [Chapter 11](#) to gain access to the parking brake lever. The parking brake cable consists of two sections, a right- and a left-hand section, which are connected to the lever. Each section can be removed individually.
- 2 Loosen and remove the relevant parking brake cable locknut and adjusting nut, and disengage the inner cable from the parking brake lever.
- 3 Firmly chock the front wheels, then raise the rear of the vehicle and support it on jackstands.
- 4 Referring to the relevant Part of [Chapter 4](#) , remove the exhaust system heat shield to gain access to the parking brake cables. Note that on some models (M52TU engine codes), it may also be necessary to remove part of the exhaust system.
- 5 Free the front end of the outer cable from the body, and withdraw the cable from its support guide (see illustration) .

16.5 Withdraw the cable from the support guide

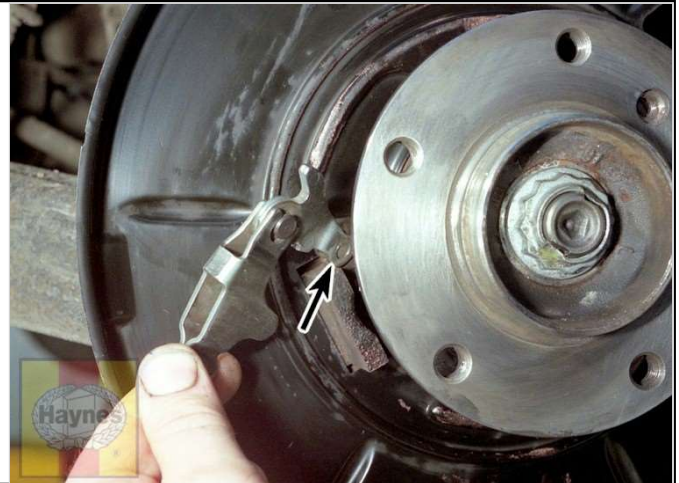


- 6 Working back along the length of the cable, noting its correct routing, and free it from all the relevant retaining clips.

7 Remove the relevant rear disc as described in [Section 7](#) .

8 Slide the cable core in the direction of the expander lock up to the stop, depress the nipple and pull out the cable core from the expander (see illustrations)

16.8a Unfold the expander, then withdraw the pin . . .



16.8b . . . and detach the expander from the end of the parking brake cable



Installation

9 Insert the cable into the brake backing plate, and push it in up to the stop on the cable outer sleeve.

10 Grip the sleeve of the cable end, and push it in to the expander until it snaps into place.

11 Installation is a reversal of the removal procedure. Prior to installing the center console, adjust the parking brake as described in [Section 14](#) .