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

## 9 Hood release cable - removal and installation

### Removal

1 The hood release cable is in three sections, the main first cable from the release lever to the connection at the left-hand side (underhood), the second from the connection to the left-side hood lock, and one linking the two hood locks (left side and right side).

#### Release lever-to-connection cable

2 Open the driver's door and carefully pull up the door sill trim panel.

3 Pull up the rubber weatherstrip from the door aperture adjacent to the footwell kick panel.

4 Unscrew the fasteners and remove the lower panel above the pedals. Disconnect any wiring connectors as the panel is withdrawn.

5 Remove the screw and remove the hood release lever.

6 Remove the screw and remove the footwell kick panel (see illustration) .

**9.6 The kick panel is secured by one screw**



7 Separate the cable inner end fitting from the release lever.

8 Push/pull the outer release cable end fitting from the engine compartment firewall, and pull the cable into the engine compartment.

9 Unclip the connection housing from the inner wing. Pry open the connection housing and disconnect the inner and outer cables (see illustration) .

### 9.9 Disconnect the inner and outer cables from the connection housing



## Connection-to-hood lock cable

10 Unclip the connection housing from underhood. Pry open the housing and disconnect the inner and outer cables (see illustration 9.9)

11 Remove the driver's side hood lock (see [Section 10](#) ).

## Lock linking cable

12 The linking cable is removed as part of the hood lock removal procedure, as described in [Section 10](#) .

## Installation

13 Installation is the reverse of removal ensuring that the cable is correctly routed, and secured to all the relevant retaining clips. Check that the hood locks operate correctly before closing the hood.