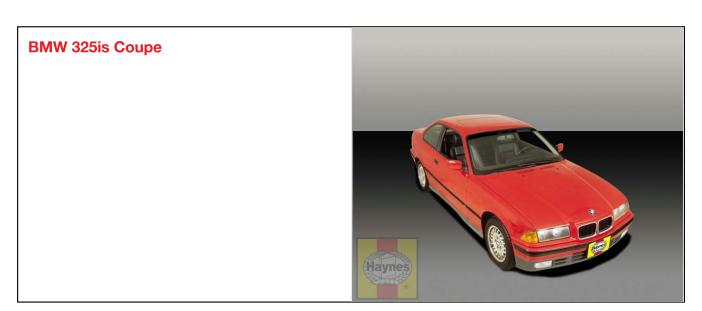


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Introduction to the BMW 3-Series



The models covered by this manual are equipped with either a 1.8L or 1.9L four-cylinder engine or a 2.5L or 2.8L six-cylinder engine. All engines are of the Dual Overhead <u>Camshaft</u> (DOHC) design. These engines feature a computer-controlled <u>ignition system</u> and electronic fuel injection.

Transmissions are either a five-speed manual or a four-speed automatic. Power is transmitted from the transmission to the fully independent rear axle through a two-piece <u>driveshaft</u>. The differential is bolted to a crossmember and drives the wheels through driveaxles equipped with inner and outer constant velocity joints.

The front suspension is of the MacPherson strut design, with the coil spring/ shock absorber unit making up the upper suspension link. The rear suspension on all models except the 318ti and the Z3 is of the multi-link design, while the 318ti and the Z3 use a semi-trailing arm setup. Power-assisted rack-and-pinion steering is standard.

Power-assisted front and rear disc brakes are standard. An Anti-lock Braking System (ABS) is also standard equipment.

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