

12 Cigarette lighter - removal and installation

3-Series models

Removal

- 1 Disconnect the battery negative terminal. **Caution:** *If the stereo in your vehicle is equipped with an anti-theft system, make sure you have the correct activation code before disconnecting the battery.*
- 2 Remove the clock/multi-information display unit (see [Section 13](#)). On models with a clock, insert a feeler gauge in between the clock mounting frame and storage compartment then release the retaining clip and slide the mounting frame out of position (see illustration) .

12.2 On models with a clock, unclip and remove the clock mounting frame/storage compartment from the center console



- 3 On all models with no clock, carefully pry the upper storage compartment out from the dash center panel.
- 4 On all models, carefully unclip the storage compartment (which contains the cigarette lighter) and withdraw it from the center dash panel. Disconnect the wiring connectors from cigarette lighter and (if equipped) switches and remove the storage compartment (see illustrations) .

12.4a Unclip the storage compartment from the console . . .



12.4b . . . and disconnect the wiring from the cigarette lighter (3-Series models)



5 Unclip the bulb holder from the lighter then depress the retaining tangs and push the lighter out of the panel.

Installation

6 Installation is a reversal of the removal procedure, ensuring all the wiring connectors are securely reconnected.

Z3 models

7 The cigarette lighter is located in the center console. Remove the center console (see [Section 28](#) in [Chapter 11](#)) and unplug the wiring harness from the cigarette lighter (see illustration 28.24b in [Chapter 11](#)) .

8 Installation is the reverse of removal.