

# Bmw 3 series e30 service manual

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**What is the service schedule for the BMW E30?** Prior to the advent of Scheduled Maintenance, approximate BMW maintenance recommendations on the E30 3 Series were: automatic transmission fluid (ATF) and filter changes every 15,000 miles, manual gearbox and differential oil changes every 30,000 miles, annual brake fluid changes, and coolant changes every two years.

**Is the BMW E30 manual?** In total, six transmissions were available for the various models of the E30: four manuals, and two automatics. The E30 was offered with rear-wheel drive, or permanent all-wheel drive (325iX saloons and estates only).

**What are the service intervals for a BMW 3 Series?** We recommend your car receives a Full Service every 12,000 miles or 12 months - whichever is sooner.

**Is the BMW 3 Series manual?** The 3 Series was available in rear-wheel drive and all-wheel drive, indicated by the xDrive emblems on the rear deck lid. Transmissions for the rear-drive 328i and 335i included a six-speed manual and an optional eight-speed automatic sourced from German transmission supplier ZF.

**Does the BMW E30 have a timing belt or chain?** Since six-cylinder E30s have the M20 engine—the only BMW engine with a timing belt instead of a chain—you really, really don't want to be wrong about the age of the belt.

**How long do E30 engines last?** As long as these cars are maintained properly with basic care they have the potential to last well past 500,000 miles.

**Are BMW E30 reliable?** The E30 is an unusually stout car with few weaknesses, at least by 1980s German-car standards. The engines can last nearly forever but require valve adjustments every 15,000 miles and, to be safe, a new timing belt at

four-year or 45,000-mile intervals.

**What makes the BMW E30 so special?** As mentioned previously, the E30 was known for its excellent build quality and refined driving dynamics, but it also had many advanced features, such as ABS brakes, air conditioning, and power windows, which were not commonly found on other cars of its time.

**Is a BMW E30 a sports car?** Compact, powerful, sporty and extremely successful on the racetrack: the incredible story of the first BMW M3. Developed directly from motorsport, the BMW M3 of 1986 was the first of its kind.

**Is BMW 3 Series high maintenance?** Is it expensive to maintain a BMW 3 Series? Yes, it's expensive to maintain a 3-Series BMW once it's outside of the factory or CPO warranty. It's not uncommon to pay around \$700 or \$800 per year for maintenance and repairs on a used BMW 3-Series.

**How often does a BMW 3 series need an oil change?** Your Oil Change Interval For drivers of BMW vehicles, 10,000 miles or 12 months is the recommended point at which to have your engine oil and oil filter changed. However, many manufacturers recommend changing your oil every 5,000 miles or 6 months (whichever comes first).

**What is the BMW maintenance schedule?** The standard BMW service intervals is every 5,000 miles, though a Condition Based Service monitor will track important systems and alert you if other maintenance is required.

**Why did BMW stop making manuals?** In an interview with Italian-language magazine Quattroruote, BMW board member Frank Weber confirmed M's stick shift days are numbered. "They are fun products, but let's be honest, the volumes are getting smaller and smaller," Weber told Quattroruote. "And so it doesn't make sense to develop them anymore.

**Is BMW 3 Series a practical car?** If you're someone who likes to drive yet needs a practical car in your life, then we couldn't recommend the 3 Series enough – whether that's in Touring, saloon or GT spec. The handling is great on a country road but it's also happy to sit on the motorway for the entirety of its life.

**Are manual BMWs rare?** BMW doesn't appear to have ever published production figures, but enthusiasts believe that there are just 4,446 first-generation BMW X5s in America with manual transmissions. And BMW put manuals in the X5 only for one generation, so these less than 4,500 examples are it.

**How many belts does an E30 have?** The E30 M20 has 3 accessory belts. They are 1) alternator and water pump, 2) A/C (if equipped), and 3) power steering.

**Do all E30 have central locking?** Central Locking was a popular optional extra; so popular that it's very uncommon to find an E30 without it.

**How do I know if my BMW timing chain needs replacing?** One of the most common signs of a failing timing chain in a BMW is abnormal engine noise. As the chain stretches and components wear, you may hear a loud rattle or knocking sound on startup or at idle. The noise tends to get louder as engine speed increases.

**Is a BMW E30 a rare car?** BMW's fastest E30-generation M3 "Evo," the Sport Evolution got an enlarged engine, an adjustable rear wing, and many other bits BMW wanted for racing. Just 600 M3 Sport Evolutions were built, and they weren't sold new in North America, making this French-market car a rear rarity.

**Is an E30 a good investment?** The time to buy an E30 was probably over a decade ago when good examples were a lot cheaper and parts were plentiful and cheap, but there's still good reason to buy today. The E30 3 Series is now a price classic but a good one is a sure-fire investment; it'll never go out of fashion.

**What is a good engine for E30?** M52 — A Refined Straight-Six That Likes to Rev  
Another popular engine swap for the E30 is the M52 engine. This drivetrain is a straight-6 DOHC and was first featured in the 3-Series E36, more specifically in the 320i model, where it replaced the prior M50. Compared to the M50, this engine is a pleasant improvement.

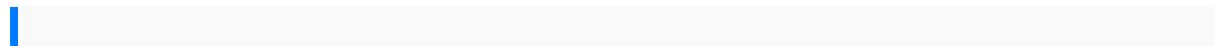
**What is BMW standard service schedule?**

**How often should a BMW be serviced?** Despite popular belief, not every BMW needs to be serviced at the same mileage milestone. However, BMW does recommend that you get a service every year or if you drive your car a lot, every

10,000 miles.

### How many km is a BMW service schedule?

**How much is BMW scheduled maintenance?** In general, BMWs can be more expensive to maintain than other car brands. BMW owners can expect to pay around \$968 for annual maintenance, while the average repair cost of all car brands is \$652, according to RepairPal.



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