



This Service Information bulletin supersedes SI B63 05 12 **dated December 2013**.

**NEW** designates changes to this revision

#### SUBJECT

### Taillight Is Loose in the Trunk Lid

#### MODEL

**NEW** F30 (3 Series Sedan)

**NEW** F31 (3 Series Sports Wagon)

Produced from **NEW** November 1, 2011 to November 28, 2013

#### SITUATION

The customer may notice the taillight is either loose or protruding outward from the trunk lid.

#### CAUSE

The taillight is not attached to the trunk lid properly due to the taillight design.

If a customer complains of this taillight issue, an improved part is now available.

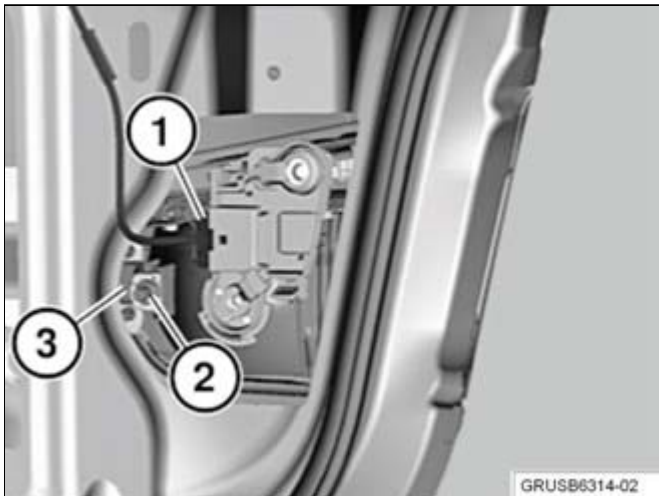
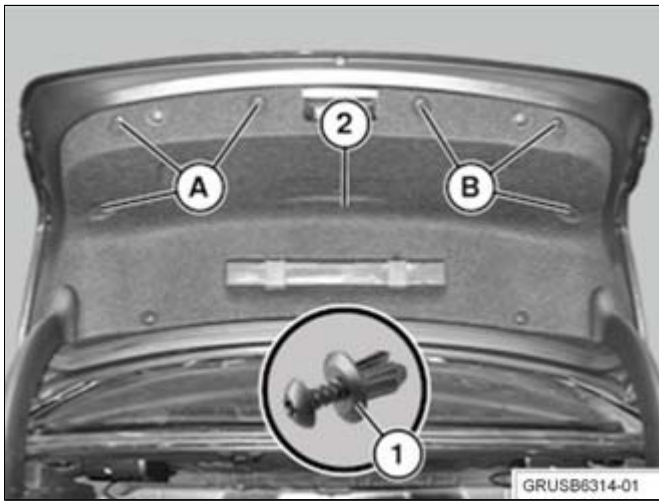
#### PROCEDURE



1. **NEW** Confirm the customer complaint by checking both left and right rear taillights for looseness or protrusion. Shown is a loose left rear taillight. If a loose taillight is seen, the taillight must be replaced with the improved part listed below.

2. **NEW** Remove the affected taillight by releasing the expanding rivet (1) and the trim panel (2) in area (A) for the left-side light or area (B) for the right-side light.

The following pictures show the removal of the left rear light.



3. **NEW** Unfasten the plug connection (1) and disconnect.

Remove the nut from the threaded bolt (2) and remove the retaining bracket (3).

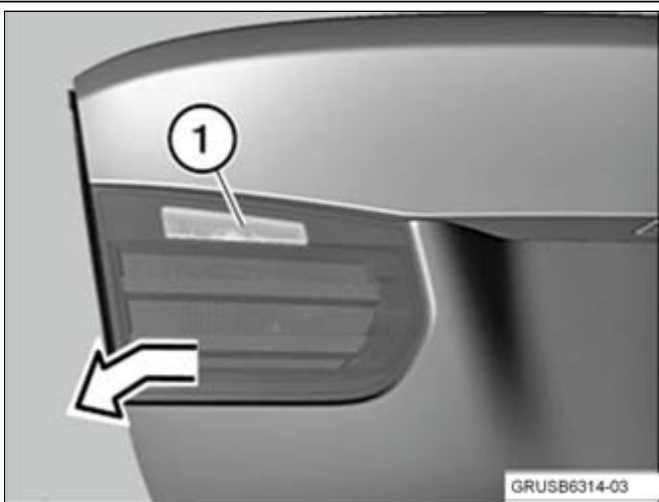
Tightening torque is 3Nm.

Press on the threaded bolt (2) to release the rear light from the tailgate.

**Important!**

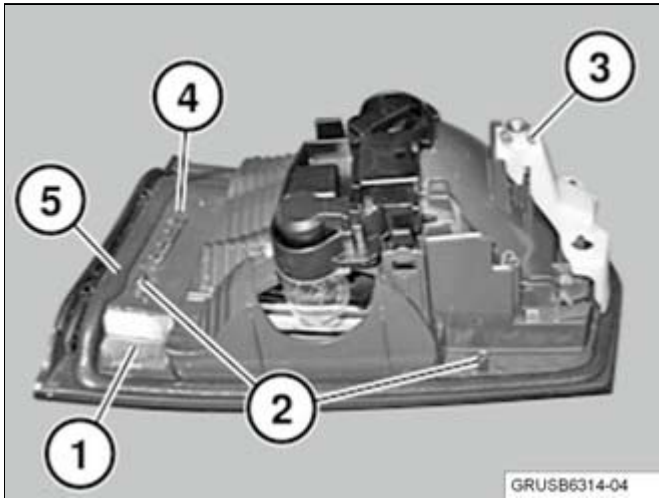
Risk of damage!

The rear light is partially bonded since July 2012 production. Removal can be more difficult.



4. **NEW** Feed out the rear light (1) towards the rear in the direction of the arrow (see picture).

5. **NEW** **Installation note:**



Attach the retaining bracket with nut; when doing so, only screw on the nut to the point where the threaded bolt and nut are flush.

The following parts on the rear light (1)

(2) Guides

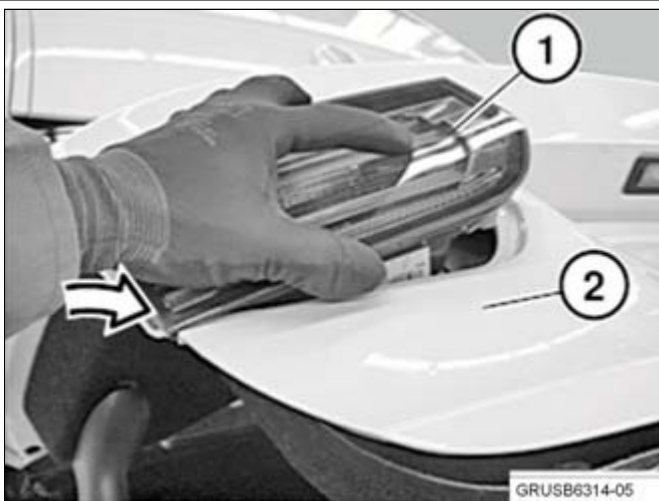
(3) Threaded bolt/nut/retaining bracket

(4) Retaining tab

(5) Seal

The guides (2) must be fed into the appropriate recesses in the tailgate.

**Note:** The bulb carrier is not included with the new taillight and must be transferred from the old taillight into the new taillight.



6. **NEW** **Installation note:**

First insert the light (1) with the retaining tab into the appropriate recess of the trunk lid/tailgate (2).

Align the light (1) until the guides align with the associated recesses of the trunk lid/tailgate (2).

7. **NEW** **Important!**

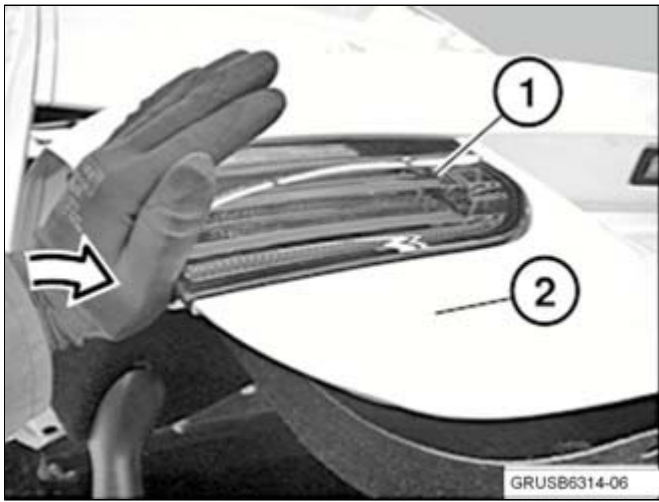
Risk of damage!

Do not push or strike the light (1) with force to install it into the trunk lid/tailgate (2)!

If properly aligned, the light (1) will slide effortlessly into its end position.

**Installation note:**

Carefully press the light (1)



towards the center of the vehicle until the guides are fed into the associated recesses of the trunk lid/tailgate (2).

Make sure the light (1) is correctly seated in the trunk lid/tailgate (2).

Make sure the retaining bracket is fitted correctly on the trunk lid/tailgate (2).

Make sure the plug connections are correctly seated.

Tighten the nut on the retaining bracket. Tightening torque is 3 Nm.

#### PARTS INFORMATION

Part Number	Description	Quantity
63 21 7 372 793	Taillight - left	1
63 21 7 372 794	Taillight - right	1

#### WARRANTY INFORMATION

Covered under the terms of the BMW New Vehicle/SAV Limited Warranty.

<b>Defect Code:</b>	<b>63 21 15 37 00</b>
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#### Repairing Left Side

Labor Operation:	Labor Allowance:	Description:
63 21 242	Refer to KSD2	Removing and installing or replacing left tail lamp (on the luggage compartment lid)
or		
63 21 742	Refer to KSD2	Removing and installing or replacing left tail lamp (on the luggage compartment lid) as Plus work, vehicle already in the workshop.
<b>NEW</b> and		
<b>NEW</b> 63 21 531	Refer to KSD2	Removing and installing or replacing bulb holder housing for left tail lamp (tail lamp removed)

#### Repairing Right Side

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<b>Labor Operation:</b>	<b>Labor Allowance:</b>	<b>Description:</b>
63 21 245	Refer to KSD2	Removing and installing or replacing right tail lamp (on the luggage compartment lid)
or		
63 21 745	Refer to KSD2	Removing and installing or replacing right tail lamp (on the luggage compartment lid) as Plus work; vehicle already in the workshop.
<b>NEW</b> and		
<b>NEW</b> 63 21 541	Refer to KSD2	Removing and installing or replacing bulb holder housing for right tail lamp (tail lamp removed)

### Repairing Both Sides

<b>Labor Operation:</b>	<b>Labor Allowance:</b>	<b>Description:</b>
63 21 250	Refer to KSD2	Removing and installing or replacing both tail lamps (on the luggage compartment lid)
or		
63 21 750	Refer to KSD2	Removing and installing or replacing both tail lamps (on the luggage compartment lid) as Plus work; vehicle already in the workshop.
<b>NEW</b> and		
<b>NEW</b> 63 21 546	Refer to KSD2	Removing and installing or replacing both bulb holder housings for tail lamps (tail lamps removed)

Labor operation codes 63 21 242, 63 21 245 and 63 21 250 are Main labor operations. If you are using a Main labor code for another repair, use the plus code labor operations 63 21 742, 63 21 745 and 63 21 750 instead.

Refer to KSD2 for the corresponding flat rate unit (FRU) allowance. Enter the Chassis Number, which consists of the last 7 digits of the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN). Click on the “Search” button, and then enter the applicable flat rate labor operation in the FR code field.

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