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SUBJECT

Rear License Plate Bracket: Seized Screws

MODEL

All BMW models that use a rear plastic bracket to mount the license plate (tag)

SITUATION

When removing the rear license plate (tag), the securing screws cannot be removed without damaging the plate bracket.

CAUSE

The screws securing the license plate are seized in the threaded insert of the plate bracket.

PROCEDURE

The plate bracket can be removed using several different methods, depending on the situation:

- The customer's license plate (tag) needs to be reused
- The customer's license (tag) will be discarded
- The plate has a frame (plastic or metal) attached
- For lease turn-in or CPO



1. This picture shows a damaged plate bracket that was removed from a vehicle. In some cases, the seized screw will break the bracket, or the steel-threaded insert will spin in the plastic bracket. In this case, you can try using your power screwdriver and spin the screw and insert while pulling up on the license plate, until the insert breaks free from the bracket. Use this procedure if the tag needs to be reused.

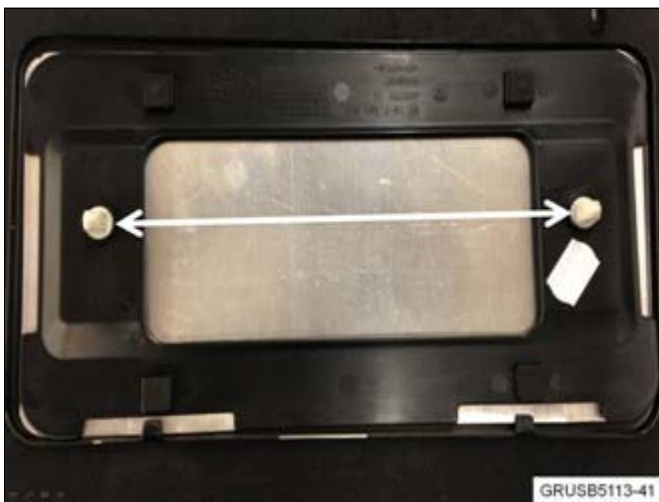
2. Caution must be used when removing a seized bracket. This picture shows the two attaching screws holding the bracket to the trunk lid (plate removed for clarity). No attempt should be made to pry the bracket from the



body without removing these two screws, because the trunk lid will be slightly damaged. **If no other procedure works, see step 4.**



3. If the tag is being discarded, you can bend up the left and right sides of the tag to gain access to the two screws securing the bracket and remove it; then discard the complete assembly. If it has a plastic frame, this will also be broken in the process.



4. If the tag has a metal plate frame and no other procedure was successful, you can grasp the left and right sides of the frame and firmly pull the whole assembly from the lid. This procedure will break the two white clips and could slightly mushroom up the two holes in the metal lid. If this occurs, use a plastic or rubber hammer to work the body panel back down to the original height.

If required:

Use the appropriate method (drill out, air tool, vise, grinder, etc.) to remove the seized screws from the customer's license plate, and then install a new bracket to the lid.

In all cases, when installing a tag, use four new screws with a small amount of anti-seize compound to prevent future seizing.

PARTS INFORMATION

Part Number	Description	Quantity
51 18 7 160 607	Plate bracket	1
07 11 9 906 254	Tag mounting screws	4

WARRANTY INFORMATION

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

Defect Code:	51 12 18 78 00	Number plate carrier, rear bumper panel
	or	
	51 18 00 78 00	Number plate carrier, tailgate
Labor Operation:	Labor Allowance:	Description:
5199 000	3 FRU	Work time to remove seized plate bracket and install new plate bracket and tag (Main work)
Or:		
51 99 000	2 FRU	Work time to remove seized plate bracket and install new plate bracket and tag (Plus work – Vehicle already in workshop)
And:		
Sublet Code 4	\$1.00	Anti-seize compound amount used from shop supplies

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