



SI B63 05 15  
Lights

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Technical Service

## SUBJECT

**Reverse Light is Intermittently Inoperative**

## MODEL

F30 (3 Series Sedan)

F31 (3 Series Sports Wagon)

F80 (M3 Sedan)

## SITUATION

CCM (Check control message) is displayed indicating a “reverse light” is out.

## CAUSE

There is a weak spring in bulb socket or bulb carrier (on the luggage compartment lid) which is causing a bad contact with the bulb.

## PROCEDURE

If the vehicle has the intermittent situation described above, only replacing the light bulb will fix the vehicle for a short time; the vehicle comes back to the shop for the same issue.

Check the contact area at the bulb socket or carrier. Check the bracket tension. Replace the bulb socket if there is no or there is a poor “contact” with the bulb. Also replace the bulb if it has an open circuit.

Use clean gloves when touching the light bulb. Don't use tools with sharp edges. Don't apply excessive pressure.

## PARTS INFORMATION

Part Number	Description	Quantity
Refer to ETK	Bulb socket, rear light in trunk lid left or right	As needed
And, if necessary:		
Refer to ETK	Longlife bulb	As needed

## WARRANTY INFORMATION

Covered under the terms of the BMW New Vehicle Limited Warranty for Passenger Cars and Light Trucks.

<b>Defect Code:</b>	<b>63 21 02 79 00</b>
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Repairing One Side

<b>Labor Operation:</b>	<b>Labor Allowance:</b>	<b>Description:</b>
63 21 035	Refer to KSD	Removing and installing or replacing bulb holder housing for left tail light
Or:		
63 21 042	Refer to KSD	Removing and installing or replacing bulb holder housing for right tail light

If you are using a Main labor code for another repair, use the Plus code labor operation 63 21 535 (left) or 63 21 542 (right) instead.

Or:

Repairing Both Sides

<b>Labor Operation:</b>	<b>Labor Allowance:</b>	<b>Description:</b>
63 21 052	Refer to KSD	Removing and installing or replacing both bulb holder housing for tail light

If you are using a Main labor code for another repair, use the Plus code labor operation 63 21 552 instead.

Refer to KSD2 for the corresponding flat rate unit (FRU) allowances.

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