



SIB 61 03 20

2020-03-09

MIL MAY BE ILLUMINATED BY ERRONEOUS FAULT IN THE DME

MODEL

E-Series	Model Description	Production Date
G12	7 Series Sedan (PHEV)	July 1 st , 2018 to March 1 st , 2020
G30	5 Series Sedan (PHEV)	

SITUATION

The customer states that the malfunction indicator lamp (MIL) is illuminated.

During diagnosis, fault code 231507 “BDC RESET by watchdog” stored in the DME.

CAUSE

Software error in the Body Domain Control (BDC) unit.

Important: Only Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles (PHEV) are affected.

PROCEDURE

1. Perform vehicle test with the latest version of ISTA and read fault memory.
2. Is the fault code 231507 “BDC RESET by watchdog” the **only** fault stored in the DME?

Yes: Proceed to next step

No: Work through the corresponding test modules

3. Is the vehicle’s I-level older (lower) than **S15A-20-03-524**?

Yes: Proceed to next step

NO: Submit TSARA case for further assistance.

4. Program the vehicle using ISTA 4.22.1x or higher (released late February 2020).

Model	Target integration level
G12	S15A-20-03-524 or higher
G30	

Note that ISTA will automatically reprogram and code all programmable control modules that do not have the latest software.

5. If necessary start the combustion engine repeatedly up to 3 times for the MIL to go out.
6. Clear fault memory and reassess the vehicle.

Always connect a BMW-approved battery charger/power supply ([SI B04 23 10](#)).

For information on programming and coding with ISTA, refer to DealerSpeed / TIS / Technical Documentation / Diagnostics and Programming / Programming Documentation.

WARRANTY INFORMATION

During this workshop visit, the affected vehicle may also show one or more programming and encoding Technical Campaign repairs open, the programming and encoding procedure may only be invoiced one time.

Update the vehicle to the required I-level or higher by performing and submitting for one of the open Technical Campaigns instead. Please be sure to also perform any additional work (before and/or after) the campaign repairs require and/or close the remaining open programming and encoding Technical Campaign repairs as outlined in the corresponding Service Information Bulletin.

Only if the above situation does not apply, the BMW software solution is then:

Covered under the terms of the BMW New Vehicle Limited Warranty for Passenger Cars and Light Trucks or the BMW Certified Pre-Owned Program as described below.

Defect Code:	6138270200	BDC Body Domain Controller software error / internal equipment fault
Labor Operation	Description	Labor Allowance
00 00 006	Performing vehicle test (with vehicle diagnosis system – checking faults) (Main work)	Refer to AIR
Or:		
00 00 556	Performing vehicle test (with vehicle diagnosis system – checking faults) (Plus work)	Refer to AIR
And:		
61 21 528	Connect an approved battery charger/power supply (indicated in AIR as Charging battery)	Refer to AIR
And:		
61 25 910	Recharging high-voltage battery unit (to high voltage charging socket)	Refer to AIR
And:		
61 00 730	Programming/encoding control unit(s)	Refer to AIR

If you are using a Main labor code for another repair, use the Plus code labor operation 00 00 556 instead of 00 00 006.

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

Programming and Encoding - Vehicle Control Units (RO and Claim Comments Required)

The programming procedure automatically reprograms and encodes all vehicle control modules which do not have the latest software I-level. If one or more control module failures occur during this programming procedure:

- Please claim this consequential control module-related repair work (including performing the IRAP Control Unit Recovery procedure first as required, refer to the SIB in AIR) under the defect code listed in this bulletin with the applicable AIR labor operations.

Please explain this additional work (The why and what) on the repair order and in the claim comments section

For control module failures that occurred prior to performing this programming procedure:

- When covered under an applicable limited warranty, claim the applicable test plan and the corresponding control module-related repair work using the applicable defect code and labor operations in AIR (including diagnosis with separate punch times).

Other Repairs

If other eligible and covered work is performed as a result of performing the ISTA diagnostics and related test plans, claim this work with the applicable defect code and the labor operations that are listed in AIR (including diagnosis with separate punch times).