

**SIB 63 09 17**

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**REAREAR TAILLIGHT FAILURE (BULB HOLDER HOUSING)**This Service Information Bulletin (Revision 1) replaces SI B63 09 17 **dated February 2019**.**What's New:**

- Taillight equipment level statement added to Situation
- Claim Information section reformatted and updated

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**MODEL**

F30 (3 Series Sedan)	F31 (3 Series Sport Wagon)	F32 (4 Series Coupe)	F33 (4 Series Convertible)
F34 (3 Series Gran Turismo)	F36 (4 Series Gran Coupe)	F80 (M3 Sedan)	F82 (M4 Coupe)
F83 (M4 Convertible)			

**SITUATION**

- Exterior rear lights do not work.
- This failure can affect either or both sides of the vehicle.

**Note: This SIB does NOT apply to LCI (life cycle impulse, aka mid-generation refresh) vehicles which are no longer equipped with taillight assemblies that have removal bulb holder housings.**

**CAUSE**

Burnt pin in connector from wiring harness to rear lamp assembly bulb holder.

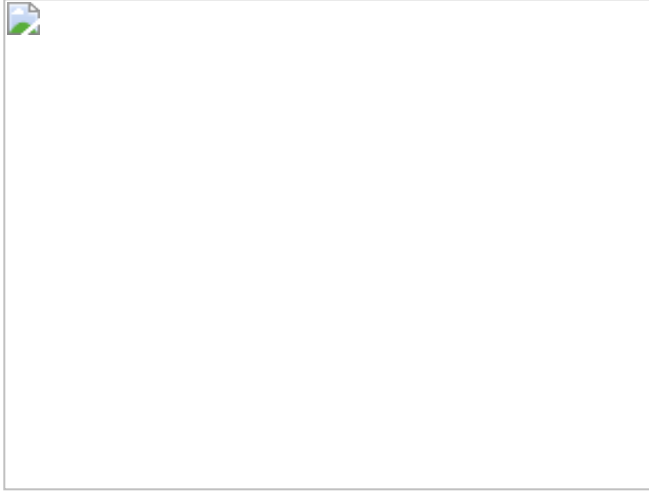
**CORRECTION**

Replace bulb holder and wiring harness connector, if damaged.

**PROCEDURE**

For conditions that are similar to the situation described:

1. Remove the rear light the vehicle according to REP 63 21 260 Removing and installing (replacing) left, rear light (on side wall).
2. Disconnect the plug from the wiring harness to the affected rear light assembly.



3. Inspect the condition of the pins on the harness connector and on the bulb holder.

**Do any of the pins appear to be burnt?**

**YES-** replace the bulb support according to REP 63 21 030 Removing and installing/replacing left socket housing for rear light (on side wall) and wiring harness connector then go to Step 4.

**NO-** continue diagnosis with the assistance of ISTA.

**Note: Without damage affecting its operation, the rear light should not be replaced.**

4. Repeat procedure from Step 1 on the other side of the vehicle for the connectors of the other rear light assembly.

## **PARTS INFORMATION**

Obtain and confirm the part numbers for your specific vehicle by entering the chassis number in either ETK or AIR which considers specific equipment and/or options.

Part Number	Description	Quantity
Refer to ETK	Bulb socket, rear light side panel, left	1
And/or		
Refer to ETK	Bulb socket, rear light side panel left	1
61 13 2 359 993	Rep. kit for socket housing	As needed
12 52 7 545 858	Terminal socket MCON 1.2 ELA	As needed
61 13 8 366 245	Sealing grommet	As needed

## **CLAIM INFORMATION**

Covered under the terms of the BMW New Vehicle Limited Warranty for Passenger Cars and Light Trucks or the applicable BMW Certified Pre-Owned Programs that include this item.

<b>Defect Code:</b>	<b>6321027900</b>	<b>Taillight bulb socket incorrect connection /contact</b>
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## **Diagnosis**

Labor Operation	Description	Labor Allowance
61 00 009*	Troubleshooting in the electrical/electronic system (Work time)	WT
Or:		
00 58 500*	Diagnosis Worktime Flat Rate	2 FRU

Work time labor operation codes 61 00 009, 00 58 500 and 61 99 000 are not considered Main labor operations.

And, with the diagnosis above that applies:

## **Repairing the Left or Right Side**

Labor Operation:	Description:	Labor Allowance:
63 21 030	Removing and installing or replacing bulb holder housing for <b>left</b> taillight (Main work)	Refer to AIR
Or:		

63 21 530	Removing and installing or replacing bulb holder housing for <b>left</b> taillight (Plus work)	Refer to AIR
And, as necessary:		
61 99 000	Work time for repairing connector and terminal in <b>one side</b>	2 FRU

If you are using a Main labor code for another repair, use the Plus code labor operation 63 21 530 instead of 63 21 030.

Or:

<b>Labor Operation:</b>	<b>Description:</b>	<b>Labor Allowance:</b>
63 21 040	Removing and installing or replacing bulb holder housing for <b>right</b> taillight (Main work)	Refer to AIR
Or:		
63 21 540	Removing and installing or replacing bulb holder housing for <b>right</b> taillight (Plus work)	Refer to AIR
And, as necessary:		
61 99 000	Work time for repairing connector and terminal in <b>one side</b>	2 FRU

If you are using a Main labor code for another repair, use the Plus code labor operation 63 21 540 instead of 63 21 040.

Or:

### Repairing Both Sides

<b>Labor Operation:</b>	<b>Description:</b>	<b>Labor Allowance:</b>
63 21 050	Removing and installing or replacing <b>both</b> bulb holder housing for taillight (Main work)	Refer to AIR
Or		
63 21 545	Removing and installing or replacing <b>both</b> bulb holder housing for taillight (Plus work)	Refer to AIR
And, as necessary:		
61 99 000	Work time for repairing connector and terminal in <b>both sides</b>	4 FRU

If you are using a Main labor code for another repair, use the Plus code labor operation 63 21 545 instead of 63 21 050.

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

\*Based on which one applies to your center, please refer to [SI B01 01 20](#) or [B01 07 20](#) for the applicable procedure for documenting, claiming, and explaining, on the RO and in the claim comments, your diagnosis work time (WT), job/repair work time (WT), and the vehicle repairs your center performed, unless otherwise required by State law.

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