

Lifting and Lowering of Vehicle While Driving - Vehicles with Airmatic (Code 489)

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Function group	32.30 - Level control
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Validity	E-Class (213) vehicles with air suspension (code 489) and level control on the rear axle (code 488 or crewbus variant)
Reason for change	Updating validity free text to include only 213.

Complaint

Vehicle lifts and lowers again while driving.

Cause

Moisture may collect in the compressor of the air suspension over its lifetime, which can result in corrosion.

Corrosion can result in reduced compressor performance or be deposited on the valve seats of the valve block and subsequently result in internal micro leakages.

Remedy

Update software for air suspension compressors as of 08/2022 or vehicles produced after 08/2020.

Updated software removes moisture from the system by lifting and lowering the vehicle level maximum +/- 10 mm while driving.

The process is not a cause for complaint, but rather corresponds to the current series production configuration.

Replacement of parts is not necessary in this scenario.

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Symptoms
Chassis/suspension > Suspension/Dampening > Suspension System Function > Vehicle level too high
Chassis/suspension > Suspension/Dampening > Suspension System Function > Vehicle level too low
Chassis/suspension > Suspension/Dampening > Adaptive damping system ADS > Regulates without obvious cause
Chassis/suspension > Suspension/Dampening > Electronic level control ENR > Regulates without obvious cause
Chassis/suspension > Suspension/Dampening > AIRMATIC > Function > Vehicle lowers while driving

Operation numbers/damage codes				
Op. no.	Operation text	Time	Damage code	Note