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INCREASED NOISE WHEN TURNING OFF SEAT VENTILATION

<input type="checkbox"/>	THIS REPAIR IS MOBILE FRIENDLY
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	THIS REPAIR IS REMOTE SOFTWARE UPGRADE (RSU) FRIENDLY

MODEL

E-Series	Model Description	Affected Option Code
G14	8 Series Convertible	All with 0453 Front active seat ventilation
G15	8 Series Coupe	
G16	8 Series Gran Coupe	

SITUATION

If the seat ventilation is deactivated via the switch or due to parking the vehicle, the fans in the seat cushion or under the seat cushion surface are unpleasantly loud.

The fans speed up loudly twice and then turn off. The functionality of the fans is not impaired.

This behavior only occurs after the vehicle had been programmed to I level **S18A-25-07-520** and higher; up to, but not including **S18A-25-07-551**.

CAUSE

Unfavorable software in the seat module.

CORRECTION

Program the vehicle to I level **S18A-25-07-551** or higher.

PROCEDURE

Determine the vehicle's current I-level by either using AIR or the ISPA Next/AWP (Aftersales Workplace) applications.

1. Is the current vehicle I-level lower than:

Model	Target integration level
G14, G15, G16	S18A-25-07-551

YES: Proceed to Step 2

NO: Continue diagnosis with ISTA.

2. Program the vehicle using ISTA **4.55.3** (planned to be released Sept 15, 2025, pending verification).

Model	Target integration level
G14, G15, G16	S18A-25-07-551 or higher

After the programming has been fully completed, check the functionality of the system.

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

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

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

PARTS INFORMATION

Parts replacement is not necessary and does not provide a remedy.

CLAIM INFORMATION

Vehicle Programming and Encoding

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.

Select one of these open Technical Campaigns instead to perform and submit for updating the vehicle to the required I-level, or higher when applicable (Includes labor operation codes 00 00 006/556, 61 21 528 and 61 00 730).

Please be sure to also perform any additional before and/or after work (including attaching labels) as required by the open campaigns on the vehicle. Close any remaining open programming and encoding Campaign repairs as outlined in the corresponding Service Information Bulletin.

Only when the above 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.

Repair Code:	6135691500	Seat module / seat control unit (incl. holder) Permanent malfunction
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Obtain the flat rate unit (FRU) allowances for the following that applies.

Labor Operation	Description	Labor Allowance
00 00 006	Carrying out vehicle test (Main work)	As applicable
Or:		
00 00 556	Carrying out vehicle test (Plusposition work)	As applicable
And:		
61 21 528	Supporting voltage of the vehicle electrical system / recharging vehicle battery	As applicable
And, as needed:		
61 00 006*	Carrying out vehicle diagnosis, ABL (Work time)	WT FRU
Or:		
00 58 500*	Diagnosis Worktime Flat Rate	2 FRU
And:		
61 00 730	Program/encode control unit(s), includes deleting the fault memory	As applicable

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, or exclude them (including 61 21 528) when the Vehicle Test is included in another repair.

Work time labor operation codes 61 00 006 and 00 58 500 are not considered Main labor operations.

Vehicle Programming and Encoding – Additional Work (RO and Claim Comments Required)

This procedure automatically reprograms and encodes any vehicle control modules that do not have the latest software I-level.

If one or more control modules fail during the reprogramming procedure, claim the required consequential repair

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to the SIB in AIR) under the Repair Code in this bulletin together with the corresponding labor operation codes and their flat rate unit (FRU) allowance(s), including the diagnosis* that applies.

Please explain the additional work procedures that were performed (The why and the what) on the repair order and in the claim comments.

For covered repairs that address control module failures that occurred prior to performing this reprogramming procedure, claim this work with the applicable Repair Code listed in AIR together with the corresponding labor operation codes and their flat rate unit (FRU) allowance(s), including the diagnosis* that applies.

(*) 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.

Other Repairs (The vehicle’s I Level is not between S18A-25-07-520, and higher to, but not including S18A-25-07-551 or higher)

If other eligible and covered work is performed because of performing the ISTA diagnostics, related test plans, and/or other approved diagnosis procedures, claim this work with the applicable Repair Code listed in AIR together with the corresponding labor operation codes and their flat rate unit (FRU) allowance(s), including the diagnosis* that applies.

BMW Group’s AIR Application Resource for Flat Rate Labor Operation Codes

To obtain the corresponding flat rate unit (FRU) allowance information from the BMW Group AIR application resource, start by entering the the Chassis Number (last seven (7) characters of the VIN), and click on the “Search” icon. If the “Vehicle Selection” window displays two or more model possible vehicle choices, select the applicable Model, or enter the full VIN (17 characters) instead to proceed. Click on the “Flat Rate Units” button and enter a flat rate labor operation code number “without spaces” in the field to the right, click on the “Search” icon to display the corresponding listing of “Flat rate unit group details” that are available and their corresponding FRU allowances.

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