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CENTER CONSOLE ARMREST BUTTON FALLS OUT

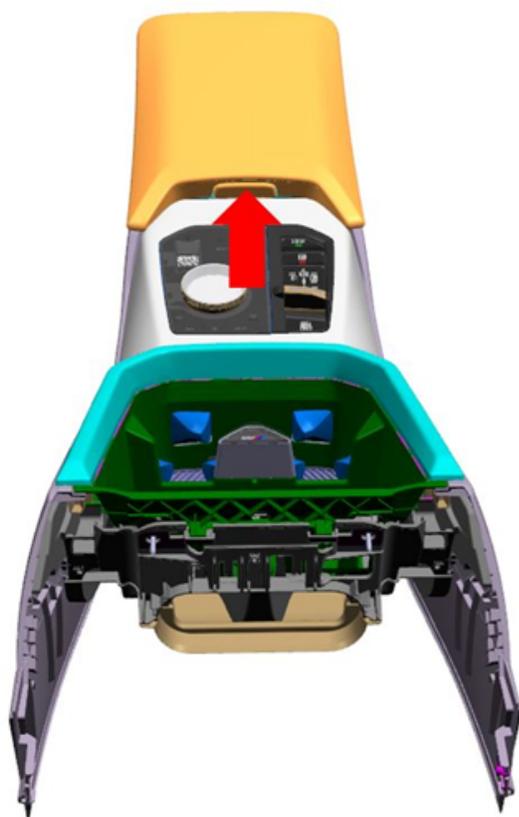
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MODEL

E-Series	Model Description
G45	X3 Sports Activity Vehicle

SITUATION



The center console armrest unlock button (arrow) pops out when attempting to open, and/or when closing the center console armrest.

Viewed looking rearward.

CAUSE

Unfavorable fitment of the lock button in the center armrest.

CORRECTION

Replace the center armrest lock button with an updated part, version AI 02 or higher (located on the parts label).

PROCEDURE

1. Verify the customer's concern (**See the Claim Information section first for related information**).
2. Replace the center console unlock button. **DO NOT REPLACE THE CENTER CONSOLE ASSEMBLY!**

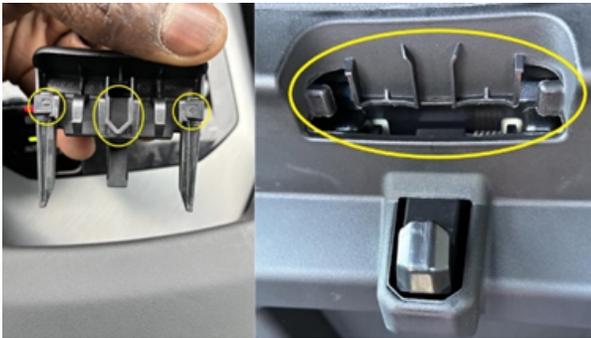
If the faulty button has been reinstalled, you will need to remove it from the center console armrest to replace it.

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Note: There is no REP instruction or labor operation code available for this repair, though it should not require any tools. Refer to the procedures below.



3. With the lid slightly open, place your fingers on the button's lip (yellow arrow) and gently pull the button out in the direction of the red arrow.



4. During reinstallation, ensure the button is not flipped and that the guides are used for proper installation (guides shown in illustration).



5. When installing the new button, you should hear an audible click once it is fully seated.



6. Once the repair is complete, check the latch and button operation before closing the armrest.

PARTS INFORMATION

Use and invoice the part number below:

Part Number	Description	Quantity
51 16 5 A76 B42	Center arm rest lock	1

CLAIM INFORMATION

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

Repair Code:	5116463700	Centre armrest / armrest lock Loose
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Diagnosis

Labor Operation	Description	Labor Allowance
51 00 001*	Localizing body complaint(s) (Work time)	Up to 2 FRU WT Max.
Or:		
00 58 500*	Diagnosis Worktime Flat Rate	2 FRU

Work time labor operation codes 51 00 001 and 00 58 500 are not considered Main labor operations.

And, with the diagnosis above that applies to your center together with the work below that was performed.

Repair

Labor Operation	Description	Labor Allowance
51 99 000*	Work time for replacing the center console unlock button (Main work)	3 FRU
Or:		
51 99 000*	Work time for replacing the center console unlock button (Plusposition work)	2 FRU

If you are using a Main labor operation code for another repair, then only claim the work time allowance that

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(*) 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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