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REAR SEAT BACKREST FOR THE 2ND SEAT ROW IS STUCK WHEN FOLDED DOWN

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MODEL

E-Series	Model Description	Production Date	Affected Option Code
G05	X5 Sports Activity Vehicle	From Start of Production including LCI models	With optional equipment 04UB third-row seating
G07	X7 Sports Activity Vehicle		With standard equipment 60/40 folding second row seating

SITUATION

The customer brings vehicle in with one or both of the second row 60/40 split seats in the folded position. The seat does not respond to any requests from the second seat row seat switch button(s).

CAUSE

During comfort entry (easy entry) to the third-row seating, pressure is applied manually while the rear seat backrest of the second row of seats is folded down.

OR

The rear seat backrest of the second row is already folded down, and pressure is applied to it.

OR

One of the second seat row manual release cables has been actuated, and the seat is now in an in-between position.

Seat Manual Release 1



The second row 60/40 seat can be manually released in case of electrical failure to access the third-row seats.

This is located at the outer pivot point on each side of the 2nd row seat.

Seat Manual Release 2



The seat release (red) is for the third-row passenger to actuate- folding the second-seat row 60/40 backrest- to allow occupants to exit the vehicle in case of electrical failure.

CORRECTION

Initialize the seat.

If initialization does not restore operation, check the microswitch status using ISTA.

- See Video BV520126 Reset second seat row manual release G07

If the seat backrest microswitch does not read closed with the seat backrest folded, press the rear seat backrest down with force until it engages correctly.

PROCEDURE

To address this issue, proceed as follows:

1. Perform a seat initialization.

1a. **Yes, initialization worked.** Reassess the vehicle and hand it back to the customer.

Or:

1b. **No, initialization did not work** or was aborted, continue with step 2.

Note: There may be seat module-specific “No seat adjustment because of engine start conditions” faults stored.

2. Read out the status of the second seat row microswitch using the diagnosis system.

To do this, use the path below.

Body --> Seat adjustment --> Seat adjustment driver's side/passenger's side rear --> Buttons and switches

2a. **No, the microswitch is open.**

Continue with step 3.

Or:

2b. **Yes, the microswitch is closed.**

Continue diagnosis.



3. Press the folded rear seat backrest down with force until it engages correctly. This also engages the microswitch to indicate to the vehicle electronics that the seat is now in the folded position.

Then check whether the electrical adjustment is working, and reassess the vehicle.

See Video BV520126 Reset second seat row manual release G07

NOTE: The seat does not need to be removed from the vehicle to perform this repair.

4. These networked seats are described in detail in Service Bulletin [B52 23 19](#) which contains information on seat initialization and all relevant seat bulletins,

PARTS INFORMATION

No parts are required for this repair.

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

Repair Code:	5220156500	Backrest lock / rear seat adjustment / cargo adjuster/ rear seat backrest lock Does not lock into position
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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)	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)	Step 1a: Up to 2 FRU WT
		Or: Step 1b and Step 2a: Up to 4 FRU WT
Or:		
00 58 500*	Diagnosis Worktime Flat Rate	2 FRU
And:		
61 00 828	61 00 828 Initialize a system (Seat) (With performing Steps 1a, 1b and 2a. For Step 2b, also see below)	As applicable
When required:		
52 99 000	Steps 1b, 2a to Step 3: Work time to manually engage and reset the microswitch to show that the seat is now in the folded position	2 FRU

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, 00 58 500, 52 99 000 are not considered Main labor operations.

Step 2b - Other Repairs (With and After Continued Diagnosis)

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.

(*) 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.

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 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

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“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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