



This Service Information bulletin supersedes SI 31 01 09 **dated February 2009.**

NEW designates changes to this revision

SUBJECT

Creaking or Groaning Noise During Compression and/or Rebound of Front Axle

MODEL

NEW

E82 (1 Series Coupe)

E88 (1 Series Convertible)

E90 (3 Series Sedan)

E91 (3 Series Sports Wagon)

E92 (3 Series Coupe)

E93 (3 Series Convertible)

Produced from SOP to 11/2010 except for the M3

SITUATION

A grating or groaning noise is heard when the front axle compresses and/or rebounds. This may be heard particularly over speed bump-type surfaces. The noise normally occurs at lower outside temperatures. The noise may be less prevalent when the vehicle has been driven up to the operating temperature.

CORRECTION

Replace the front sway bar bushings with the improved parts. Important: Only lubricate with water to assist in the installation of the new bushings.

NEW Note: Vulcanized rubber mounts on the sway bar were gradually introduced from 04/2010 to 11/2010. These vulcanized rubber mounts were installed to prevent noises from occurring.

PARTS INFORMATION

Part Number	Description	Quantity
31 30 6 778 064	Stabilizer Rubber Mounting (all with 2WD)	2
31 30 6 778 066	Stabilizer Rubber Mounting (E9x with AWD)	2

WARRANTY INFORMATION

Covered under the terms of the BMW New Vehicle Limited Warranty

Defect Code:	31 35 02 39 00	
Labor Operation:	Labor Allowance:	Description:

NEW 31 35 021

Refer to KSD2

Replace both rubber mounts

NEW Labor operation code 31 35 021 is a Main labor operation. If you are using a Main labor code for another repair, use the Plus code labor operation 31 35 521 instead.

NEW Refer to KSD2 for the corresponding flat rate unit (FRU) allowance. Enter the Chassis Number, which consists of the last 7 digits of the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN). Click on the “Search” button, and then enter the applicable flat rate labor operation in the FR code field.

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