



## SIB 01 06 22

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### G32 Front Air Suspension Struts: Ltd Wty Ext To 8 Years/80,000 Miles

This Service Information bulletin (Revision 01) replaces SI B01 06 22 **dated May 2022**

#### What's New:

- The replacement part number matrix has been changed to a graphic format to improve the appearance

## MODEL

E-Series	MY	Model Description	Production Dates
G32	2018 to 2020	640i xDrive Gran Turismo	February 15, 2017 to February 19, 2019

**Note:** The Model information above is for informational purposes only, it is not the only deciding factor.

## Eligible Vehicles

To assist you in identifying those vehicles that have this component-specific extended limited warranty coverage, the DCSnet Warranty Vehicle Inquiry has been updated with the VIN and Component-specific Vehicle Comment shown below:

**Please see SI B01 06 22 (DC 37 11 90 01 00): For this vehicle, the front air suspension strut assemblies limited warranty for defects in materials or workmanship has been extended to 8 years/80,000 miles as determined from the original in-service date. This coverage is subject to the same vehicle eligibility requirements, limitations, and exclusions that apply to the BMW New Vehicle Limited Warranty. The G32 rear air suspension strut assemblies are excluded from this coverage.**

**Note:** Before performing a repair and submitting a claim, first confirm that the vehicle has the above Notice of Limited Warranty Extension in the DCSnet Warranty Inquiry Vehicle Comments section.

If you have Extended Limited Warranty (ELW) eligibility and/or coverage questions, please contact the Warranty department through IDS by selecting Coverage, Policy, Coding Questions and Mileage Corrections prior to performing any repair.

## SITUATION

### Component-Specific Limited Warranty Extension



For the eligible vehicles, BMW of North America, LLC (BMW NA) is extending the limited warranty for the vehicle's **front air suspension strut assemblies (item # 1 Front, shown)** to:

- 8 years/80,000 miles, as determined by the vehicle's original in-service date.**

**This extended limited warranty coverage only applies to the front air suspension struts. The rear air suspension strut assemblies and the other air suspension system-related components are excluded from this coverage.**

This component-specific limited warranty extension applies to defects in materials or workmanship.

This coverage is subject to the same vehicle eligibility requirements, limitations, and exclusions that apply to the BMW New Vehicle Limited Warranty for Passenger Cars and Light Trucks.

### **Important Note**

Driving over rough or damaged road surfaces, as well as debris, curbs and other obstacles can cause serious damage to wheels, tires, and suspension parts.

This is more likely to occur with low-profile tires that provide less cushioning between the wheel and the road.

Front air suspension strut assembly repairs during the 4 year/50,000 mileage New Vehicle Limited Warranty or the extended limited warranty coverage that are required due to outside influence are not covered.

**Note: This bulletin is notice of a limited warranty extension. This is NOT a notice of a Recall or Service Action.**

There is no immediate repair required unless the BMW vehicle is currently experiencing this problem.

### **Customer Notification Letter**

Even though this is NOT a Recall, BMW NA is sending VIN-specific customer notification letters.

### **CAUSE**

For the Model vehicles listed above, the front air suspension strut assemblies (front axle left and/or right side) may experience a loss of air when the vehicle sits stationary for prolonged periods, causing the affected side(s) of the vehicle to drop or lean.

Additionally, acoustic type noises (rattling, cracking) may also occur and be heard while driving on rough road surfaces, over speed bumps or when frequent hard steering maneuvers are performed to enter and/or exit a parking space.

### **CORRECTION**

Follow the instructions in the PROCEDURE section.

### **PROCEDURE**

If a vehicle listed above arrives at your center with the issue described in the Cause above, perform diagnosis, and when required, replace the front air suspension strut assembly (one or both) as applicable.

A wheel alignment check and adjustment procedure, after performing this repair, is not required.

This extended limited warranty coverage only applies to the front air suspension strut assemblies.

The rear air suspension strut assemblies and the other air suspension system-related components are excluded from this coverage.

**Note:** When this repair is required to be performed, and it is determined that a front air strut assembly has an accumulated mileage that is more than 100,000 km (62,140 miles), replace the front air strut assemblies in sets on that axle (front left and right).

### **PARTS INFORMATION**

#### **Special Replacement Part Ordering Procedure**

1. Use the customer's G32 VIN to determine the applicable **front air suspension strut** Electronic Parts Catalog (ETK/EPC) **Reference Only Part Numbers (1) that apply.**

2. From the table below, use the **ETK Reference Only Part Numbers (1)** to then determine and order the **front air suspension strut assembly replacement New Part Numbers (2)** which is to be used to perform this repair.

### Air Suspension Strut Assembly Front Left/Right (New Part Number 37 10 N NNN NNN)

Front (37 10)	1. ETK Reference Only Part Numbers*				Order >	1. New Part Number*	Quantity
<Left	6 866 701	Or	6 899 047	Or	7 915 961	Order > 5 A4A 7C6	1
Right>	6 866 702	Or	6 899 048	Or	7 915 962	Order > 5 A4A 7C7	1
<Left	6 866 705	Or	6 899 049	Or	7 915 965	Order > 5 A4A 7C9	1
Right>	6 866 706	Or	6 899 050	Or	7 915 966	Order > 5 A4A 7D1	1

- \*When applicable, includes the corresponding part number supersessions.
- Only order these **parts in the quantities needed** to address customers' vehicles that have confirmed failures.

Additionally, other materials and small parts that are not specified above, such as fluids, lubricants, one-time use screws, nuts, and seals, which must be replaced or installed according to the ISTA repair instructions/ETK, must be selected from the Electronic Parts Catalogue, or other approved BMW resources, according to the respective vehicle type. Invoiced these items separately under the repair Defect Code listed in this bulletin.

### CLAIM INFORMATION

This component-specific limited warranty extension to 8 years/80,000 miles applies to eligible US-specification BMW vehicles that are registered, operated, and have their covered repair performed by an authorized BMW center in the United States (including Puerto Rico) for defects in materials or workmanship.

This coverage is subject to the same vehicle eligibility requirements, limitations, and exclusions that apply to the BMW New Vehicle Limited Warranty for Passenger Cars and Light Trucks.

**The existing limited warranty coverage for the whole vehicle and other components has not changed.**

This coverage supersedes the coverage that is provided under the BMW Certified Pre-Owned Program or any BMW Group Vehicle Service Contract that applies to the vehicle.

Should the component fail again, it is covered by the remaining portion of the extended limited warranty coverage period.

### Non-Qualifying Repairs

Repairs performed on ineligible vehicles, eligible vehicles operated and repaired outside the United States and Puerto Rico, and/or the diagnosis and repair of issues beyond the scope of this component-specific coverage, or that are due to outside influences, or any other unrelated issues are not covered by this limited warranty extension. This exclusion also applies to repairs that were performed using (including those repairs that result from using) non-genuine BMW parts and/or used BMW passenger car or light truck parts.

### Qualifying Repairs – Claim Submission

Defect Code:	3711900100	G32 Front-axle air suspension strut
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Refer to AIR for the corresponding flat rate unit (FRU) allowances.

Labor Operation	Description	Labor Allowance
00 00 006	Performing vehicle test (with vehicle diagnosis system – checking faults) ( <b>Main work</b> )	Refer to AIR
Or:		
00 00 556	Performing vehicle test (with vehicle diagnosis system – checking faults) ( <b>Plus work</b> )	Refer to AIR
And:		
61 21 528	Support voltage of the vehicle electrical system / recharge vehicle electrical system battery	Refer to AIR
And, as necessary:		
61 00 006**	Performing vehicle diagnosis – test module	Work time (WT)
Or		
00 58 500**	Diagnosis Worktime Flat Rate (See below)	2 FRU
And:		
37 00 501	Draining/filling air spring system	Refer to AIR
And:		
37 11 550	Replacing air suspension, <b>right or left front</b>	Refer to AIR
Or:		
37 11 555	Replacing <b>both front</b> air suspensions	Refer to AIR

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 (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.

\*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.

### Previous Customer-Pay Repairs – Limited Warranty Extension Reimbursement

Under this extended limited warranty, BMW of North America, LLC (BMW NA) will provide reimbursement for qualifying customer-pay repairs that were performed on an eligible vehicle **prior** to the release of this component-specific limited warranty extension.

Customer-pay repairs are subject to the same vehicle eligibility requirements, limitations, and exclusions that apply to the BMW New Vehicle Limited Warranty for Passenger Cars and Light Trucks.

### Repairs that Do Not Qualify for Reimbursement

Repairs performed on ineligible vehicles, eligible vehicles operated and repaired outside the United States and Puerto Rico, and/or the diagnosis and repair of issues beyond the scope of this component-specific coverage, or that are due to outside influences, or any other unrelated issues are not covered by this limited warranty

extension. This exclusion also applies to repairs that were performed using (including those repairs that result from using) non-genuine BMW parts and/or used BMW passenger car or light truck parts.

### Requesting Reimbursement for a Previous Repair That Qualifies

For a customer to request reimbursement for a qualifying customer-pay repair performed either by an authorized BMW center or independent repair shop located in the United States (including Puerto Rico), please have him/her submit his/her reimbursement request online at [www.BMW-RP.com](http://www.BMW-RP.com) under the following reference:

- B-ELWR Air Struts 8Y80M Frt

### Reimbursement Request Procedure

The online process is initiated by attaching/sending PDF files of the supporting documentation for the prior repair.

The letter also includes alternative methods to request reimbursement, either through the mail or by fax as described below:

BMW Customer Reimbursement Center  
Attention: B-ELWR Air Struts 8Y80M Frt  
P.O. Box 54067  
Hurst, Texas 76054

Fax number: 877-434-2992

**Please allow 4-6 weeks for processing your request.**

Should you have any questions concerning this reimbursement process, please call 1-844-857-0341.

### **QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BULLETIN**

Technical inquiries	Submit feedback at the top of this bulletin
Warranty inquiries	To submit feedback for the CLAIMS section of this bulletin: Submit an IDS ticket to the Warranty Department, or use the chat available in the Warranty Documentation Portal
Parts inquiries	Submit an IDS ticket to the Parts Department

Supporting Materials

[picture\\_as\\_pdf B010622 Customer Letter.pdf](#)



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May 2022

This **“Important Limited Warranty Information,”** effective with the date listed above, applies to the BMW model with the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) of **WBAJV6C50J** [REDACTED]

Dear BMW Owner/Lessee:

BMW is committed to delivering the ultimate in product satisfaction to our customers.

Towards that end, BMW is extending the limited warranty for the:

- **Front Air Suspension Strut Assemblies (G32)**

On the above-referenced vehicle to:

- **8 years/80,000 miles, as determined by your vehicle’s original in-service date.**

This “component-specific” limited warranty extension applies to defects in materials or workmanship. This coverage is subject to the same vehicle eligibility requirements, limitations, and exclusions that apply to the BMW New Vehicle Limited Warranty for Passenger Cars and Light Trucks.

**This is a notice of a “limited warranty extension.” It is not a notice of a Recall or Service Action.**

If a repair to this component is required, please contact your nearest authorized BMW center in the United States or Puerto Rico to schedule an appointment.

Your BMW center will confirm your vehicle’s eligibility and review the scope of the repairs to determine if this extended limited warranty coverage applies. After vehicle inspection and diagnosis, eligible repair work will be performed by the authorized BMW center free of charge.

Repairs performed on ineligible vehicles, eligible vehicles operated and repaired outside the United States and Puerto Rico, and/or the diagnosis and repair of issues beyond the scope of this component-specific coverage or that are due to outside influences, or any other unrelated issues are not covered by this limited warranty extension. This exclusion also applies to repairs that were performed using (including those repairs that result from using) non-genuine BMW parts and/or used BMW passenger car or light truck parts.

The integrity of our products is essential to BMW’s success and our customers’ trust. We are determined to exceed your expectations and hope this warranty extension further enhances your ownership experience.

Sincerely,

BMW of North America, LLC

B-ELW Front Air Suspension Strut Assemblies (G32) 8Y80M (2022) SAMPLE

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## Previous Customer-Pay Repairs – Limited Warranty Extension Reimbursement

### BMW of North America, LLC

May 2022

**VIN WBAJV6C50J** [REDACTED]

For the BMW model with the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) listed above, BMW of North America, LLC (“BMW NA”) will reimburse “qualifying customer-pay repairs” that were performed prior to the release of this component-specific limited warranty extension.

Customer-pay repairs are subject to the same vehicle and coverage eligibility requirements, exclusions and limitations that apply to the BMW New Vehicle Limited Warranty for Passenger Cars and Light Trucks.

### Repairs That Do Not Qualify for Reimbursement

Repairs performed on ineligible vehicles, eligible vehicles operated and repaired outside the United States and Puerto Rico, and/or the diagnosis and repair of issues beyond the scope of this component-specific coverage or that are due to outside influence, or any other unrelated issues are not covered by this limited warranty extension. This exclusion also applies to repairs that were performed using (including those repairs that result from using) non-genuine BMW parts and/or used BMW passenger car or light truck parts.

### Requesting Reimbursement for a Previous Repair that Qualifies

If you previously had a “qualifying customer-pay repair” performed either by an authorized BMW center or independent repair shop located in the United States (including Puerto Rico), please submit your reimbursement request “online” at [www.BMW-RP.com](http://www.BMW-RP.com) under the following reference:

#### Covered Component Code

B-ELWR Air Struts 8Y80M Frt

To initiate the online process, you will be asked to attach PDF files of the required documentation as outlined in the reimbursement checklist on the next page.

Alternatively, you may mail or fax your request, and documentation to:

BMW Customer Reimbursement Center  
Attention: B-ELWR Air Struts 8Y80M Frt  
P.O. Box 54067  
Hurst, TX 76054

Fax number: 877-434-2992

**Please allow 4-6 weeks for processing your request.**

Should you have any questions concerning this reimbursement process, please call 1-844-857-0341.



# Front Air Suspension Strut Assemblies (G32): Limited Warranty Extension to 8 Years/80,000 Miles

## Previous Customer-pay Repair Reimbursement – Documentation Checklist

### BMW of North America, LLC

Reimbursement is available to the BMW Owner/Lessee who incurred the expense.

When submitting a reimbursement for a previous repair, please provide **legible copies** of the following documentation and include your VIN, name, address and your preferred contact telephone number(s):

#### Repair Order (RO) or Invoice

This document should include the following information:

- Customer name and address
- Vehicle Identification Number (“VIN”)
- The date of repair
- The mileage when the repair was performed
- Itemized breakdown of the labor charges for all repairs\* including diagnosis
- Itemized breakdown of the parts, including any miscellaneous items, billed for all repairs\*

\*For repair orders containing multiple repair line items, only the specific line-item expenses that relate to the component that is covered by this extended limited warranty will be considered for reimbursement.

#### Proof of Payment

Please provide a copy of at least **one** of the following items as valid proof of payment:

- Repair order (RO)/invoice stamped and dated as “PAID”
- Copy of a cancelled check
- Copy of a signed credit/debit card receipt
- Copy of a credit/debit card statement

#### Determining if an eligible vehicle’s repair qualifies for reimbursement:

Please use the following questions to review your repair order documentation prior to submitting a reimbursement request:

1. Why was the vehicle brought into the repair facility?
2. What was the repair facility's diagnosis?
3. What did the repair facility do to correct the concern, and does it qualify?





# Front Air Suspension Struts (G32): Limited Warranty Extension to 8 Years/80,000 Miles

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

- 1. With the release of this notification, which BMW Group US models are potentially eligible for this component-specific Limited Warranty Extension?**

<b>E-Series</b>	<b>MY</b>	<b>Model Description</b>
G32	2018 to 2020	640i xDrive Gran Turismo

- 2. What is the specific issue with the Front Air Suspension Strut assemblies?**

For the Model listed above, front air suspension strut assemblies (left and/or right side) may experience a loss of air when your vehicle sits stationary for prolonged periods, causing the affected side(s) of the vehicle to drop or lean.

Additionally, acoustic type noises (rattling, cracking) may also occur and be heard while driving on rough road surfaces, over speed bumps or when frequent hard steering maneuvers are performed to enter and/or exit a parking space.

- 3. What should I do if I notice a similar condition in my vehicle?**

Please contact an authorized BMW center in the United States (including Puerto Rico) to have your vehicle inspected, and as necessary, repaired.

- 4. How will my vehicle be repaired?**

If it is determined that the front air suspension strut assemblies in your vehicle are causing the issues described above due to a defect materials or workmanship, the affected air strut assembly will be replaced free of charge under the terms of this 8 year/80,000-mile extended limited warranty coverage.

**Note:** The rear air suspension strut assemblies are excluded.

Also, any other air suspension system-related issues that are beyond the scope of this component-specific extended coverage and/or are that are due to outside influences are excluded from this coverage.

