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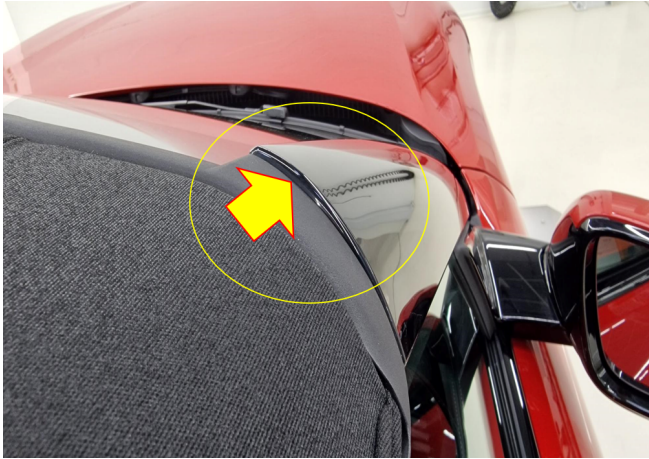
## OUTER A-PILLAR TRIM PANEL PROTRUDES TOWARDS THE COWL SEAL

 THIS REPAIR IS MOBILE FRIENDLY

### MODEL

E-Series	Model Description	Production Date
G29	Z4 Roadster	November 1, 2018 – June 30, 2023

### SITUATION



The outer A-pillar trim panel (arrow) protrudes outward (circled) towards the cowl seal.

The passenger side is shown, but the situation can also occur on the driver's A-pillar.

### CAUSE

Upon installation of the trim, the mounting clips were lubricated to make installation easier. However, this reduces the retaining force, and the trim can easily be unclipped.

### CORRECTION

Degrease/clean the clips/clip holes using a clean dry rag.

### PROCEDURE

1. Remove the outer A-pillar trim panel along with the clips.
2. Clean/remove any grease from the clips.  
**Note: Replace any broken/damaged clips/trim.**
3. Reinstall the clips and trim panel onto the vehicle and verify the repair.

### PARTS INFORMATION

Only when applicable: To determine the part number that applies to the specific vehicle being repaired, enter the VIN/chassis number into either ETK or AIR, this will consider the specific equipment and/or options that are fitted to the vehicle.

Part Number	Description	Quantity
51 33 7 429 649	Cover, column A left	1
51 33 7 429 650	Cover column A right	1

### CLAIM INFORMATION

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

<b>Repair Code:</b>	<b>5113284100</b>	<b>Outer finisher, A-pillar poorly adapted/fitted</b>
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### Diagnosis

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

And, together with the repair below that was performed, obtain the flat rate unit (FRU) allowances for the following that applies.

### Repairing the Left or Right Side

Labor Operation	Description	Labor Allowance
51 31 045	Remove and install/replace the cover for the left or right <b>outer A-pillar (Main work)</b>	As applicable
Or:		
51 31 545	Remove and install/replace the cover for the left or right <b>outer A-pillar (Plusposition)</b>	As applicable
And:		
51 99 000	Work time to clean/remove any grease from the <b>outer A-pillar clips (one side)</b> Note: Replace any broken/damaged clips/trim	1 FRU

If you are using a Main labor code for another repair, use the Plus code labor operation 51 31 545 instead of 51 31 045.

Or:

### Repairing Both Sides

Labor Operation	Description	Labor Allowance
51 31 046	Remove and install/replace both covers for the outer A-pillar <b>(Main work)</b>	As applicable
Or:		
51 31 546	Remove and install/replace both covers for the outer A-pillar <b>(Plusposition)</b>	As applicable
And:		
51 99 000	Work time to clean/remove any grease from the <b>outer A-pillar clips (both sides)</b> Note: Replace any broken/damaged clips/trim	2 FRU

If you are using a Main labor code for another repair, use the Plus code labor operation 51 31 546 instead of 51 31 046.

Work time labor operation codes 51 00 001, 00 58 500, and 51 99 000 are not considered Main labor operations.

### 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, which consists of the VIN's last seven (7) characters or use

the full VIN. Click on the “Search” button, and then enter the applicable flat rate labor operation in the FR code field.

\*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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