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BMW 3 Series (E36) with 318 tds (M41) engine

Poor throttle response

If there are complaints about the above fault, the cause could be the fuel pump. The fault may also become noticeable in that the engine judders and stutters. In addition, the engine warning light illuminates and the fault "injection start" is stored. These faults arise when the tank level is low (<20 litres).

Note:

Due to a defective fuel pump, the left-hand side of the tank is full, the right-hand side is empty or less full. Fuel is no longer pumped from left to right. In this case, proceed as follows:

- Check the voltage supply of the pump. There should be a minimum of 9 V when loads (heated rear window, lights, blower etc.) are switched on. It may be that the plug-connection for the supply voltage is defective or pulled apart. This connection is under the black cover under the carpet on the left-hand side in the rear footwell.
- If there is sufficient supply voltage, the fuel pump must be replaced.
- Delete the fault memory.

