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BMW 5 Series (E39) - all models with automatic transmission

Vehicle does not start when selector lever is in P or N position.

If there are complaints about the above-mentioned fault, one possible cause is a defective selector lever position switch. This can be diagnosed as follows:

- Check the fault memory read-out for the gearbox control unit (if possible).
- Check the gear change cable adjustment.

If the gear change cable adjustment is alright, the selector lever position switch should be replaced.



Selector lever position switch

Gear change cable



