



BMW E31, E36, E38, E39

Ignition lock slips freely without resistance.

If there are complaints with these vehicles that the ignition lock slips freely with the vehicle key or an external key without the engine starting up, one possible cause is a broken bridge in the ignition lock. The bridge in the ignition lock is a pre-determined breaking point which breaks if force is applied and makes free slipping of the locking cylinder possible. This function is intended to make it more difficult for these vehicles to be stolen. In this case the vehicle can be started up by the original key being inserted into the ignition lock as far as possible.

To eliminate the problem, the faulty ignition lock has to be replaced by a new one.

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