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E39 model year: 10/1998 – 10/1999

Xenon light not working

With these vehicles it can occur that one or both xenon headlamps cannot be switched on although the light switch is in the “dipped beam” position and the ignition has been switched on or the engine started. The headlamps can only be switched on if the light switch is returned to “0” and then, after a wait of at least 2 seconds, to the “dipped beam” position again. A brief sharp drop in voltage in the vehicle electrical system must be considered as a possible cause. This prevents the “ignition procedure” of the xenon lamps by the ballast (xenon control unit) taking place. If there are complaints about this problem, the lamp control module should be re-coded. If this does not help it is possible that one or both of the ballasts are faulty. For the E39, ballasts with Hella part number 5DV 007 760-651 (see photo) can be used.

