



BMW E39

Screen wipe/wash function

If the wipe/wash function no longer works properly in the case of the above vehicles, this may have been caused by the incorrect connection of a different radio or the installation of a handsfree telephone.

The faulty operation is such that the wiper works only in intermittent mode, irrespective of the position to which the wiper switch is set.

The wipe/wash system works in relation to vehicle speed and uses the signals from the wheel speed sensors for this. It can quickly be established whether a faulty speed signal is being given by obtaining a readout of the ABS fault memory. If there is no fault stored, the cause could be an incorrectly connected radio installed at a later date, or a retrofitted handsfree telephone system. If installation has not been carried out correctly (no radio adapter available or wrong adapter used), the wipe/wash control unit does not receive a speed signal from the radio plug. When retrofitting a handsfree telephone, particular care must be taken, as the "mute cable" may be the same colour as the cable for the wipe/wash speed signal, which can lead to them becoming mixed up.