

BMW 3 Series
1997-2005



Flatbed Towing Procedures:

- DO NOT use towing eyelet to load vehicle.
- Attach to “T” slot under black jack pad.
- DO NOT attach to any suspension or steering component to load to secure vehicle.
- Ramping may be necessary.

Wheel lift Towing Procedures:

- Wheel lift may be used if vehicle is inaccessible to a flatbed truck.
- A tow dolly may be needed under the trailing end to provide clearance.
- Maintain adequate clearance between towing equipment and vehicle to prevent damage.

Jump Starting:

- Jump start connection located under hood on passenger’s side.
- Follow normal jump start procedures.
- Battery is located in trunk on right side.

Tires:

- A spare tire, jack and tools are under trunk floor.

BMW 5 Series
1997-2003



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- Battery is located in trunk on right side.

Tires:

- A spare tire, jack and tools are under trunk floor.

BMW 7 Series
1997-2001



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- Follow normal jump start procedures.
- Battery is located in trunk on right side.

Tires:

- A spare tire, jack and tools are under trunk floor.

BMW 3 Series 2 door 2007
4 door 2006-2007



Flatbed Towing Procedures:

- Use the towing eyelet to load vehicle.
- DO NOT remove black jack pad as damage will result or to any suspension or steering component to load to secure vehicle.
- Ramping may be necessary.

Wheel lift Towing Procedures:

- Wheel lift and tow dolly may be used if the vehicle is inaccessible to a flatbed truck.
- Maintain adequate clearance between towing equipment and vehicle to prevent damage.

Jump Starting:

- Battery is located in trunk on right side.
- Jump start connection located under hood on passenger's side.
- Follow normal jump start procedures and precautions.

Tires:

- These vehicles are equipped with Run-Flat tires or they may have an M Mobility inflation kit.

BMW 3 Series 2 door
2006



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- DO NOT use towing eyelet to load vehicle.
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- Ramping may be necessary.

Wheel lift Towing Procedures:

- Wheel lift may be used if vehicle is inaccessible to a flatbed truck.
- A tow dolly may be needed under the trailing end to provide clearance.
- Maintain adequate clearance between towing equipment and vehicle to prevent damage.

Jump Starting:

- Battery is located in trunk on right side.
- Jump start connection located under hood on passenger's side.
- Follow normal jump start procedures.

Tires:

- A spare tire, jack and tools are under trunk floor.

BMW 5 Series
2004-2007



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- DO NOT attach to "T" slot under black jack pad or to any suspension or steering component to load to secure vehicle.
- Ramping may be necessary.

Wheel lift Towing Procedures:

- Wheel lift and tow dolly may be used if the vehicle is inaccessible to a flatbed truck.
- Maintain adequate clearance between towing equipment and vehicle to prevent damage.

Jump Starting:

- Battery is located in trunk on right side.
- Jump start connection located under hood on passenger's side.
- Follow normal jump start procedures and precautions.

Tires:

- These vehicles are equipped with Run-Flat tires or an inflation kit for the deflated road wheel.

BMW Z3
1996-2002



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- Ramping may be necessary.

Wheel lift Towing Procedures:

- Wheel lift and tow dolly may be used if vehicle is inaccessible to a flatbed truck.
- A tow dolly is necessary under the trailing end to provide clearance.
- Maintain adequate clearance between towing equipment and vehicle to prevent damage.

Jump Starting:

- Jump start connection located under hood on passenger’s side.
- Battery is located in trunk on right side.
- Follow normal jump start procedures.

Tires:

- A spare tire, jack and tools are under trunk floor.

BMW Z4, M Coupe and
M Roadster 2003-2007



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- Attach to “T” slot under black jack pad.
- DO NOT attach to any suspension or steering component to load to secure vehicle.
- Ramping may be necessary.

Wheel lift Towing Procedures:

- Wheel lift and tow dolly may be used if vehicle is inaccessible to a flatbed truck.
- A tow dolly is necessary under the trailing end to provide clearance.
- Maintain adequate clearance between towing equipment and vehicle to prevent damage.

Jump Starting:

- Jump start connection located under hood on passenger’s side
- Battery is located in trunk on right side.
- Follow normal jump start procedures.

Tires:

- Equipped with Run-Flat tires or M Mobility inflation system.

BMW Z8
1997-2003



Flatbed Towing Procedures:

- DO NOT use towing eyelet to load vehicle.
- Attach to “T” slot under black jack pad.
- DO NOT attach to any suspension or steering component to load to secure vehicle.
- Ramping may be necessary.

Wheel lift Towing Procedures:

- Wheel lift and tow dolly may be used if vehicle is inaccessible to a flatbed truck.
- A tow dolly is necessary under the trailing end to provide clearance.
- Maintain adequate clearance between towing equipment and vehicle to prevent damage.

Jump Starting:

- Jump start connection located under hood on passenger’s side.
- Battery is located in trunk on right side.
- Follow normal jump start procedures.

Tires:

- A spare tire, jack and tools are under trunk floor.

BMW X3
2003-2007



Flatbed Towing Procedures:

- Use the towing eyelet provided in the tool kit to load vehicle.
- DO NOT attach to “T” slot under black jack pad or to any suspension or steering component to load to secure vehicle.
- Ramping may be necessary.

Wheel lift Towing Procedures:

- Wheel lift and tow dolly may be used if vehicle is inaccessible to a flatbed truck.
- A tow dolly is needed to prevent driveline damage.
- Maintain adequate clearance between towing equipment and vehicle to prevent damage.

Jump Starting:

- Jump start connection located under hood on passenger’s side.
- Battery is located in trunk on right side.
- Follow normal jump start procedures.

Tires:

- A spare tire, jack and tools are under cargo area floor.

BMW X5
2000-2006



Flatbed Towing Procedures:

- DO NOT use towing eyelet to load vehicle.
- Attach to “T” slot under black jack pad.
- DO NOT attach to any suspension or steering component to load to secure vehicle.
- Ramping may be necessary.

Wheel lift Towing Procedures:

- Wheel lift and tow dolly may be used if vehicle is inaccessible to a flatbed truck.
- A tow dolly is needed under the trailing end to prevent driveline damage.
- Maintain adequate clearance between towing equipment and vehicle to prevent damage.

Jump Starting:

- Jump start connection located under hood on passenger’s side.
- Battery is located in trunk on right side.
- Follow normal jump start procedures.

Tires:

- A spare tire, jack and tools are under cargo area floor.

BMW 6 Series
2004-2007



Flatbed Towing Procedures:

- Use the towing eyelet to load vehicle.
- DO NOT attach to “T” slot under black jack pad or to any suspension or steering component to load to secure vehicle.
- Ramping may be necessary.

Wheel lift Towing Procedures:

- Wheel lift and tow dolly may be used if the vehicle is inaccessible to a flatbed truck.
- Maintain adequate clearance between towing equipment and vehicle to prevent damage.

Jump Starting:

- Jump start connection located under hood on passenger’s side.
- Battery is located in trunk on right side.
- Follow normal jump start procedures.

Tires:

- These vehicles are equipped with Run-Flat tires or an inflation kit for the deflated road wheel.

BMW M3 or M Series 2 door
1997-2007



**Flatbed Towing
Procedures:**

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- Attach to “T” slot under black jack pad.
- DO NOT attach to any suspension or steering component to load to secure vehicle.
- Ramping may be necessary.

**Wheel lift Towing
Procedures:**

- Wheel lift may be used if vehicle is inaccessible to a flatbed truck.
- A tow dolly may be needed under the trailing end to provide clearance.
- Maintain adequate clearance between towing equipment and vehicle to prevent damage.

Jump Starting:

- Jump start connection located under hood on passenger’s side.
- Battery is located in trunk on right side.
- Follow normal jump start procedures.

Tires:

- Most late models have M Mobility system. Others have a spare tire and tools are under trunk floor.

BMW M5
1997-2003



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Procedures:**

- DO NOT use towing eyelet to load vehicle.
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- DO NOT attach to any suspension or steering component to load to secure vehicle.
- Ramping may be necessary.

**Wheel lift Towing
Procedures:**

- Wheel lift may be used if vehicle is inaccessible to a flatbed truck.
- A tow dolly may be needed under the trailing end to provide clearance.
- Maintain adequate clearance between towing equipment and vehicle to prevent damage.

Jump Starting:

- Jump start connection located under hood on passenger’s side.
- Battery is located in trunk on right side.
- Follow normal jump start procedures.

Tires:

- A spare tire, jack and tools are under trunk floor.

BMW M5
2004-2007



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Procedures:**

- Use the towing eyelet to load vehicle.
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- Ramping may be necessary.

**Wheel lift Towing
Procedures:**

- Wheel lift and tow dolly may be used if the vehicle is inaccessible to a flatbed truck.
- Maintain adequate clearance between towing equipment and vehicle to prevent damage.

Jump Starting:

- Jump start connection located under hood on passenger’s side.
- Battery is located in trunk on right side.
- Follow normal jump start procedures.

Tires:

- These vehicles are equipped an inflation kit for the deflated road wheel or Run-Flat tires.

2007 BMW X5 Service Information

Jump Starting: Boosting pins are located on the driver's side of the engine compartment. The positive pin is located next to the driver's front strut tower under a black plastic cover with a red "+" sign on top. Connect the negative to the bolt just forward of the driver's strut tower or a clean metal area of the engine block. Follow normal boosting precautions as outlined in the "General Information" section in the AAA/CAA towing manual. The battery is located on the right side of the cargo area behind a removable trim panel.

Tires: Some BMW X5 models are equipped with "Run-flat" tires while others are equipped with temporary spare tires and the tools necessary to change the tire. The spare tire and tools are located under the floor of the rear cargo area. Ensure that the key is not in the ignition while changing the tire to prevent air suspension system from adjusting.

Fuel: Premium fuel is recommended for these vehicles. If the fuel filler door will not unlock with the central locking system, a manual override is located on the right side of the rear cargo area behind a removable panel. Look for a round green pull knob about the size of a nickel.



Electromechanical Parking Brake: This unit is set using the switch on the center console next to the shifter with the ((P)) on it. Pulling up on the button will set the brake and pushing down on it should release the parking brake. If this system is not functioning properly, there is an override procedure for it. The first step is to ensure there is battery power in the vehicle so connect your jump start system following all normal precautions as outlined above. If it still does not function, ensure that the vehicle's transmission is in PARK and/or chock the wheels to prevent the vehicle from rolling. Open the rear hatch, locate the release tool in the tool kit under the cargo area floor. Open the driver's side panel in the cargo area, remove the first aid kit and reflective triangle, if equipped. Install the releasing tool at the release point. Firmly pull up on the releasing tool against the mechanical resistance until a distinct increase in force is felt and the parking brake is clearly heard to disengage. The next time the parking brake button is pressed with the brake pedal depress the system should be reset.

Shift Interlock Override:

This vehicle uses an electric gearshift inhibitor which is activated every time the vehicle is shut off. If an electrical malfunction occurs it may be necessary to perform the following override procedure to place the vehicle in Neutral so it can be moved or towed. If this procedure is needed due to an electrical malfunction, it is recommended that you release the parking brake first before proceeding with this procedure. Open the rear hatch, locate the release tool in the tool kit under the cargo area floor. Depress the brake pedal or secure the vehicle in position. Open the cover over the cup holders directly in front of the gear selector. Remove the bottom liner of the driver's side cup holder to reveal a plug. Insert the release tool into the center of the plug and turn it counter clockwise to remove the plug. Insert the release tool into the hole created by removing the plug, turn the release tool clockwise until it stops. Press down on the release tool to release the park lock or gearshift inhibitor. Removing the release tool by pulling up re-engages the park lock so the tool will have to stay in place while the vehicle is being moved or loaded on to or off of a tow truck.

BMW 7 Series
2002-2007



Flatbed Towing Procedures:

Use only car carrier equipment with safety chains and proper tie-down devices.

"T" hook slots are located under the black jacking pads of the vehicle inboard of the wheels along the rocker panel area. Removal of the jacking pad is necessary to expose the "T" hook slots. When loading this vehicle onto a car carrier attach winching device to the T-slots in the frame. Additional ramping is required when loading onto a car carrier. Do not use J-Hooks on any suspension and/or steering components. If control arms must be used for loading or recovery, use only axle straps, then connect the bridle to the straps.

NOTE: Do not use the towing eye bolt to load the vehicle.

This model may be equipped with optional air suspension system. If so, four wheel strap tie-downs must be used to avoid potential damage to the system. The air suspension may lower the car at any time. Use extreme caution!

Wheel lift Towing Procedures:

- Wheel lift and tow dolly may be used if the vehicle is inaccessible to a flatbed truck.
- Maintain adequate clearance between towing equipment and vehicle to prevent damage.

Jump Starting:

Jump-starting should be avoided because of possible damage to certain electronic components. Disconnecting the battery leads and charging the battery is recommended. If charging is not possible and the vehicle must be jump-started, follow normal jump starting precautions:

1. Ensure that the vehicles are not touching.
2. Never apply more than standard charging system voltage to the vehicle. Make connections with the engine of the service vehicle turned OFF.
3. Make connections at the jump-starting terminals located under the hood at the passenger side strut tower. The positive terminal is marked "+" and is under a small cover on the side of the strut tower. The negative terminal is a post pointing straight up at the top of the tower.
4. Start the service vehicle engine. Allow the dead battery to charge for a few minutes, then start the disabled vehicle in the usual manner.
5. Before disconnecting the jumper cables, allow the engine to run for several minutes.

Tires:

- A spare tire, jack and tools are under trunk floor.
- This model may be equipped with optional air suspension system. Ensure that the key is not in the ignition when jacking this vehicle.

NOTE: This vehicle is equipped with an automatic parking brake and transmission PARK position engagement. The vehicle must be loaded and towed with the ignition key switched ON to release the transmission PARK position and the parking brake. There is no way to perform the release procedures without a key!

To release the parking brake with a discharged battery:

1. Remove the necessary tools from the tool kit located in the truck lid. These tools are the screwdriver handle, the release tool and the 10mm wrench.
2. Secure the vehicle to prevent it from rolling.
3. Remove the floor matting in the truck to expose the spare tire.
4. Guide the release tool assembly into the hole located at the top, forward edge of the spare tire well.
5. Place the 10mm wrench on the hexagon section of the screwdriver shaft and press the tool inward against the spring tension.
6. Turn the release tool with the wrench counter clockwise until you hear the mechanism snap into place and you feel resistance, maintain inward pressure on the tool.
7. Continue turning the tool counter clockwise with the wrench until you feel and increase in turning effort. About 6 half revolution of the tool should have the parking brake released.

Shifting vehicle out of park with discharged battery:

1. Secure vehicle to prevent it from rolling.
2. Use the metal vehicle key which is housed in the end of the vehicle's remote control; insert the key into the lock cylinder located above the hood release lever on the driver's kick panel.
3. Unlock the lock and lower the cover to expose a strap.
4. Pull on the strap to pull out the release lever, continue pulling until the lever snaps into place, this releases the park mechanism in the transmission.

To re-engage Park position:

1. Press on the red tab on the back side of the park release lever.
2. Guide the lever all the way back into its regular position.
3. Fold up and lock the cover panel then remove the key and return it to the vehicle's remote.

Car Wash Position, Placing the vehicle in Neutral (N):

- With engine running and the vehicle in reverse or drive, pull the selector lever toward the steering wheel.
- Press the lever up if in Drive (D) or down if in Reverse (R) as far as the detent, "N" will display.
- Turn engine off, remote can not be removed from the ignition lock in this position.
- Deactivate the rain sensor before entering the car wash
- The "auto hold" (auto parking brake) function must also be deactivated.