

BMW Automatic Shifter Park Override Procedure

The following procedure can be used on all current BMW models equipped with an automatic transmission **except** for vehicles equipped with a Sequential Manual Gear Box (SMG) **and**:

- 2007 and newer BMW X5 models
- 2002 and newer 7 series models
- 2008 5 series models



Insert finger under lip of shifter cover



Grasp cover with thumb and lift upward



Lift cover and shifter boot upward to expose shifting mechanism





Look for shift lock mechanism on right side of shifter.



Use screwdriver type tool to lift interlock cam upward.



Using screwdriver to lift locking mechanism

While depressing the foot brake, lift the locking mechanism up with one hand and move the shifter into neutral with the other. Once the vehicle is shifted back into park, the procedure will need to be repeated to release the vehicle again. Ensure all parts and components are returned to the original location when completing the call.

It is always a good idea to also use the parking brake to help hold the car in place but always ask the person with the vehicle if the parking brake works. Many people who own a vehicle with an automatic transmission fail to use the parking brake regularly and it may stick on when you apply it if it is not used regularly.