

SWAG 20 10 6547

To fit: BMW X5 (E70), X6 (E71)





Switch for parking brake

Problem

The plastic lever on the parking brake switch fractures when applying the parking brake making it difficult to engage.

Cause

Hot and cold cycles in the interior of the vehicle can cause the plastic to become brittle over time. This can also be influenced by the inconsistent force used by the driver when applying the parking brake.

Solution

Open the centre console lid to allow easier access. Using a trim-removal tool, remove the panel with the i-drive dial (if fitted) by carefully releasing the two clips at the back of the moulding. Then, carefully 'free' the other sides and - when released - put to one side (note: the wiring connector may require unplugging).

Unscrew the four T-20 screws from the gear-lever plate which hold the parking brake switch. Next, unplug the wiring connector. Then, remove the connector past the gear-lever (giving you access to the T-10 screws that hold the switch). Unscrew the four T-10 screws and remove the faulty switch.

Fit the new SWAG switch (20 10 6547) and re-fit all previous components and screws in the reverse order of removal. Finally, test the operation of the parking brake and check/reset any fault codes logged in the control unit (using a suitable diagnostic tool).

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