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Engine and cooling system325i 24V (E36)1993 to 1996

Type		M50 2.5 Vanos 141kW
Capacity (cm ³) / number of cylinders		2494 / 6
Compression ratio / pressure	bar	10.5 / ≥10.0
Oil pressure	bar	≥0.5 [4.0]
Oil temperature	°C	80
Valve clearance - inlet	mm	0: Hyd.
Valve clearance - exhaust	mm	0: Hyd.
Firing order		1-5-3-6-2-4
No 1 cylinder position		TBE
Thermostat opening temperature	°C	88
Radiator cap pressure	bar	2.0±0.15

Fuel system325i 24V (E36)1993 to 1996

Idle speed - manual [auto]	rpm	700±40 N/A
Fast idle speed - manual [auto]	rpm	—
CO @ idle speed [3000 rpm] - see page VI	%	≤0.3
HC @ idle speed [3000 rpm] - see page VI	ppm	≤200
CO2 @ idle speed [3000 rpm] - see page VI	%	—
O2 @ idle speed [3000 rpm] - see page VI	%	—
Carburettor / fuel injection		Bosch
Type / ref		M3.1-Motronic
Main jet / needle		—
Injection pressure	bar	3.0±0.06
Pump pressure	bar	3.5 to 4.0
Octane rating	RON	95[U]

Ignition system325i 24V (E36)1993 to 1996

Type		Direct electronic
Ignition coil		Bosch
Primary resistance	ohms	0.8±0.1
Ballast resistor	ohms	—
Voltage - Tmnl 15(+) to earth	V	—
Distributor		Bosch
Points gap (air gap)	mm	[0.30 to 0.70]
Dwell angle	° (%)	—
Condenser capacity	µF	—
Rotation		Clockwise
Ignition timing - basic [static	° Crankshaft @ rpm	Computer control
V = Vacuum NV = No Vacuum		—
Total ignition advance	° Crankshaft @ rpm	Computer control
	° Crankshaft @ rpm	—
	° Crankshaft @ rpm	—
Centrifugal check.	° Crankshaft @ rpm	Computer control
	° Crankshaft @ rpm	—
	° Crankshaft @ rpm	—
Vacuum range check	mbar	Computer control
Maximum vacuum advance	° Crankshaft	—
Spark plugs		NGK
Type		BKR6EK
Electrode gap	mm	0.7+0.1

Electrical system325i 24V (E36)1993 to 1996

Battery	V / CC / RC	12 / 50, 70Ah
Alternator voltage / full load current / engine rpm		13.5 to 14.2 / 80 / 1500
Starter motor current / voltage - cranking	A / V	160 / 9.0
- locked	A / V	—

Running gear325i 24V (E36)1993 to 1996

Brakes -		
Front (min. friction material thickness)	mm	2.0
Rear (min. friction material thickness)	mm	2.0

Tyres		
Saloon	Size	205/60x15: 225/55x15
Estate / Van	Size	—
Pressure - front / rear - Saloon	bar	2.0 / 2.3
- Estate / Van	bar	—

Front suspension / wheel alignment		
Toe-in (+) / Toe-out (–)	mm [°]	[+18'±5']
Camber		-40'±30'. Sport: -58'±30' L
Castor		+3°52'±30'. Sport: +3°57'±30' L
King pin inclination		+15°44'±30'. Sport: +15°56'

Rear suspension / wheel alignment		
Toe-in (+) / Toe-out (–)	mm [°]	[+24'±6']
Camber		-1°30'±15'.92 ►: -1°40'±15' ¹

Torque wrench settings325i 24V (E36)1993 to 1996

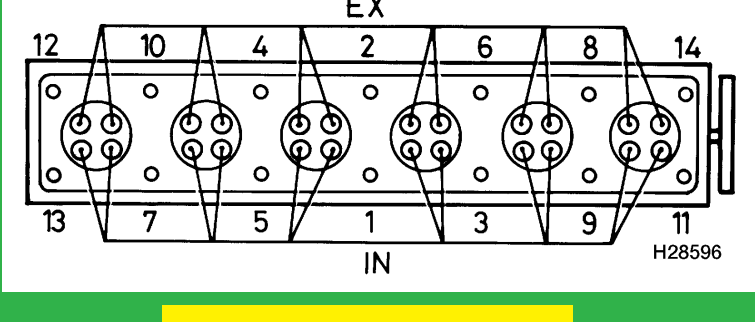
Cylinder head - stage 1	Nm	30 N
- stage 2	Nm	+ 90°
Cylinder head - stage 3	Nm	+ 90°
- stage 4	Nm	—
Big-end bearings	Nm	20 + 70° N
Main bearings	Nm	20 + 50° N
Clutch cover	Nm	24. 10.9 hex: 35
Flywheel [driveplate]	Nm	105 N
Front hubs	Nm	290
Rear hubs	Nm	300
Wheel nuts / bolts	Nm	100±10
Spark plugs	Nm	30 to 33

Capacities325i 24V (E36)1993 to 1996

Engine oil & filter	litres	6.5
Gearbox - 4-speed [5-speed]	litres	1.2 or 1.0
Automatic transmission - refill	litres	3.3
Final drive	litres	1.7
Cooling system	litres	10.5. A/C: 11.0
Fuel tank	litres	65

Notes and Illustrations

¹Sport: -2°±15'



2494 cm³, 24V