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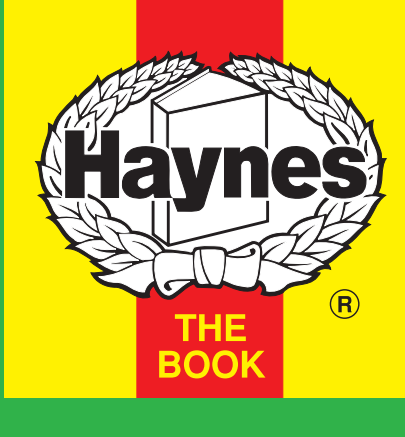
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Engine and cooling system

518i CAT (E34)

1990 to 1993

Type		M40/B18 83kW
Capacity (cm³) / number of cylinders		1796 / 4
Compression ratio / pressure	bar	8.8 / ≥10.0
Oil pressure	bar	≥0.5 [4.3±0.2]
Oil temperature	°C	80
Valve clearance - inlet	mm	0: Hyd.
Valve clearance - exhaust	mm	0: Hyd.
Firing order		1-3-4-2
No 1 cylinder position		TBE
Thermostat opening temperature	°C	88
Radiator cap pressure	bar	1.4±0.2

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Idle speed - manual [auto]	rpm	800±40 N/A
Fast idle speed - manual [auto]	rpm	—
CO @ idle speed [3000 rpm] - see page VI	%	0.7±0.5 N/A
HC @ idle speed [3000 rpm] - see page VI	ppm	≤300
CO2 @ idle speed [3000 rpm] - see page VI	%	—
O2 @ idle speed [3000 rpm] - see page VI	%	—
Carburettor / fuel injection		Bosch
Type / ref		M1.3-Motronic
Main jet / needle		—
Injection pressure	bar	2.3 to 2.7
Pump pressure	bar	3.0±0.06
Octane rating	RON	91[U]

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Type		DME Motronic
Ignition coil		Bosch 0 221 122 319
Primary resistance	ohms	a: 0.50. b: 0.37
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 N/A
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		Bosch/Champion
Type		F8LCR / C9YCC
Electrode gap	mm	0.70 to 0.80

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Battery	V / CC / RC	12 / 50Ah
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	—

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

Tyres		
Saloon	Size	195/65x15
Estate / Van	Size	205/65x15
Pressure - front / rear - Saloon	bar	2.0 / 2.0
- Estate / Van	bar	2.1 / 2.4

Front suspension / wheel alignment		
Toe-in (+) / Toe-out (–)	mm [°]	[+18'±5']
Camber		-13'±30'. Sport: -30'±30'
Castor		+8°8'±30'. Sport: +8°26'±30'
King pin inclination		+12°4'±30'. Sport: +12°38'±30'

Rear suspension / wheel alignment		
Toe-in (+) / Toe-out (–)	mm [°]	[+25'±7']. Sport: [+28'±7']
Camber		-2°20'±30'. Sport: -2°35'

Torque wrench settings

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Cylinder head - stage 1	Nm	30 to 32 WSM
- stage 2	Nm	+ 90±3°
Cylinder head - stage 3	Nm	+ 90±3°
- stage 4	Nm	—
Big-end bearings	Nm	23 + 70° N
Main bearings	Nm	22.5±2.5 + 50±3°
Clutch cover	Nm	24. 10.9 hex: 35
Flywheel [driveplate]	Nm	113 to 130 N
Front hubs	Nm	290
Rear hubs	Nm	247.6 ±5%
Wheel nuts / bolts	Nm	100±10
Spark plugs	Nm	30 to 33

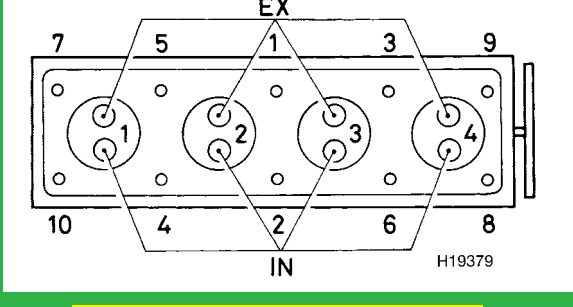
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Engine oil & filter	litres	4.0
Gearbox - 4-speed [5-speed]	litres	1.1
Automatic transmission - refill	litres	3.0
Final drive	litres	1.7
Cooling system	litres	6.0. A/C: 11.0
Fuel tank	litres	81

Notes and Illustrations



1796 cm³, 8V