



SIB 52 03 26

FRONT SEAT BACKREST REAR PANEL DISCOLORATION / HAZE

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This Service Information Bulletin (Revision 1) replaces SI B52 03 26 **dated June 2026.**

**What's New:**

- Cause updated
- Correction updated

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**MODEL**

E-Series	Model Description	Production Date
G45	X3 Sport Activity Vehicle	From start of production

**SITUATION**

The front seat backrest has a blotchy discolored haze.



**CAUSE**

The material finish on the front seat backrests panels is below BMW standards.

In some situations, a residue that remains on the surface of the front seat backrest’s rear panels becomes cloudy and discolored due to changes in temperature and humidity.

### **CORRECTION**



Use a leather cleaner to remove the discoloration on the rear panel(s).

Here, the right side of the seat backrest panel has been cleaned and the haze is gone.

### **PROCEDURE**

Use a leather cleaner to remove the discoloration.

If both front seats have the haze, clean both front seat backrests.



Also clean behind the cargo netting.

**Only if the discoloration returns after cleaning with a leather cleaner should the seatback panel be replaced.**

You can also reference the video which Warranty posted on the May 2026 Service Round Table.

### **PARTS INFORMATION**

Recommended leather cleaner.

Part Number	Description	Quantity
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83 12 5 B55 8F3	Leather Care Set with UV Protection ( <b>Kit Includes 1 bottle of leather lotion with UV protection 250 ml, 3 applicator sponges, and 1 microfiber polishing cloth</b> )	Sublet for used portion
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## CLAIM INFORMATION

Covered under the terms of the BMW New Vehicle Limited Warranty for Passenger Cars and Light Trucks.

<b>Repair Code:</b>	<b>5210157800</b>	<b>Front seat backrest panel with net pocket / backrest bag (incl. decorative trim) poor surface finish</b>
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## Diagnosis

Labor Operation	Description	Labor Allowance
52 00 001*	Seat- locating complaint(s) (Work time) Visual inspection	Up to 2 FRU WT
Or:		
00 58 500*	Diagnosis Worktime Flat Rate	2 FRU

And, with the diagnosis above that applies to your center together with the flat rate allowances for the work below that was performed.

## Repairing One Side

Labor Operation	Description	Labor Allowance
52 16 198	Removing and installing/replacing rear panel on left or right front seat backrest ( <b>Main work</b> )	As applicable
Or:		
52 16 698	Removing and installing/replacing rear panel on left or right front seat backrest ( <b>Plusposition work</b> )	As applicable
And:		
52 99 010	BMW vehicle interior cosmetic repair ( <b>Cleaning one side/inside and outside</b> )	2 FRU

Or:

## Repairing Both Sides

Labor Operation	Description	Labor Allowance
52 16 198	Removing and installing/replacing rear panel on left or right front seat backrest ( <b>Main work</b> )	As applicable
Or:		
52 16 698	Removing and installing/replacing rear panel on left or right front seat backrest ( <b>Plusposition work</b> )	As applicable
And:		
52 99 000	Work time for removing and installing the rear panel for the <b>other front seat backrest</b>	1 FRU
And:		
52 99 010	BMW vehicle interior cosmetic repair ( <b>Cleaning both sides/inside and outside</b> )	4 FRU

If you are using a Main labor operation code for another repair, then use the Plusposition labor operation code 52 16 698 instead of 52 16 198.

Work time labor operation codes 52 00 001 and 00 58 500 are not considered Main labor operations.

(\*) Based on which one applies to your center, please refer to **SI B01 01 20** or **B01 07 20** for the applicable procedure for documenting, claiming, and explaining, on the RO and in the claim comments, your diagnosis work time (WT), job/repair work time (WT), and the vehicle repairs your center performed, unless otherwise required by State law.

### Sublet – Bulk Supply Materials (RO and Claim Comments Required)

<b>Sublet Code 4</b>	Reimbursement for the supported repair-related bulk supply materials (Do not use the BMW part numbers for claim submission)	See the sublet reimbursement calculations below
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Sublet reimbursement calculation for claiming the applicable repair-related bulk supply material (BMW part number) is at the dealer net (DN) price for the **proportional kit quantity used** plus your center's handling.

Enter this material cost in sublet and itemize the amount on the repair order and in claim comment section.

### BMW Group's AIR Application Resource for Flat Rate Labor Operation Codes

To obtain the corresponding flat rate unit (FRU) allowance information from the BMW Group AIR application resource, start by entering the Chassis Number (last seven (7) characters of the VIN), and click on the "Search" icon. If the "Vehicle Selection" window displays two or more model possible vehicle choices, select the applicable Model, or enter the full VIN (17 characters) instead to proceed. Click on the "Flat Rate Units" button and enter a flat rate labor operation code number "without spaces" in the field to the right, click on the "Search" icon to display the corresponding listing of "Flat rate unit group details" that are available and their corresponding FRU allowances.

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