



BMW E31 (840 and 850) Pre Purchase Checklist

General

Current Owner	Previous Owner
Name:	Name:
Address:	Address:
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Contact Information:	Contact Information:
Main:	Main:
Cell:	Cell:
Fax:	Fax:
Other:	Other:
E-Mail:	E-Mail:

Year:	Model:	Trim:
Price:	Color:	Interior Color:
Number of Owners:	Mileage:	Current Owner Mileage:
Engine Size:	Transmission:	Fuel Type:
Reason for Selling:		

Documentation

Date of last Service:	Service History (Attach/Enclose all available):
BMW or Independent:	
Any Gaps in History:	
Next Service Due (or Light bar remaining):	
Date of Last Oil Change (or Service):	
Date of Last Inspection 1:	
Date of Last Inspection 2:	
Date of Last Emissions Check:	
CarFax (Attach if Available):	

Engine and Mechanicals

Engine #	Clean / Dirty / Overly Glossy:
Oil Type and Brand Used:	Hydraulic Fluid Type:
Any Visible Fluid leaks:	Age of the Batteries:
All Liquid Levels (i) :	Air Filter(s) Condition (ii) :
Radiator Neck and Bleed Screw:	Expansion Tank Style (iii) :
Fan Clutch Test (iv) :	Any Leaks Under Aux. Water Pump Unit:
Intake Manifold Condition (v) :	Muffler and Exhaust:
Any Mechanical Modification:	Any Software Modification:
All Fuse Check (Front):	All Fuse Check (Trunk):
General Condition (Burning any Oil, etc.):	

Legend:

- i. Pump the Brake Pedal 22 times before checking the Pentosin level. The level should be ½ inch above the bottom of the screen.
- ii. On the 840 there is 1 and on the 850 there is 2 air filters.
- iii. Older Expansion Tank is Beige in color with side markings for level and newer one is Black with built in pop out level.
- iv. Use a rolled-up magazine while the engine is running and carefully let the fan rub against the magazine (not too hard as to damage the fins on the fan). If the clutch is out, the fan will stop spinning easily. Also, with the engine off, check to see if the fan wobbles.
- v. Ask if the gasket has been replaced, Banjo bolt checked. Also Cosmoline removed cleanly.

Exterior

Tires (Front):	Tires (Rear):
<i>Make:</i>	<i>Make:</i>
<i>Size:</i>	<i>Size:</i>
<i>Wear:</i>	<i>Wear:</i>
<i>Spare:</i>	<i>Spare Condition:</i>
Wheels (Front):	Wheels (Rear):
<i>Make:</i>	<i>Make:</i>
<i>Size:</i>	<i>Size:</i>
<i>Condition:</i>	<i>Condition:</i>
<i>Spare:</i>	<i>Spare Condition:</i>
Brakes:	Shocks:
Doors (Window drop and Hinges) :	Trunk:
Hood:	Chin Spoiler and Rear Valance:
Stone Chips:	Door Dings:
Overall Paint Condition:	

Lights:	
Driver Side Pod (Open/Close/Seam):	Passenger Side Pod (Open/Close/Seam):
Low Beams:	High Beams:
Fog Lamps:	Side Markers:
FTP with Pods Open:	FTP with Pods Closed:
Euro Function (All Lights):	Reverse Lights:
Rear Indicators:	Rear Markers (2 Segments):
Rear Fog (If any):	Hazards:
Windshields:	
Front Windshield Condition:	Rear Windshield Condition:
Windshield Washers (Standard and intense):	Windshield Wipers:
Headlamp Washer (If Equipped):	Left side Hood edge (Wiper Arm Scrape):
Misc. Notes:	

E31 VIN Codes

CSi Models

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
W	B	S	E	G												

Non-CSi Models

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
W	B	A	E	G												

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<p>1 Manufacturing Country W • Germany 4 • USA 5 • USA</p> <p>2 Make B • BMW Germany U • BMW USA</p> <p>3 Vehicle Type A • Passenger Car A • Utility Vehicle S • Passenger Car X • Utility Vehicle</p> <p>4 Line A • 318i (85), 325 (86-88), 325e (85-87), 325i & 325iS (87-91), 325iX (88-93), 325eS (86-87), M3 (88-89) A • 323i, 328i (99-00) A • 325i (01), 325xi (01), 330i (01), 330xi (01) A • 325i (03) B • 325Ci (01-03), 330Ci (01-03) B • 325i Convertible (88-91) B • 318iCiS Coupe & Convertible (92-97) B • M3 Coupe, Convertible B • 323Ci, 328Ci (00) B • Z4 (03) C • M Coupe C • 318i, 325i, 328i 4-Door (92-96) C • 318ti Hatchback (96-97) C • Z3 Convertible, Coupe (96-02) C • M3 4-Door Sedan (97-98) D • M5 (87-88), (00-03), 524, 528e (85-88), 535i (85-88), 535iS (87-88) D • 525i (01-03), 528i(00-03), 530i, 540i E • 325i Sedan (02-03), 325 xi Sedan (02-03), 330i (02-03), 330xi (02-03) E • Z3 E • 635CSi (83-89) E • 850i, 850Ci, 850CSi, 840i, 840Ci (91-95) F • 735i & 735iL (83-87), L7 (87) F • X5 G • 735iL, 740i, 740iL, 745i, 745Li, 750i, 760Li H • 525i & 535i (89-95) H • 530i, 540i (95)</p>	<p>H • M5 (91-93)</p> <p>5 Series A • X5 A • 318iC, 325i, 325is (87-93) A • 318i (92-95) B • X5 B • 325i Convertible (87-93), 325iX (88-91), 325, 325e, 325eS (85-88) B • 325i (92-95) B • 524 B • 735i (88-92) C • Z3 C • 318i (83-85) C • 318i (97-98) C • 535i, 535iS, M5 (85-88) C • 635CSi (83-89) C • 750iL (83-94), 735iL (89-92) D • 318i (USA Production) (95-96) D • 328i 4-Door (96-98) D • M5 (91-93) D • 325i, 535i (87-92) D • M3 4-Door Sedan (97-98) D • 525i (94-95), (01-02) D • 528i, 540 (97-00) D • 740i, 740iL, 525i Sedan (92-94) E • 325iX (88-93), 325, 325e, 325eS (85-88) E • 318iC, 318iS (95-97) E • 530i, 540i (94-95) E • 540i (97-98) E • M5 (87-89), (91, 94) (00-03) F • 318iS (92-95) F • 323iS (98) F • 840i, 840Ci (95-97) F • 740i (95-98) F • M3 (95) G • M3 Coupe (96-99) G • L7 (87) G • 740i (99-01) G • 850i, 850Ci, 850CSi (91-96) H • 318i Convertible (96-97) H • Z3 Convertible (96-98) H • 735i (83-87) H • 740iL (99-01) H • Z3 Convertible (99-00) J • 525i Wagon, 318i 4-Door (91-95) J • 325i Convertible (95) J • 740iL (95-98)</p>	<p>J • 2.8L Z3 Convertible (97-98)</p> <p>5 Series (Cont.) J • 323iC Convertible (98) J • 750iL (99-01) J • Z8 K • 318i (85) K • 528e, M3 (85-90) K • 530i Wagon (94-95) K • 318i Convertible (95) K • 328i Convertible (96-98) K • Z3 Coupe (99-02) K • M Roadster (99-00) K • 750iL (95-98) K • 750iL Protection (00-01) K • M3 Convertible (98-99) L • M Roadster (01-02) L • M3 Coupe (01-02) L • 745i (02) M • 323i, 328i, Sedan (99-00) M • 323Ci, 328Ci Coupe (00) M • 528i (99-00) M • M Coupe (00) N • 325i, Wagon (01-03) N • 325Ci Coupe (01-03), 330Ci Coupe (01-03) N • 540i Sedan (99-03), 540i Wagon (01) N • 745Li (02-03), 760Li (03) N • M Coupe (01-02) N • Z3 P • 325Xi Wagon (02-03) P • 528i Wagon (99-00) R • 540iT Wagon (99-00), 540i Wagon(02-03) R • M3 Convertible (01-03) S • 325Ci Convertible (01-03), 330Ci Convertible (01-03), 525i Wagon (01-03) T • 325i Sedan (02-03), 525i Sedan (02-03), 530i (01-03) T • Z4 Convertible (02-03) U • 325xi Sedan (02-03) V • 325i Sedan (01-03), 330i (01-03), 330xi (01-03) W • 330Xi Sedan (02-03) X • 325i Wagon (03)</p>
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7 • 325i Sedan (03)

6 Body Type

- 1 • 325i, 325iS, 325i Convertible, 328iS
- 1 • 524td, 525i, 528e, 535iS, 533i, 530i
- 1 • M6
- 1 • 850i, 850Ci
- 1 • Z8
- 2 • 325i, 325iS, 325i Convertible
- 2 • 328i, 4-Door (USA Production)
- 2 • 328iS 2-Door
- 2 • 530i Wagon
- 2 • 524, 525i, 528e, 535is, 535i
- 2 • 530i, 850i Auto Trans
- 2 • 750iL
- 3 • 323Ci, 325Ci, 523xi
- 3 • 323i, 325i, 325iS, 325Xi, 328i, 328iS, 525i
- 3 • X5 (4.4L)
- 3 • Z4 Convertible
- 4 • 323i, 328i, 525i
- 4 • 735i, 735iL (89-92), Auto Trans (88-92)
- 4 • 740i, 740iL
- 4 • 850Ci
- 5 • 318i, 318iS, 323i, 325iS, 328i, 328Ci
- 5 • 325, 325e, 325eS
- 5 • 330Ci, 330i, 330xi
- 5 • 525i, 528i, 530i, 540i
- 5 • X5 (3.0L)
- 5 • Z3 Coupe
- 5 • Z3 Convertible (01)
- 5 • Z4 Convertible
- 5 • 840i, 840Ci
- 6 • 323i, 325, 325e, 325eS
- 6 • 318i, 525i, 530i, 540i, 540iL
- 6 • 525i Wagon

6 • 528i, 530i, 540i

6 Body Type (Cont.)

- 6 • 740i, 740iL, 745i, Z45Li
- 7 • 318i Convertible
- 7 • 633CSi or 635CSi
- 7 • L7 (87)
- 7 • 318i (USA Production)
- 7 • 318iS, 318ti
- 7 • 323iC, 323iS, 328iC
- 7 • Z3 Convertible, Coupe
- 7 • 325Ci
- 8 • 318i, 318iS, 318iC, 318ti Auto
- 8 • 323iC, 323iS
- 8 • 328i Convertible
- 8 • 540i Sedan
- 8 • 633CSi or 635CSi
- 8 • L7 (87), 750iL (88-94), 735iL (88)
- 8 • 740i, 740iL
- 8 • 840Ci Auto
- 8 • 760Li
- 9 • 318i
- 9 • 325iX
- 9 • M3
- 9 • M5
- 9 • 850CSi
- 9 • Z3 Convertible, M Coupe, M Roadster
- 9 • X5 (4.6L)
- 0 • 318i Auto
- 0 • 325iX
- 0 • M3 Auto
- 0 • 740iL, 750iL

7 Vehicle Type

- 3 • Passenger Vehicle
- 4 • Passenger Vehicle

7 • Passenger Vehicle

8 Restraint System

- 0 • Manual Belts
- 1 • Manual Belts With Driver Airbag
- 2 • Manual Belts With Driver & Passenger Airbag
- 3 • Manual Belts With Driver & Passenger Airbag
- 4 • Manual Belts With Advanced Driver & Passenger Airbag

8 GVWR (X5)

- 5 • 6001-7000lbs.

9 VIN Check Digit

- Manufacturer's Internal Code

10 Vehicle Model Year

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| D • 1983 | L • 1990 | V • 1997 |
| E • 1984 | M • 1991 | W • 1998 |
| F • 1985 | N • 1992 | X • 1999 |
| G • 1986 | P • 1993 | Y • 2000 |
| H • 1987 | R • 1994 | 1 • 2001 |
| J • 1988 | S • 1995 | 2 • 2002 |
| K • 1989 | T • 1996 | 3 • 2003 |

11 Assembly Plant

- A, F, K • Munich, Germany
- B, C, D, G • Dingolfing, Germany
- E, J, P • Regensburg, Germany
- L • Greer, South Carolina, USA
- N • Pretoria, South Africa

12-17 Serial Number

- Sequential Production Number

Interior

Leather:

Front Seats (Sport/Standard):

Back Seats:

Doors:

Rear Sides and Center Console:

Dashboard:

Trim Panel (Wood for CSI):

Shift Knob Boot:

Emergency Brake Boot:

Wood and Plastic:

Center Console:

Dash Trim:

Ashtray:

Arm Console:

Rear Pocket:

Seat Trims:

Door Vents and Switches:

Center Vents and Switches:

Door Handles (Metal for late models):

Door Defogger Vents:

Front Windshield Defogger Vent:

Rear Speaker Trims:

Electrical:

Front Windows (One touch Driver side):

Rear Windows:

Sunroof:

Central Locking (If Equipped):

Side Mirrors (Reverse Tilt for Pass. Side):

Seat Heaters:

Seat Adjustments and Memory:

Lumber Support (If Equipped):

ASC/T &/or DSC Lights:

Fuel Gauge:

Speedometer:

Tachometer:

Trip Computer:

Coolant Temp Gauge:

Emergency Brake Light (When engaged):

Misc. Warning Lamps (Key Position 2):

MID/OBC Pixels:

Radio Controls (Illumination and Function):

HVAC Controls (Illumination and Function):

Gauge Cluster Illumination:

Rear Window Demister:

Horn:

Alarm:

OBC Functions:

Clock:

Illumination Dimmer:

Speakers:

Cigarette Lighter:

Glove Box Illumination (2 in Pre 1996 Model):

Glove box Flashlight:

General:	
<i>Seat Belts:</i>	<i>Headrests:</i>
<i>Front Seat Fold Forward:</i>	<i>Floor Mats:</i>
<i>Keys:</i>	<i>Rear View Mirror:</i>
<i>Hood Release:</i>	<i>Any Fuel Smell:</i>
<i>Headliner:</i>	<i>A and C Pillar Covers:</i>
<i>Ashtray Lid:</i>	<i>Door Speaker covers:</i>
Notes:	

Test Drive Impressions

Start and 1 minute Idle:	
<i>Problem Starting?</i>	<i>RPM at start:</i>
<i>Feel at Start:</i>	<i>RPM at 1 Minute:</i>
<i>Feel at 1 Minute:</i>	<i>Exhaust Smoke / Vapor:</i>
Drive:	
<i>Rollout Feel (Steering Angle):</i>	<i>30 MPH Feel (Wheel Wobble & Steering):</i>
<i>60 MPH Feel (Steering Vibrations):</i>	<i>93 MPH Feel (Window Auto Up):</i>
<i>Gear Change Feel:</i>	<i>Clutch Feel (Manual Transmission):</i>
<i>Acceleration Feel (Pedal Delay /Drifting):</i>	<i>Deceleration Feel (Sensitive Throttle Lash):</i>
<i>Soft Braking (Squealing Noise):</i>	<i>Medium Braking (Any Pulling sideways):</i>
<i>Medium Hard Braking (ABS/ Lockup):</i>	<i>Squeaks and Rattles:</i>
After Drive:	
<i>Exhaust Smoke / Vapor:</i>	<i>Idle Feel:</i>
<i>Under Hood Sounds:</i>	<i>Exhaust Note:</i>
<i>Leaks Under Vehicle:</i>	<i>Leaks at Hydraulic Canister Hoses:</i>
<i>Leaks At Auxiliary Water Pump:</i>	<i>Leaks at Oil Canister Hoses:</i>
<i>Leaks at Water Pump:</i>	<i>Leaks at Radiator Hoses and Cap:</i>
Notes:	

Misc.

<i>Tool Box:</i>	<i>Jack:</i>
<i>CD Changer:</i>	<i>Trunk Carpeting:</i>
<i>Aftermarket Accessories:</i>	<i>CD Changer Cartridge (If Equipped):</i>
<i>Trunk Net:</i>	<i>Wheel Locks:</i>
Notes:	

General Notes.

<i>Other Vehicles for sale:</i>

Deposit Receipt.

This Document is proof of a Deposit paid by the purchaser to the seller in an agreement to purchase the motor vehicle detailed below. The deposit is not refundable or transferable*.

<i>Seller Name:</i>	<i>Purchaser Name:</i>
<i>Address:</i>	<i>Address:</i>
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-- Vehicle Details --

Make: BMW

Model:

Year:

Color:

VIN No:

Agreed Price of Purchase:

\$

Deposit:

\$

Balance:

\$

Buyer Signature	Seller Signature
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Buyer Printed Name	Seller Printed Name
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Date: **Date:**

- Refundable only if any signed agreements are broken by the seller or the seller cancels the sale.