



1992-1999 BMW 3 Series Driver Side Airbag Replacement

Replace the driver side airbag in your BMW E36.

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INTRODUCTION

Use this guide to replace the driver side airbag in your BMW E36. This procedure was done on a US 1997 M3 with the four spoke steering wheel.

TOOLS:

- Phillips #2 Screwdriver (1)
- T30 Torx Driver (1)

Step 1 — Driver Side Airbag



- ⓘ This step is not necessary, but it made it easier for me to get at the steering column trim mounting screw. Feel free to skip this if you'd like.
- Remove the two screws securing the upper edge of the knee bolster.
- Pull the upper edge down to give access to the underside of the steering wheel.

Step 2



- Remove the lower steering column trim mounting screw.
- Remove the lower steering column trim.

Step 3



⚠ Make sure that the battery has been disconnected for at least 30 minutes before continuing further to ensure that the airbag light does not come on.

- Disconnect the orange SRS connector.

Step 4



- Completely loosen the two T30 Torx screws behind the steering wheel while supporting the airbag unit from the front.
- 📌** Make sure to support the airbag to prevent it from falling out.

Step 5



- Lift the airbag unit up and away from the steering wheel.
- Disconnect the orange harness connector from the rear of the airbag unit.
- The airbag should now be free to be removed.

To reassemble your device, follow these instructions in reverse order.