



## Automotive Technical DATA BOOK

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### Engine and cooling system

**M3 1996 to 1997**

Type	S50/B32 236kW	
Capacity (cm <sup>3</sup> ) / number of cylinders	3201 / 6	
Compression ratio / pressure	bar	11.3 / 11 to 12
Oil pressure	bar	≥1.0 / 4.0
Oil temperature	°C	80
Valve clearance - inlet	mm	0.18 to 0.23
Valve clearance - exhaust	mm	0.28 to 0.33
Firing order	1-5-3-6-2-4	
No 1 cylinder position	TCE	
Thermostat opening temperature	°C	80
Radiator cap pressure	bar	–

### Fuel system

**M3 1996 to 1997**

Idle speed - manual [auto]	rpm	780±50
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
CO <sub>2</sub> @ idle speed [3000 rpm] - see page VI	%	–
O <sub>2</sub> @ idle speed [3000 rpm] - see page VI	%	–
Carburettor / fuel injection	–	
Type / ref	MS S50	
Main jet / needle	–	
Injection pressure	bar	–
Pump pressure	bar	–
Octane rating	RON	98[U]

### Ignition system

**M3 1996 to 1997**

Type	Direct electronic	
Ignition coil	–	
Primary resistance	ohms	0.82
Ballast resistor	ohms	–
Voltage - Tmnl 15(+) to earth	V	–
Distributor	–	
Points gap (air gap)	mm	–
Dwell angle	° (%)	–
Condenser capacity	µF	–
Rotation	–	
Ignition timing - basic [static	° Crankshaft @ rpm	–
V = Vacuum NV = No Vacuum	–	
Total ignition advance	° Crankshaft @ rpm	–
	° Crankshaft @ rpm	–
	° Crankshaft @ rpm	–
Centrifugal check.	° Crankshaft @ rpm	–
	° Crankshaft @ rpm	–
	° Crankshaft @ rpm	–
Vacuum range check	mbar	–
Maximum vacuum advance	° Crankshaft	–
Spark plugs	NGK	
Type	PKR 7A	
Electrode gap	mm	0.6±0.1

### Electrical system

**M3 1996 to 1997**

Battery	V / CC / RC	12 / 65Ah
Alternator voltage / full load current / engine rpm	_ / 115 / _	
Starter motor current / voltage - cranking	A / V	–
- locked	A / V	–

### Running gear

**M3 1996 to 1997**

<b>Brakes -</b>		
Front (min. friction material thickness)	mm	3.0
Rear (min. friction material thickness)	mm	3.0

<b>Tyres</b>		
Saloon	Size	225/45x17: 245/40x17
Estate / Van	Size	–
Pressure - front / rear - Saloon	bar	Refer to vehicle
- Estate / Van	bar	–

### Front suspension / wheel alignment

Toe-in (+) / Toe-out (-)	mm [°]	[0°10'±5']
Camber	-2°±30'	
Castor	7°12'±30'	
King pin inclination	–	

### Rear suspension / wheel alignment

Toe-in (+) / Toe-out (-)	mm [°]	[0°30'±5']
Camber	-2°41'±10'	

### Torque wrench settings

**M3 1996 to 1997**

Cylinder head - stage 1	Nm	30 N
- stage 2	Nm	+90°
Cylinder head - stage 3	Nm	+90°
- stage 4	Nm	–
Big-end bearings	Nm	5, 20 +65°
Main bearings	Nm	–
Clutch cover	Nm	34
Flywheel [driveplate]	Nm	105 N
Front hubs	Nm	290
Rear hubs	Nm	300
Wheel nuts / bolts	Nm	100±10
Spark plugs	Nm	–

### Capacities

**M3 1996 to 1997**

Engine oil & filter	litres	8.0
Gearbox - 4-speed [5-speed]	litres	1.75
Automatic transmission - refill	litres	–
Final drive	litres	1.3
Cooling system	litres	10.75
Fuel tank	litres	62

### Notes and Illustrations

