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BMW 5 Series (E39) - All models

Central locking system locks or unlocks by itself when vibrations occur

If there are complaints about the above-mentioned fault, an incorrectly installed impact switch and/or a faulty CL switch could be the causes.

When driving over road bumps or poor road surfaces, when the doors are slammed shut, the bonnet is opened or the door handle suddenly is released, the CL locks or unlocks. At the same time the hazard warning lights and the interior light are switched on.

In this case the installation position of the impact switch and the function of the CL switch must be checked and, if necessary, corrected or the relevant switch replaced.

Proceed as follows:

- Remove the panelling from the left-hand A-pillar
- Remove the insulation material from the A-pillar shaft
- Check the installation position of the switch \Rightarrow arrows must point upwards, the cable connection downwards.
- Loosen the attachment if necessary, turn the switch through 180° and fix it in place again.
- Refit the parts in reverse order.
- Remove the CL switch in the centre console. If the switch base is misshapen, the switch must be replaced.





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