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Engine and cooling system M5 (E34) 1992 to 1996

Type	S38/B38 38 6S1 250kW	
Capacity (cm ³) / number of cylinders	3795 / 6	
Compression ratio / pressure	bar	10.5 / ≥10.0
Oil pressure	bar	1.0 to 1.5 [4.0 to 5.0]
Oil temperature	°C	80
Valve clearance - inlet	mm	0.28 to 0.33
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	79
Radiator cap pressure	bar	2.0±0.15

Fuel system M5 (E34) 1992 to 1996

Idle speed - manual [auto]	rpm	850±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 ₂ @ idle speed [3000 rpm] - see page VI	%	—
O ₂ @ idle speed [3000 rpm] - see page VI	%	—
Carburettor / fuel injection	Bosch	
Type / ref	DME-Motronic	
Main jet / needle	—	
Injection pressure	bar	—
Pump pressure	bar	—
Octane rating	RON	95[U]

Ignition system M5 (E34) 1992 to 1996

Type	DME Motronic	
Ignition coil	—	
Primary resistance	ohms	a: 0.50. b: 0.37
Ballast resistor	ohms	—
Voltage - Tmnl 15(+) to earth	V	—
Distributor	—	
Points gap (air gap)	mm	[0.30 to 0.70]
Dwell angle	° (%)	—
Condenser capacity	µF	—
Rotation	Clockwise	
Ignition timing - basic [static V = Vacuum NV = No Vacuum]	° Crankshaft @ rpm	Computer control NV
Total ignition advance	° Crankshaft @ rpm	Computer control
	° Crankshaft @ rpm	—
	° Crankshaft @ rpm	—
Centrifugal check.	° Crankshaft @ rpm	Computer control
	° Crankshaft @ rpm	—
	° Crankshaft @ rpm	—
Vacuum range check	mbar	Computer control
Maximum vacuum advance	° Crankshaft	—
Spark plugs	Bosch	
Type	Y6DC	
Electrode gap	mm	0.60+0.10

Electrical system M5 (E34) 1992 to 1996

Battery	V / CC / RC	12 / 85Ah
Alternator voltage / full load current / engine rpm	13.5 to 14.2 / 140 / 1500	
Starter motor current / voltage - cranking	A / V	200 / 9.0
- locked	A / V	—

Running gear M5 (E34) 1992 to 1996

Brakes -		
Front (min. friction material thickness)	mm	2.0
Rear (min. friction material thickness)	mm	2.0

Tyres		
Saloon	Size	235/45x17
Estate / Van	Size	235/45x17: 255/40x17
Pressure - front / rear - Saloon	bar	2.3 / 2.5
- Estate / Van	bar	Refer to car

Front suspension / wheel alignment		
Toe-in (+) / Toe-out (-)	mm [°]	[+20'±5'] L
Camber		-30'±30' L
Castor		+8°28'±30' L
King pin inclination		+12°46'±30' L

Rear suspension / wheel alignment		
Toe-in (+) / Toe-out (-)	mm [°]	[+16'±4']
Camber		-2°15'±30'

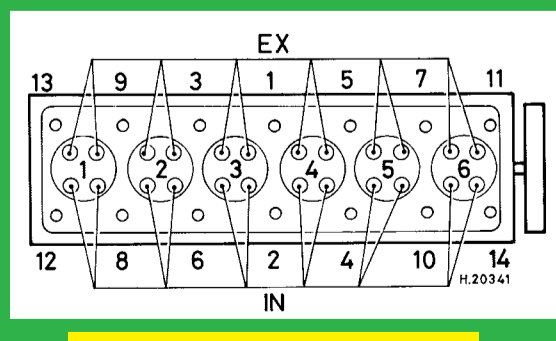
Torque wrench settings M5 (E34) 1992 to 1996

Cylinder head - stage 1	Nm	20
- stage 2	Nm	+ 60°
Cylinder head - stage 3	Nm	+ 70°
- stage 4	Nm	—
Big-end bearings	Nm	15, 30 + 60° N
Main bearings	Nm	20 + 50° N
Clutch cover	Nm	24
Flywheel [driveplate]	Nm	105 N
Front hubs	Nm	WSM
Rear hubs	Nm	247.6 ±5%
Wheel nuts / bolts	Nm	100±10
Spark plugs	Nm	24 to 28

Capacities M5 (E34) 1992 to 1996

Engine oil & filter	litres	5.75
Gearbox - 4-speed [5-speed]	litres	1.25
Automatic transmission - refill	litres	—
Final drive	litres	1.9
Cooling system	litres	13.3
Fuel tank	litres	90

Notes and Illustrations



3795 cm³, S38