



This Service Information bulletin supersedes S.M. B72 206 03 **dated November 2003.**

SUBJECT

Rear Side Airbags Come Activated

MODEL

E60 (5 Series) from start of production

E83 (X3) from start of production

E65, E66 (7 Series) since September 2003

E53 (X5) since October 2003

E46 (3 Series) since September/October 2003

SITUATION

New vehicles with option code 261 (rear seat side-impact airbag) have rear side airbags activated.

CAUSE

Vehicles with option code 261 (rear seat side-impact airbag) will no longer be shipped with deactivated rear side airbags.

PROCEDURE

The rear side airbags do not need to be activated any longer before delivery.

For customers requesting deactivated rear side airbags the procedure in SI B72 03 99 is unchanged.

The SI will be updated to address this topic.