



SUBJECT

Permanent Discoloration on the Running Boards

MODEL

E70 (X5) produced up to June 8, 2009, and equipped with Running Boards (SA328)

E71 (X6) produced up to June 8, 2009, and equipped with Running Boards (SA328)

SITUATION

A permanent discoloration is present on the aluminum surface of the running boards. This corrosion has the appearance of white discolored patches. Buffing and/or polishing the affected areas will not remove the corrosion.

CAUSE

Discoloration on the aluminum surface caused by environmental effects

CORRECTION

Replace the affected running boards with updated parts. Updated parts are manufactured using a more environmentally-resistant aluminum.

PROCEDURE

Replace both the left and right running board per Repair Instruction REP 51 71 447.

PARTS INFORMATION

Part Number	Description	Quantity
51 77 7 227 533	Running board – Left, E70	1 if necessary
51 77 7 227 534	Running board – Right, E70	1 if necessary
51 77 7 245 741	Running board – Left, E71	1 if necessary
51 77 7 245 742	Running board – Right, E71	1 if necessary

WARRANTY INFORMATION

Covered under the terms of the BMW New Vehicle Limited Warranty.

Defect Code: **51 71 29 78 00**

Labor Operation: Labor Allowance: Description:

51 71 449* Refer to KSD Replacing the trim on both side member covers

*Main Work - use this labor operation number when this is the only repair being performed, or if this is the main repair when performed along with other repairs at the same time. If this is not the main repair, refer to KSD for the associated (+) labor operation code.