



BMW 5-series (E39) All models before 1 Nov. 2002

Insufficient power

If this fault is complained about, then the cause may be defective ignition coils. Various error codes are stored and the engine control lamp lights. Backfiring may also be complained about. In that case, the ignition coils must be checked. If Bremi type ignition coils are installed, then the production date must be checked which is attached at the coil end. The last four digits indicate the production date (see Fig.). If the coils have been manufactured prior to the 42nd calendar week of 2002, then they should be replaced.

