



BMW E38 / E39

With automatic transmission

Engine cannot be started in P or N.

If there are complaints with these vehicles that the engine cannot be started with the selector lever in the P or N positions, this could be caused by the following:

- Fault in the fault memory of the transmission control unit
- Incorrect adjustment of the gearchange cable
- Selector lever position switch

If faults are detected when a readout of the fault memory for the transmission is taken, these must be rectified.

The gearchange cable adjustment must be checked and, if necessary, corrected.

If there is no fault stored in the fault memory, and the gearchange cable adjustment is OK, the selector lever position switch could be the reason for the fault. This should then be replaced.