



## **BMW 7 Series (E38)**

### **Failure of xenon light and fault message**

If there are complaints about the above-mentioned fault, a poor battery charge state could be the cause. This cause is intensified at low temperatures in particular. When the engine is started after the headlamps have already been switched on, there may be a short-term drop in voltage. This is evaluated as a fault by the light module and the fault message "Check dipped beam" is displayed.

In this case the battery charge state should be checked. In some cases the light module may also be the reason for failure. For this reason the index number should be checked. If the index number is 01 and the HW number 05, the light module must be replaced.

In the case of vehicles up to CW 40/94 the headlamps could however also fail completely. This is caused by voltage sparkovers at the bulb connection plug (clearly blackened scorch marks). In this case the headlamp must be replaced. From the above-mentioned date onwards, improved systems have been used. The manufacturing period can be checked by looking at the print on the plug housing.

Print 440 X means:

4 = 1994

40 = CW 40

X = Number between 1-9 (not significant)

**Bulletin**