

Bavarian Otto's Ultimate Maintenance Schedule

The savvy enthusiast's guide to proper maintenance intervals for improving performance and prolonging the life of your BMW or MINI.



3 Series 99 thru 05 (E46 Chassis)	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years	6 years
Annual Inspection (1yr/15K) – See below						
Brake Fluid (1yr/15K)						
Cabin Microfilter (1yr/15K)						
Engine Air Filter (1yr/15K)						
Fuel Filter (1yr/15K)						
Flush Coolant (2yr/30K)						
Power Steering Fluid (2yr/50K)						
Transfer Case Fluid (2yr/50K) – <i>Xi only</i>						
Manual Transmission Fluid (2yr/50K)						
Automatic Transmission Fluid & Filter (2yr/50K)						
Differential Fluid (2yr/50K) – <i>Front (Xi) & Rear</i>						
Accessory Drive Belts (4yr/60K)						
Spark Plugs (2yr/30-40K)						
Spark Plug Boots (4yr/60K)						
Water Pump (4yr/60K)						
Coolant Hoses (4yr/60K)						
Oxygen Sensors (6yr/100K)						
Charcoal Canister (6yr/100K)						

Engine Oil

Petroleum-based
(Change every 3,750mi.)

Synthetic
(Change every 7,500mi.)

Oil Weight: Brand:
(Example: 5W-30)

Record date/mileage in boxes below:

Annual Inspection. Once a year, or every 15,000 miles, you should inspect drive belts, water pump and fan clutch, coolant hoses, suspension and steering linkages and joints, driveshaft flex discs, engine and transmission mounts, brake pads/rotors/calipers/hoses, exhaust systems, fluids, etc., looking for premature wear. Bavarian Otto has made a three-part DIY video that shows you how to perform these inspections yourself. You can watch it at blog.BAVauto.com/go/inspection.



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