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This bulletin outlines the proper operation and care of the E46 BMW 330i Performance Package, subsequently, and properly referenced as the 'ZHP'.

Operation

The following guidelines will ensure your ZHP remains in proper working order:

Proper passenger education is critical. A thorough briefing will ensure that no feet are placed on the dashboard or used to prop open doors. Passengers hands, if kept securely in their lap, will not play with hair or wander towards placing finger prints on the windows. By keeping all foodstuffs out of the passenger compartment, crumb collection activities can be kept to a minimum. For proper treatment of unruly passengers, reference BMW Films "The Hire" series, episode "Star".

The rear window safety lock should be depressed (safe) at all times. This ensures smoother interior lines and does not pose an operational inconvenience as rear seats are not to be occupied by passengers. Doors should be closed using the back of a hand to prevent fingerprints on your black Shadowline ZHP trim. The trunk should be closed using the interior pull handle, as provided, with final closure by pressing down on the ZHP lip spoiler. This not only serves to prevent streaking of the trunklid dust accumulation, but reminds the owner of one of the many ways in which the ZHP is superior to other E46 vehicles.

The sunroof and moonroof shade, as with all ashtrays, should be kept closed at all times. These accoutrement disturb interior lines when open. Headrests should be kept in their lowest and most tilted forward position. This is, of course, primarily a safety advisory. The passenger seat should be kept in the same position (height, tilt, etc.) as the driver's seat at all times and rear seatbelts should, naturally, be stowed out of sight.

Items not necessary to the operation of the ZHP should be kept out of the vehicle. Seatback and door pockets are not suitable storage areas. If items (i.e. small grocery bags) need to be temporarily transported, they should be placed on the rear seat floormats or placed carefully on a towel (provided) on the rear seat.

Your ZHP should be operated in dry conditions whenever possible. Avoid puddles and damp pavement with aggressive steering inputs. This will exercise your M-spec lower control arms. Front windshield washers should not be used under any circumstance. In the event the side windows inadvertently become wet, do not operate them. This will prevent dirt and moisture from entering the door cavity.

If a slow moving vehicle, or vehicle causing flying debris, is encountered on the motorway, a spiteful passing on the right is called for. It may not be necessary to select a lower gear as your ZHP is equipped with a 3.07:1 final drive ratio.

When parking your ZHP, it is recommended to proceed directly to the furthest corner of the parking area from the point of interest. Parking here will prevent door dings from non-ZHP owners. It will also afford the driver more time to admire the unique style 135M wheels and M-Tech II body panels upon returning to the vehicle. The vehicle should always be parked rear-first to facilitate this.

Maintenance

Should your ZHP become soiled (read: not immaculate), the following procedures will return your vehicle to the proper condition. Keeping an adequate supply of clean microfiber towels in the spare tire well will help facilitate these activities.

Prior to operating your ZHP, ensure that all dust is removed from the steering column and steering wheel cap. Vents, instrument cluster, and dashboard should be cleaned in a similar manner. Remove fingerprints from door release pull handles.

If vehicle washing become necessary, use minimal auto shampoo or water only. Drying your ZHP is the single most critical aspect in keeping your vehicle functioning properly. Blow out water from review mirrors, kidney grills, and rear license plate. Dry trunk sills and gas piston springs. Drying under the bonnet allows the owner to view the source of the extra 10 horsepower and 8 ft-lbs of torque that further distinguish the ZHP. Finally, dry all door sills, pillars, and rubber door seals.

Attention to the guidelines noted above will help keep your Driving Machine in top form, meeting the ZHP standard.