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## COMMON FAULTS IN E36 MODELS-PART 1

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This is an attempt to compile as much of a list as possible about known E36 3 series flaws one might encounter. Keep in mind that these are known issues pertaining to design, production, or quality control, and in some cases, not necessarily recognized by BMW as such. In the Transmission & Final Drive:

-A faulty guide sleeve on the 1st & 2nd gear may cause the tranny to pop out of gear. Requires disassembly of the gearbox.

-On manual trannies, 2nd gear can completely blow out, or it may refuse to go into 5th gear when cold. Though very rare, this problem is expensive and requires a rebuild or replacement altogether.

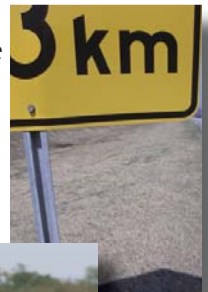
-Squeaky clutch pedals are very common, the only solution is to replace the bushings with aftermarket parts, available from UUC Motorwerks.

-Stock transmission mounts can cause excessive vibration or movement, resulting in missed shifts and engine over revving. This problem is commonly referred to as "the money shift". A number of stiffer aftermarket mounts are available at Bimmerworld.

-Differential clutch pack retaining ring bolts can loosen or back out, eventually resulting in rear end failure. If you hear a ticking noise in the rear, have the final drive checked out.

-Some clutches shudder when 1st or 2nd gear is engaged while the car is hot, or has been driven in stop and go traffic for long periods. This is due to a non-asbestos lining on the clutch plate. BMW apparently has a new lining.

-Flex discs (also known as Guibo couplings) can crack or shred prematurely. This coupling connects the driveline to the transmission. Characterized by a knocking under the tranny hump or a thumping noise under acceleration. Not overly difficult to replace.



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Visit the website often for an up-to-date events calendar, photos from past events, archived newsletters, classifieds, and more!

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# KALENDAR

Events are added, deleted, or changed with reckless abandon. If you really want to know what's going on, check the event calendar at [bluegrassbimmers.org](http://bluegrassbimmers.org) and join the Bluegrass Bimmers mailing list (see reverse).

## **Tuesday, May 8 - 7pm**

Monthly Membership Meeting  
Johnny Carrino's, Frankfort, KY

## **Saturday & Sunday, May 12-13**

Buckeye Drivers School  
Putnam Park, Meridan, IN

## **Saturday & Sunday, May 28-29**

Northern Ohio Drivers School  
Mid-Ohio, Lexington, OH

## **Tuesday, June 12th - 7pm**

Monthly Membership Meeting  
Johnny Carrino's Frankfort, KY

## **Saturday & Sunday, July 7- 8**

Bluegrass Bimmers Drivers School  
and Club Race  
Putnam Park, Meridan, IN

## **Tuesday, July 10 - 7pm**

Monthly Membership Meeting  
Johnny Carrino's, Frankfort, KY

## **Tuesday, August 14 - 7pm**

Monthly Membership Meeting  
Johnny Carrino's, Frankfort, KY

## **Saturday & Sunday, August 25 - 26**

Buckeye Drivers School  
Mid-Ohio, Lexington OH



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