

BMW Car Club
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Wasatch Chapter



The Switchback

Quarter 3



2019 Oktoberfest Tour

Presidents Message

Hello fellow CCA Members!

We’ve had a third quarter with great participation and lots of fun events! We hope you’ve all enjoyed the time with friends and the time behind the wheel of your favorite vehicle! Even though things are starting to cool down and the driving events may be a little more spaced out we hope you can make it out to our fun holiday events as well!

Lastly, we would love to hear from any and all of you, so if you have any suggestions for events, would like to help make things happen for the club or would like to donate some time, don’t hesitate to get a hold of any of us. (info on the right)

Thanks as always for being amazing members of the club!
-Dan Archer

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This years currently scheduled events

Visit wasatchbmwcca.org for the most up to date information!

- Feb: Tech Session
- March: SCCA Drive Event
- April: Silver Fork Lodge Lunch Drive
- May: Automotive Photography Tech Session
- June: Annual BBQ
- July: Cruise/Dinner
- Aug: Short Cruise/Top Golf
- Sep: Teen Driving Clinic
- Oct: Oktoberfest Drive
- Nov: Tech Session
- Dec: Holiday Dinner

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Tech Article: BMW 3 Series Clutch Slave Cylinder Replacement

The BMW 3-Series cars have a hydraulic clutch engagement system - there are no cables involved with the actuation of the clutch. Although this actually creates a more reliable clutch system over time, there can be a failure or break-down of the system if the slave or master cylinder get old and begin to leak or fail. A spongy feel to the clutch pedal, grinding of gears when shifting, long pedal travel, and hydraulic leaks under the car are all signs that one or more components of the system have failed. The first place I like to start is the clutch slave cylinder, as it is easy and inexpensive to replace.

Replacement of the slave cylinder is a snap. Its location is easy to get to from underneath the car. The slave cylinder is located on the left side of the transmission (Figure 1). Two nuts fasten it to the transmission. First, disconnect the hydraulic line from the cylinder. Make sure you use a flare-nut wrench to remove the hose. These hydraulic fittings have a tendency to strip if you don't use the proper tool. Also, inspect the clutch slave line - you might want to replace it if it's bulging, or shows signs of cracking in the rubber. Before you disconnect the line, make sure that you have a drip pan to catch the fluid that will leak out.

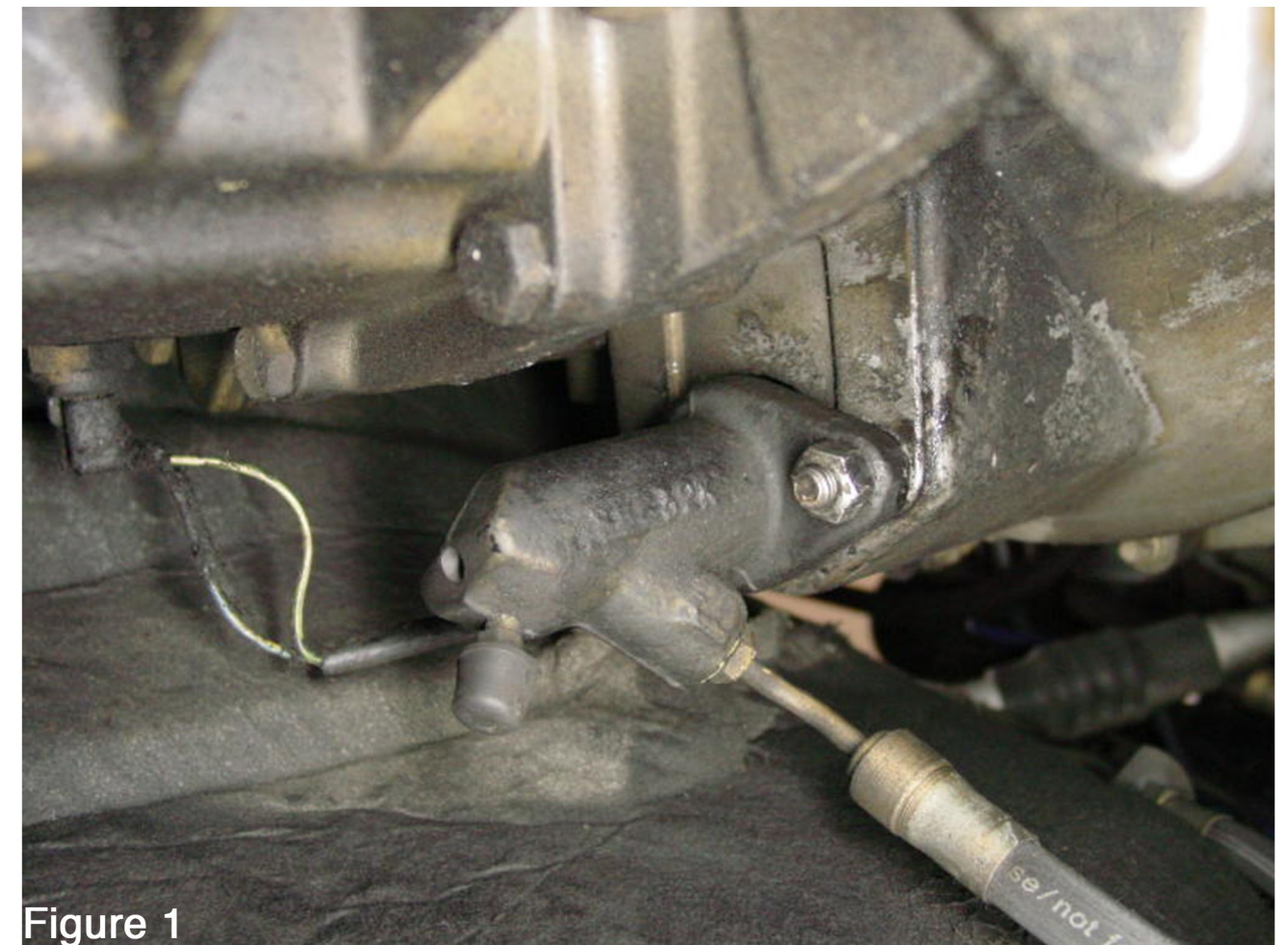


Figure 1

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Now, remove the two nuts that hold the cylinder to the transmission. The slave cylinder should remove easily. Install the new one and reattach the clutch fluid line.

The system now needs to be bled. I like to use the Motive Products Power Bleeder for this task (Figure 2). For more information on using the Power Bleeder, see the Pelican Technical Article on Bleeding BMW Brakes. Attach the power bleeder to the top of the master cylinder reservoir and pump up the pressure in the bleeder. Move to underneath the car and attach your bleeder hose to the bleed nipple on the slave cylinder (Figure 3). Let the system bleed out until no more bubbles appear.

When finished, remove the bleeder system, lower the car, and try the clutch again. The pedal should have a good feel to it, and the clutch should engage normally. If you are still having problems, you should try replacing your clutch master cylinder next!



Figure 2



Figure 3

Catch all of the fun

Chapter Events

by visiting our webpage and clicking on the Events tab and find the next meet just up the road!

Please offer event ideas you, as a club member, would like us to provide.

www.wasatchbmwcca.org/events.html

Do you have an event that supports BMW lovers?
Let us know and we can add it to this calendar.

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