

Service Bulletin

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BMW Motorcycles

Subject: K Series: Starter Relay Kit

Operating Manager

Details: During the starting procedure of the K 1200 LT and K 1200 RS models, the entire starter current flows through the starter relay. If the rider attempts to start the motorcycle when the battery is almost flat, or continues to operate the starter once signs of low battery voltage are present (decreasing starting RPM), there is the possibility of the contacts within the starter relay to weld shut. The result will be the continued operation of the starter motor until the battery becomes fully discharged. In addition, substantial damage to the main wiring harness is possible.

Sales Department

Accessory Department

Parts Department

Service Measures: A new starter relay, incorporated into a starter relay retrofit kit has been developed to assist in preventing battery discharge and wiring harness damage under the above described circumstances.

Service Department

Series Introduction: The new starter relay will be introduced into series production as follows:

K 1200 RS: with introduction of K 1200 RS facelift model, 01/01.

K 1200 LT: with series production starting with VIN ZD 77402.

Workshop Solution: In case of a customer complaint in this area, or in retrofitting, install a retrofit kit. The kit consists of a starter relay module, wiring harness, relay base and assorted small items, hardware, etc. The instructions included in the kit are in the German language. A translation of the installation instructions are attached to this bulletin.

Parts Information: Part numbers for both the starter relay retrofit kit and the starter relay as an individual part, are as follows. Parts are currently available:

Description: Retrofit kit - Starter Relay

Part Number: 61 35 7 663 945

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Warranty Processing: Enter a regular warranty claim, using applicable defect and flat rate codes for the model and complaint being addressed.



Installation Instructions: Installation instructions for the starter relay retrofit kit.

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1. If motorcycle is equipped with an alarm system, program alarm to mode B and disarm. This will ensure the alarm system does not activate when the battery is disconnected/reconnected
2. Disconnect Ground Connection (-) at the battery.
3. Remove the central electrical connection box cover. See appropriate workshop manual group:
K 1200 RS = 61.9
K 1200 LT = 6111
3. See Figure 1. Locate existing starter relay at the bottom left hand corner of electrical box and remove. Unplug/Unbolt electrical connections from existing relay.



Figure 1



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Instructions
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4. See Figures 2 & 3. Use side cutters to snip both vertical supports in the electrical box. Make sure the horizontal sections remain; they will be used to hold the replacement starter relay module in place.
5. See Figure 3. Use one of the adhesive square foam pads in the kit. Peel the paper backing off and stick in place as shown.

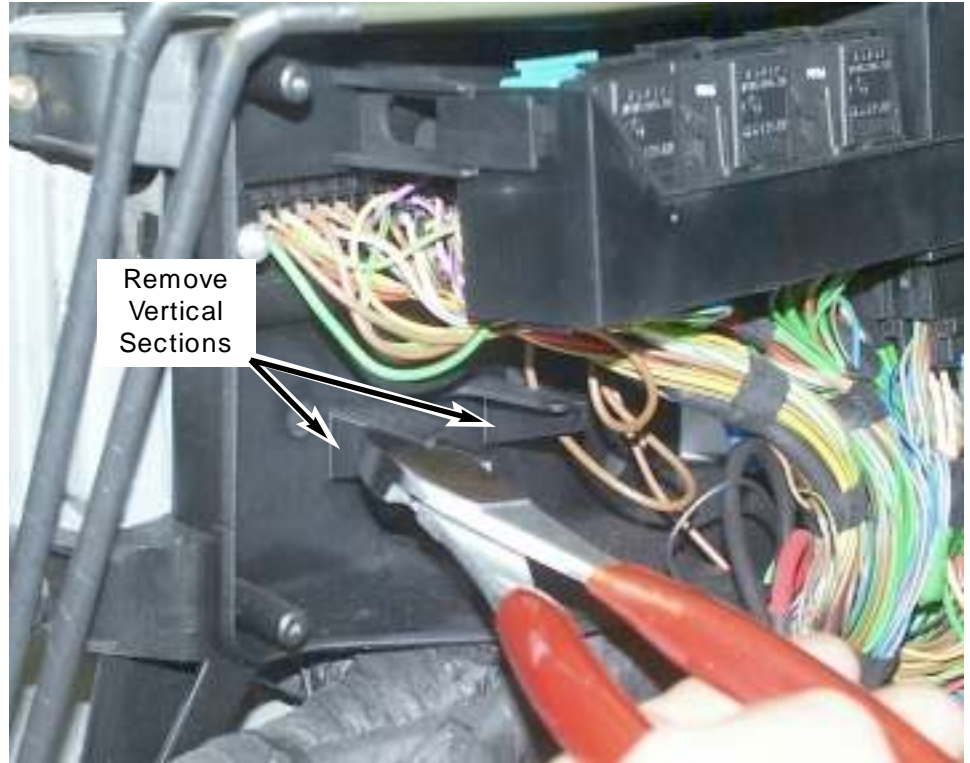


Figure 3



Figure 3



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6. See Figure 4. Slide a heat shrink tube from the kit onto the 6 mm Red and Black starter motor circuit wires.
7. Using the supplied M5 bolt, toothed washer, flat washer and nylock nut supplied, connect the ring connections of these wires to the same color wires on the supplied relay module harness.
8. Torque bolts to 2 Nm. Slide shrink tubes to center location over bolts and shrink using a heat gun (be careful not to damage any surrounding wires with heat).

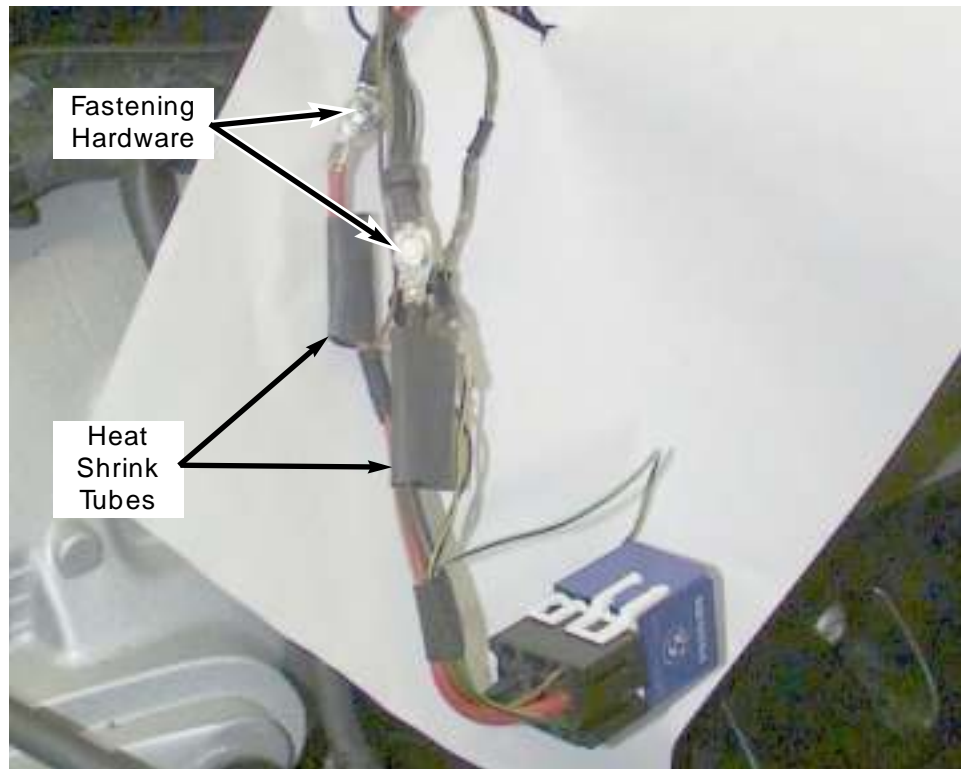


Figure 4

9. Use the appropriate chart for the motorcycle you are working on (ie: K 1200 LT = page 5, K 1200 RS = page 6) and connect the remaining wires.

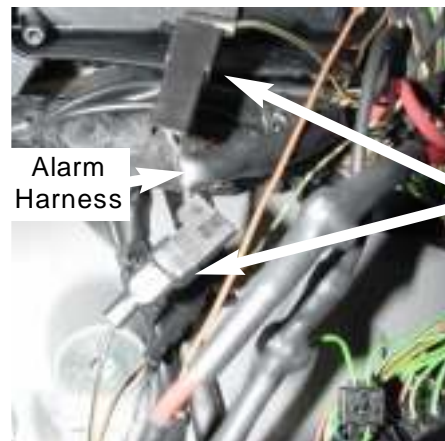
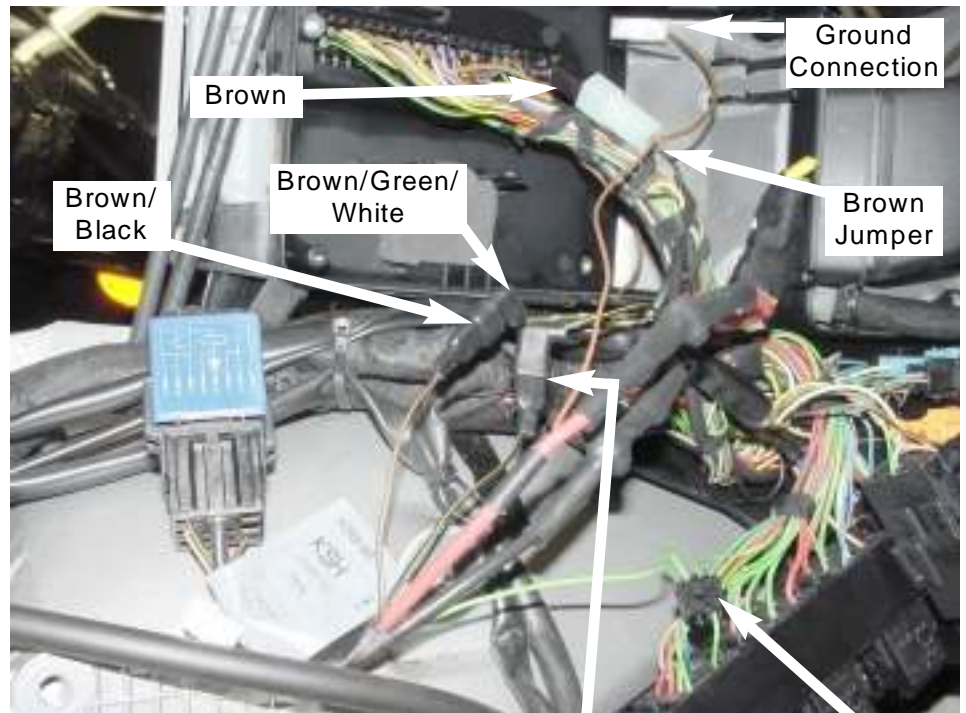
Note: Motorcycles equipped with an alarm require connection to the alarm module harness as directed in the chart.

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Black/Yellow (without Alarm)

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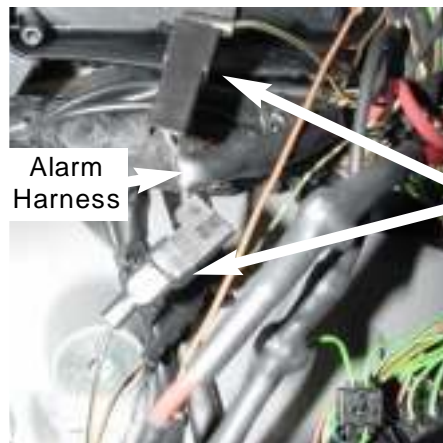
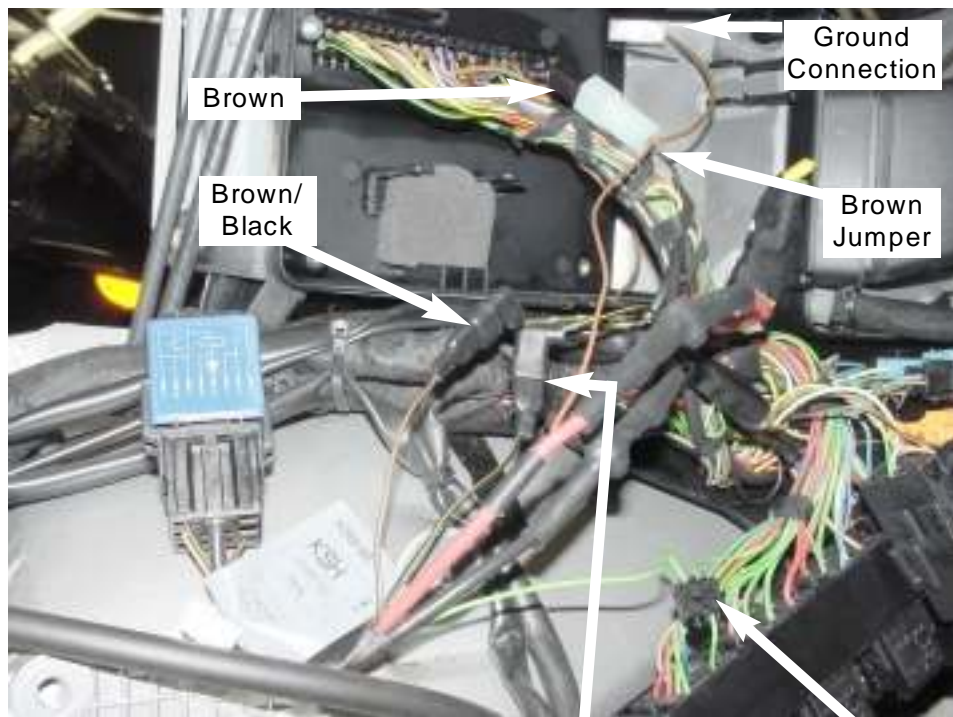
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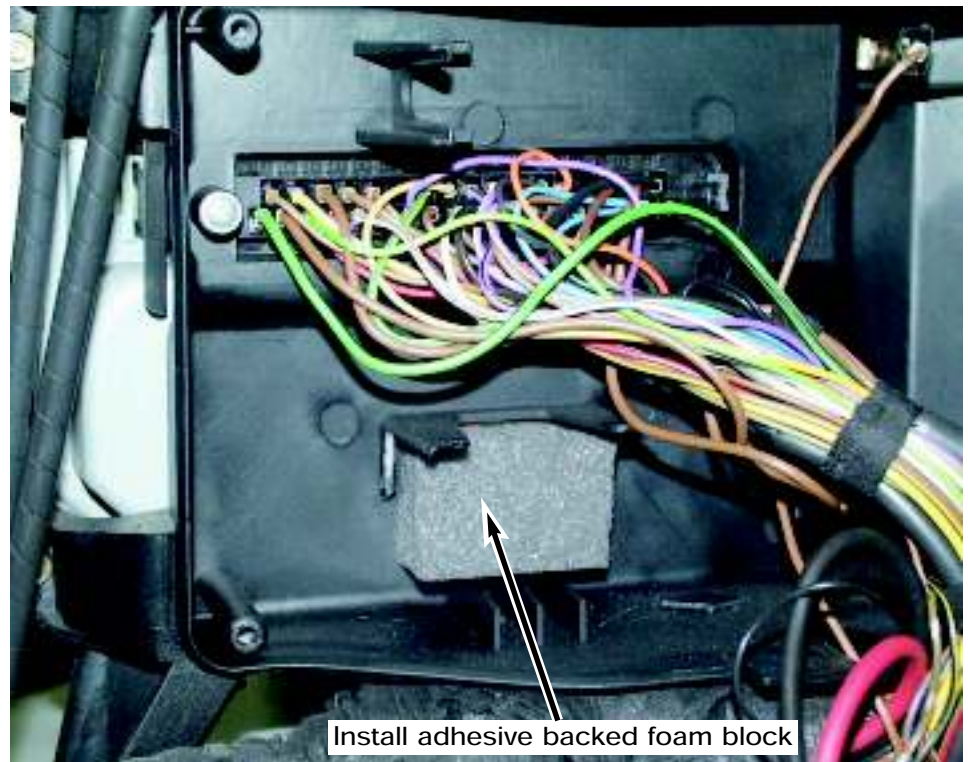


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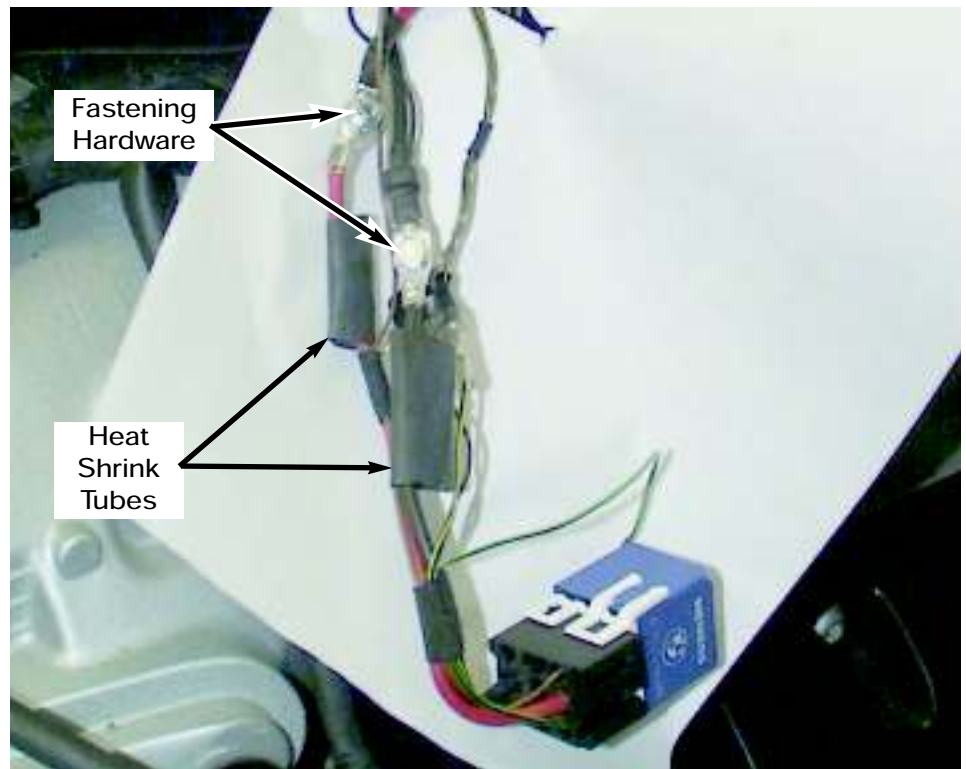


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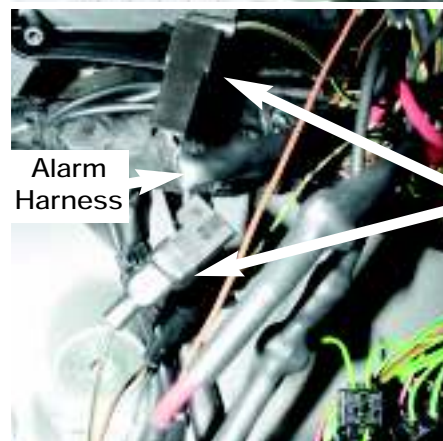
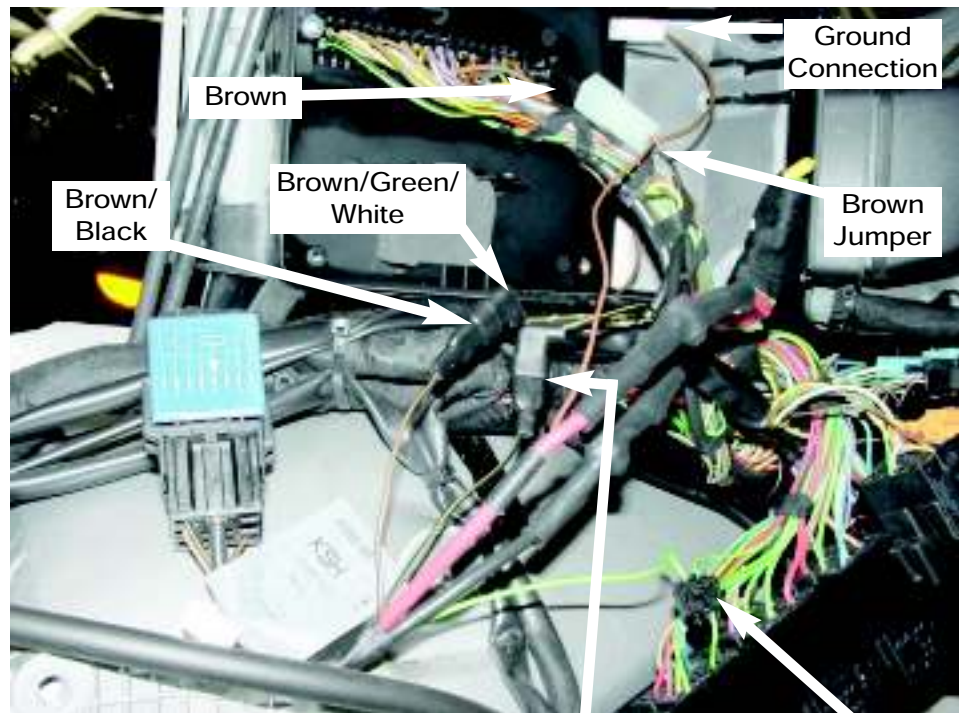
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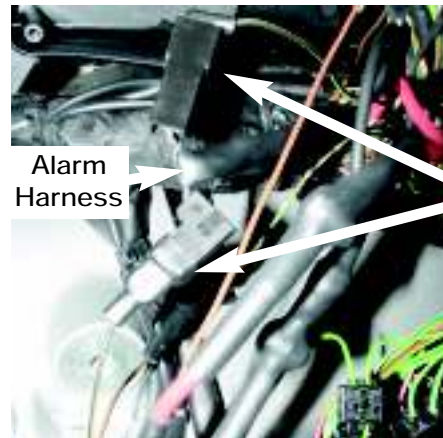
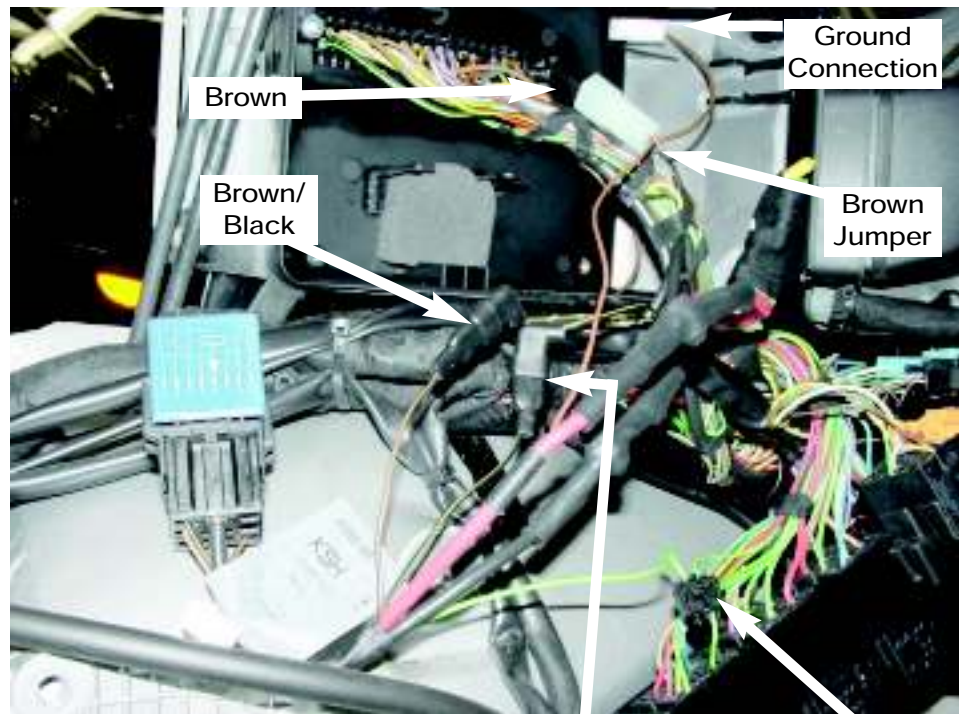
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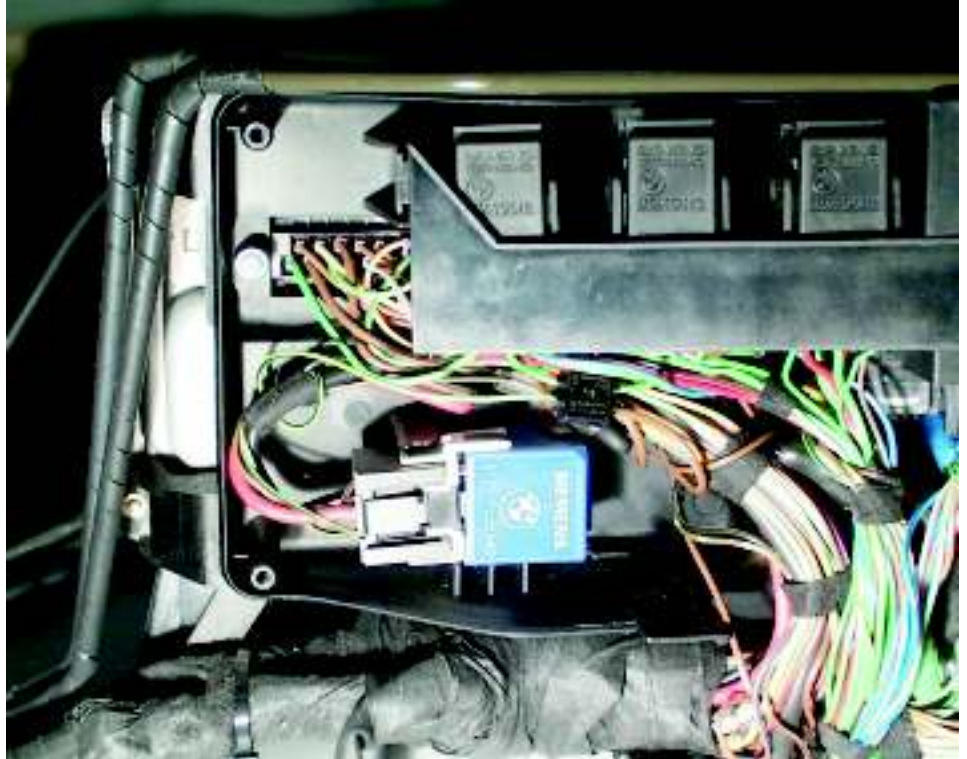


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