ISTA as Shop Manual Viewing ISTA Documents

I. Scope; Contents of Tutorial:

ISTA Used as a Shop Manual to View: Repair Procedures (REP); Wiring Diagrams, Interactive (SSP); Functional Descriptions of HOW Systems work (FUB); Torque Specs (AZD); Fluid Specs (SBS); and more.

Functions NOT Connected to Vehicle: can use Desktop or Laptop w/o cable connection to vehicle

How to Open ISTA: Select Vehicle by VIN-7 or Basic Features, & Begin Search **19 Types of Documents:** how to use Filter, to View selected Types of Documents.

Text Search: HOW to use to find Documents/ Content

Find Repair Instructions (REP): (A)Text Search; (B) Product Structure (Drill Down)

How to find Electrical Wiring Diagrams (SSP)

Component Locations & Connector Views: (Pin Identification) in SSP Documents

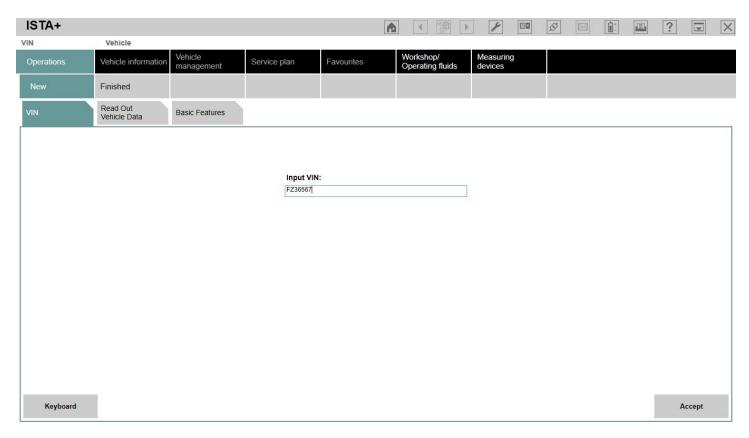
Symbols & Conventions: used in Wiring Diagrams **Functional Description:** See HOW Systems work

ISTA Help: click [?] in Symbol bar @ top of screen; 52-page pdf loads. See p.48 for Task/Symbol Bar button functions. ISTA Help describes FULL workshop system @ Dealership, NOT stand-alone computer use.

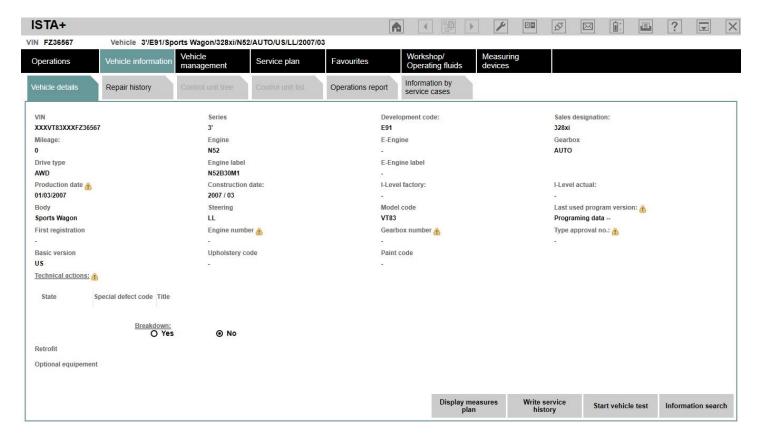
II. (A) Open ISTA; (B) Select Vehicle; (C) Begin Text Search:

ISTA can be used WITHOUT being connected to vehicle to search and view Documents:

- (A) Open ISTA: Click Operations Menu Button, Top-Left of screen
- (B1) Select Vehicle, Specific VIN: Enter Last-7 Characters of vehicle VIN in Input VIN box:

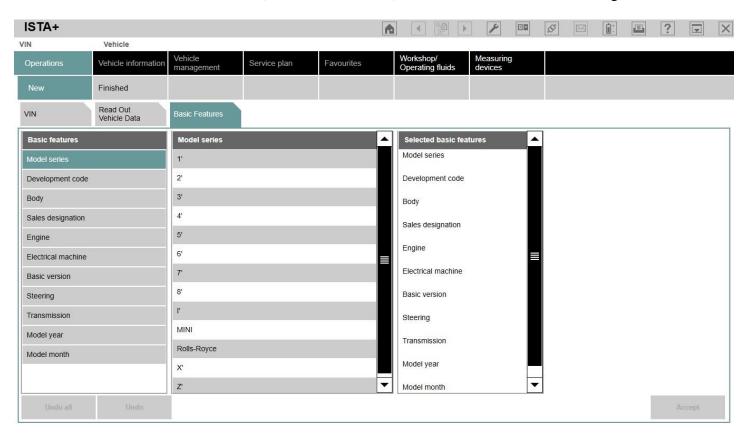


Press Enter or click Accept; 'Vehicle Information > Vehicle Details' Screen Appears (~ 20 seconds):



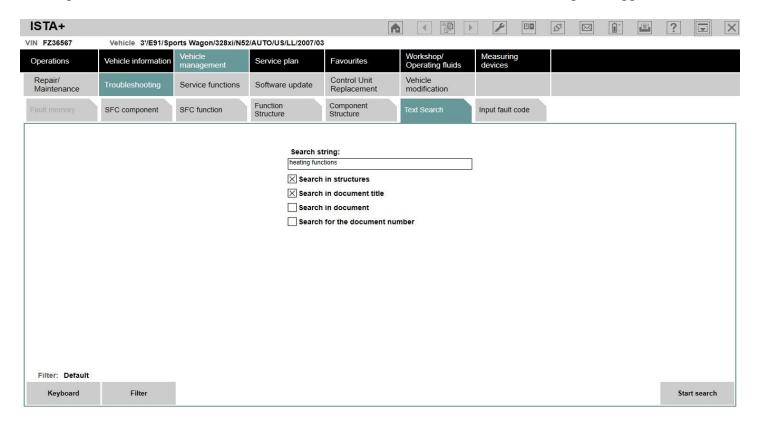
NOTE: Vehicle Identification appears in line beneath ISTA+ Symbol Bar/Tool Bar, at Top of Screen.

(B2) Select Vehicle 'Basic Features' (If Don't Know VIN), Enter: Series/Chassis/Model/Engine, etc:

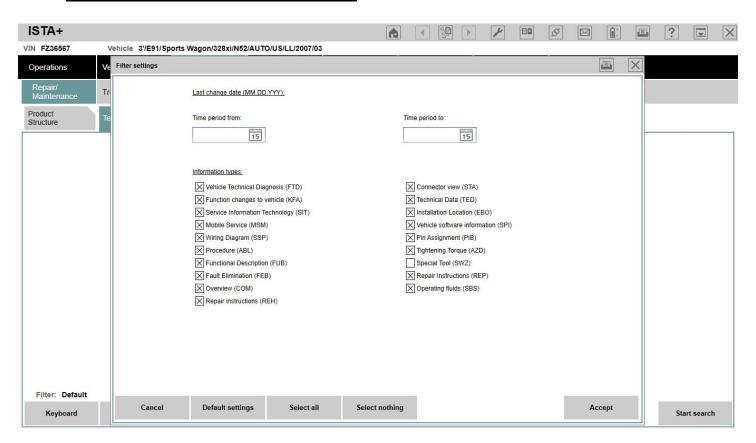


Note: Menu, Submenu & Tab buttons selected are Blue-Green Color in ScreenPrints

(C) Begin Text Search: Click 'Vehicle management' menu button, & either (1) 'Troubleshooting' or (2) 'Repair/ Maintenance' Submenu button, and then 'Text Search' Tab. 'Search string' box appears:



III. 19 Document Types & Filter Button:



Screen Above: shows 'Default settings' for Filter: 18 Document types. ALL BUT Special Tool (SWZ).

Click Filter Button: to filter for FEWER Document Types. Filtering results in faster searches & fewer 'Hits'. To select only ONE TYPE, such as REP, click 'Select nothing' button and then click the box on Repair Instructions (REP) line. Or you can select ONLY (SSP) & (PIB) for electrical diagrams & Pinouts.

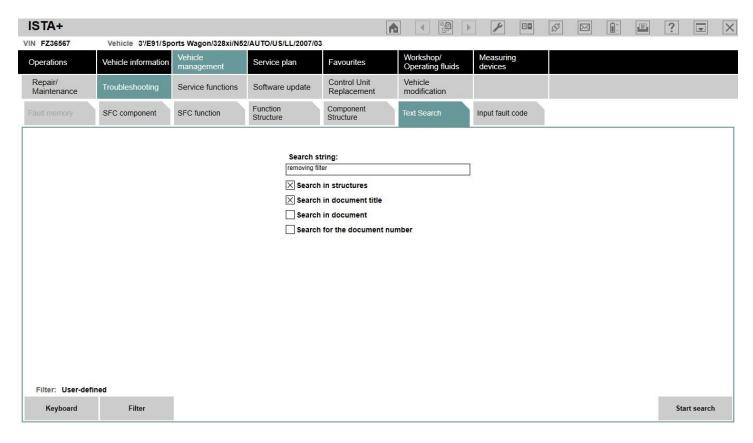
Check ONLY 'Search in Document Title': for fastest search (may be less complete); Note that there are Four types of searches you can check under the Search String box. You can experiment to see what suits YOU best. You can Cancel a SLOW search process by clicking the [X] at top-right of box and clicking 'Yes'.

IV. Repair Instructions (REP):

- □ Filter for (REP) ONLY; Select 'Search in structures' & 'Search in document title'
- □ Search "removing x", where "x" is general term such as: fan, exhaust, disc, handbrake, filter, glovebox
- □ Title of many Procedures begins with: "Removing and installing / replacing", so entering "removing filter" gets 12 'Hits': everything beginning with "Removing" and containing the word "filter"

A. Text Search:

Filter: (REP) only; Search in structures; Search in document title; Search string: "removing filter":

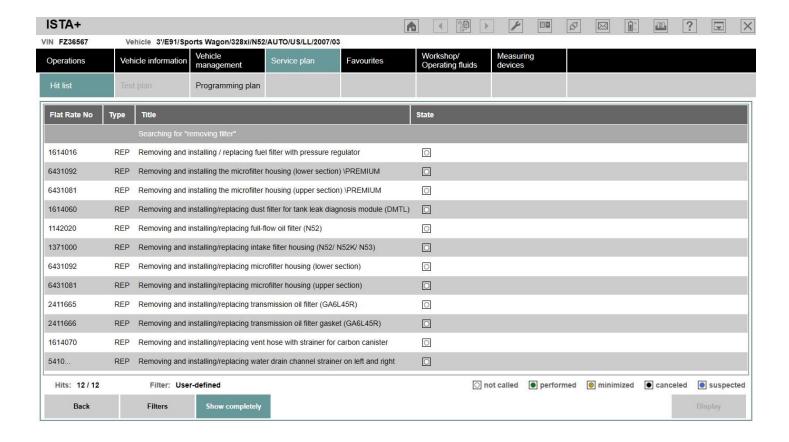


Press Enter Key: with cursor in search string box (after typing), or click 'Start search' button, bottom-right

12 Hits: in 'Hit List' for that search are shown on next screen.

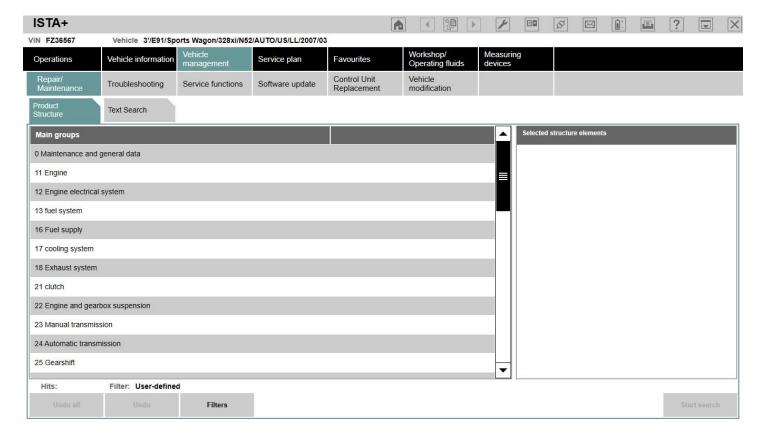
Double-click: any document line to view that Document. Note: 'Hit list' is under 'Service plan' Menu button. Search terms "removing filter" appears.

NOTE Document History Icon: in Task/Symbol Bar, between Left/Right arrows. After you have opened multiple documents, you can toggle between opened documents with those two arrows or click Doc History button & Select desired document to view

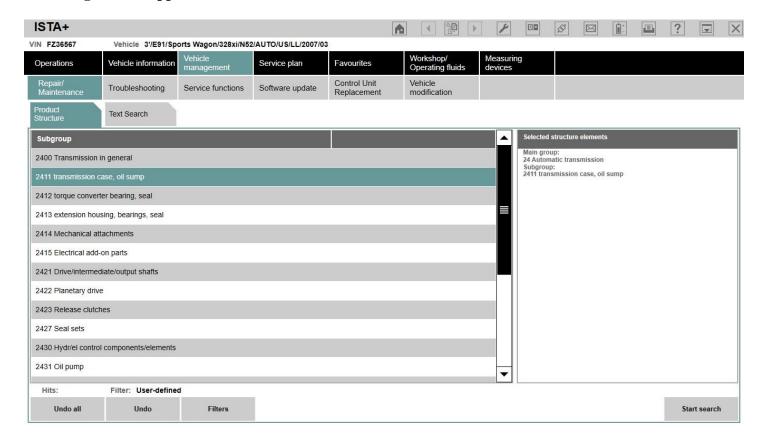


B. Product Structure, Drill-Down Manual Search:

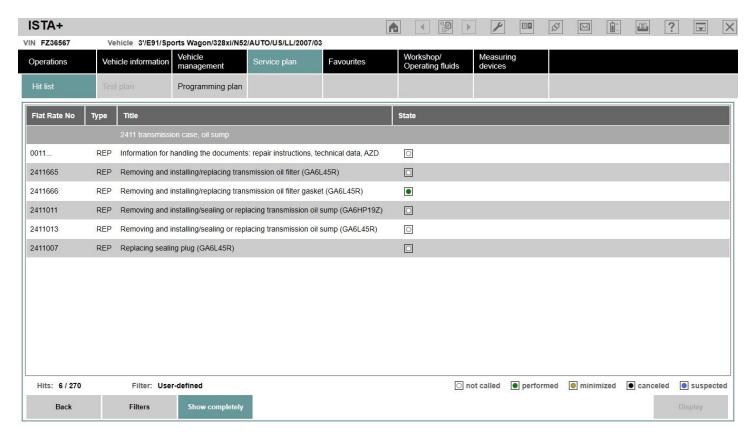
Vehicle Management Menu button > Repair/Maint Submenu > Product Structure Tab; Screen 1 shown; there are 3 more screens. Systems numbered same as RealOEM.com & Bentley: 11 Engine, 13 Fuel system, etc.



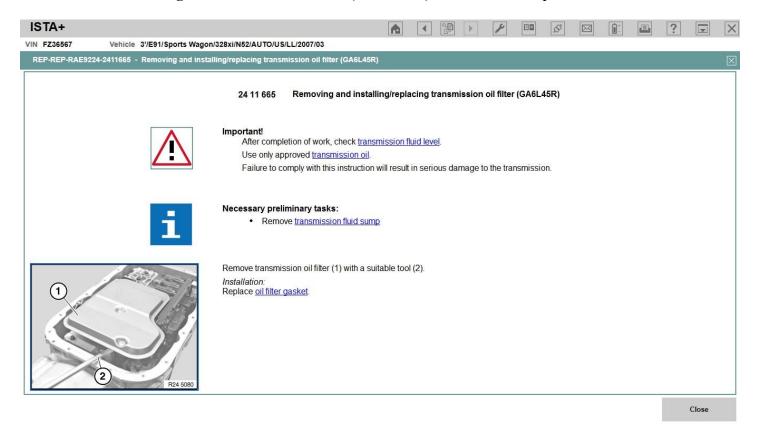
Example: View Procedure for Transmission Filter Remove/Replace on GM6 AT (GA6L45R) **Product Structure/ Main groups (shown above):** Select/ Click '24 Automatic transmission' **Following Screen Appears:**



Select '2411 transmission case, oil sump' and click Start search button, bottom-right of screen:



Double-Click Removing...transmission oil filter (GA6L45R): to view REP Repair Instructions:



NOTE: 'Necessary preliminary tasks' are linked (just click link to view); in this case 'Remove transmission fluid sump'; other links provide procedures for replacing gasket, checking fluid level & Oil Type/ Spec.

Navigate: between pages using Left/Right Arrows either side of Document History, Icon Bar at top of screen.

Text Search: is faster than Product Structure "Drill-Down" approach **IF** you know the right search terms to use. Using Product Structure may be less daunting at first UNTIL you learn what TERMS to use, and depending how often/ how much you use ISTA.

Product Structure: approach helps you find the correct system/ group to search when you don't know exactly what you're looking for, and/or its "technical name" as used in ISTA.

Requesting & Providing Search Terms: is encouraged, to increase the ISTA knowledge base on the Forums.

V. Find Electrical Diagrams, Component Locations, Connector Views, Pinouts:

Filter: SSP (wiring diagram) & PIB (Pinout) ONLY selected

Search in document title: selected ONLY

Search string Entry: may need to use term in Parenthesis instead of abbreviation

- (1) Search by Module abbreviation: ASK, CAS, DME, DSC, EGS ("transmission control"), EKPS ("fuel pump"), FAS (seat module); FRM, FZD (roof), JB (A4010), JBE (A4010a), KOMBI, MOST, MRS, RDC SHD (roof), ULF, VTG
- (2) Search by System/Subsystem: DME: air supply, engine cooling, fuel, ignition, valve gear; IHKA: heating functions; FRM: window inputs, window outputs; interior lights; side light, beam (low/ high), brake, reversing, mirror; CAS: locking inputs, locking drives, remote control; BSD (interface); radio; alternator

Each subsystem: named above has a separate wiring diagram. The trick is to know (correctly guess ;-) what the "Title" of the Subsystem Diagram is. "Reversing" works – "backup" = NO Hits.

Also helps: to know what components are connected to/ INPUTS to/ controlled by a particular Module. The "Overview" button at bottom of screen opens box identifying Components, Lines, Connectors, Fuses.

Example, Search "Reversing" entered in Search String, for Reversing/Backup light circuit: ISTA+ VIN FZ36567 Vehicle 3'/E91/Sports Wagon/328xi/N52/AUTO/US/LL/2007/03 SSP-SSP-SP0000025957 - Reversing lights components A4011 Footwell module ⊕ E80 **⊕** E81 Rear light, inner right S8511 Reversing light switch [2] 31 Terminal 31, ground [4] ⊕ K_CAN_H Bus signal, K-CAN High ⊕ K_CAN_L Bus signal K-CAN Low ⊕ RFS_L Signal, reversing light, left ⊕ RFS_R Signal, reversing light, right (+) S_RFL Signal, reversing light switch

NOTE: AT models use K-CAN signal to FRM from Transmission Module (EGS) to activate reversing lights. MT models use Reversing Light Switch. 'Overview' button clicked to display Components / Lines Description. Click on 'X329' (Connector for Tail light, inner left), and see Location Diagram & Connector View Tab:

Zoom in

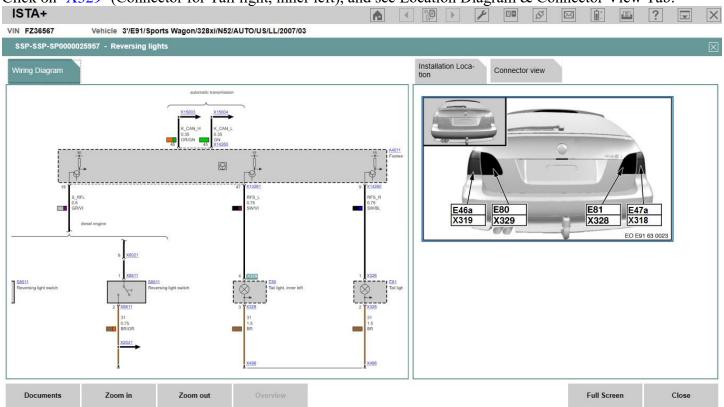
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Collapse / expand

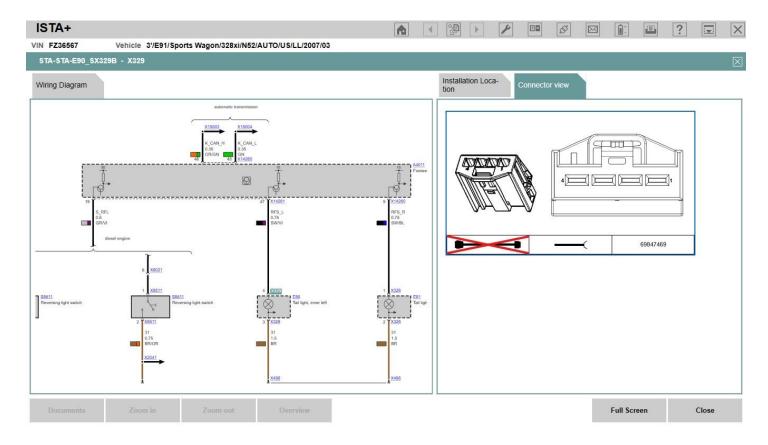
Hide wires

Reset

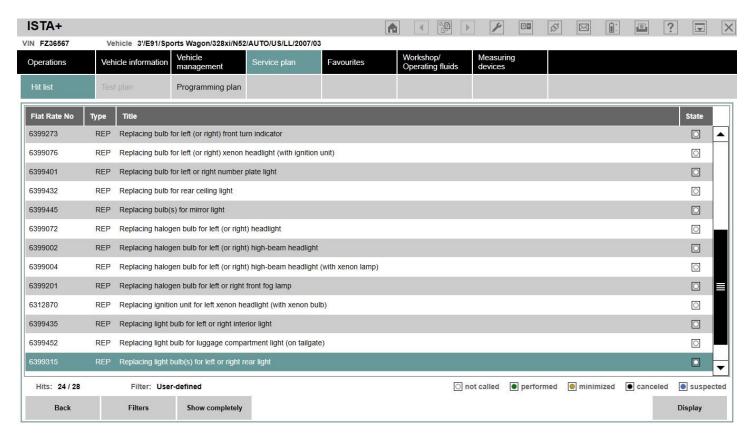
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Click Connector View: tab on that screen to see connector diagram with Pin # / Socket Identification:

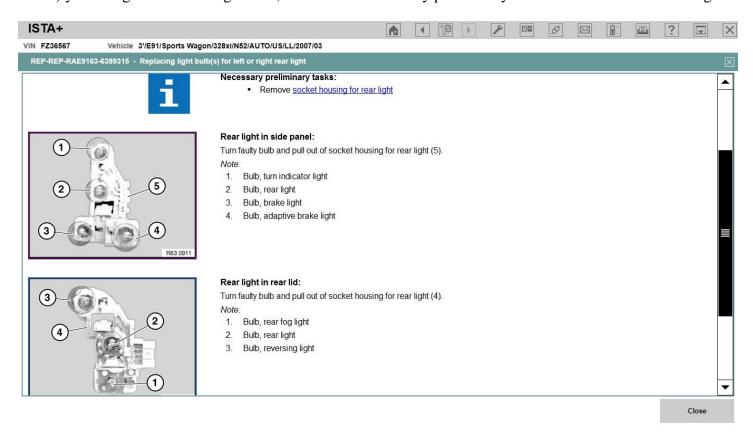


Lighting Bulb/Connector Access: As described in IV(A) Repair Instructions (REP), Text Search above: Enter "bulb" in search string; (REP) Filter ONLY; select only 'Search in document title': yields 'Hit list' (24 hits):

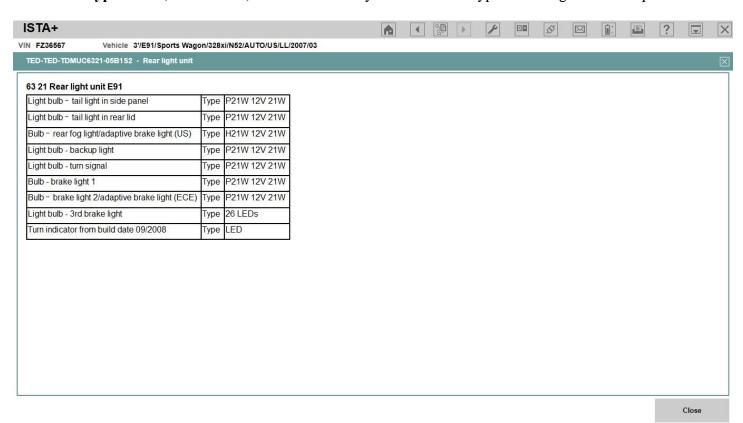


Combining REP Instructions with SSP wiring diagrams, Component Locations & Connector Views gives you everything you need to test lighting / other electrical components (EXCEPT a Multimeter;-)

As example, if you click on 'REP Replacing light bulbs(s) for left or right rear light' (last entry, hi-lighted above) you will get the following screen; NOTE: the 'Necessary preliminary tasks': Remove socket housing...

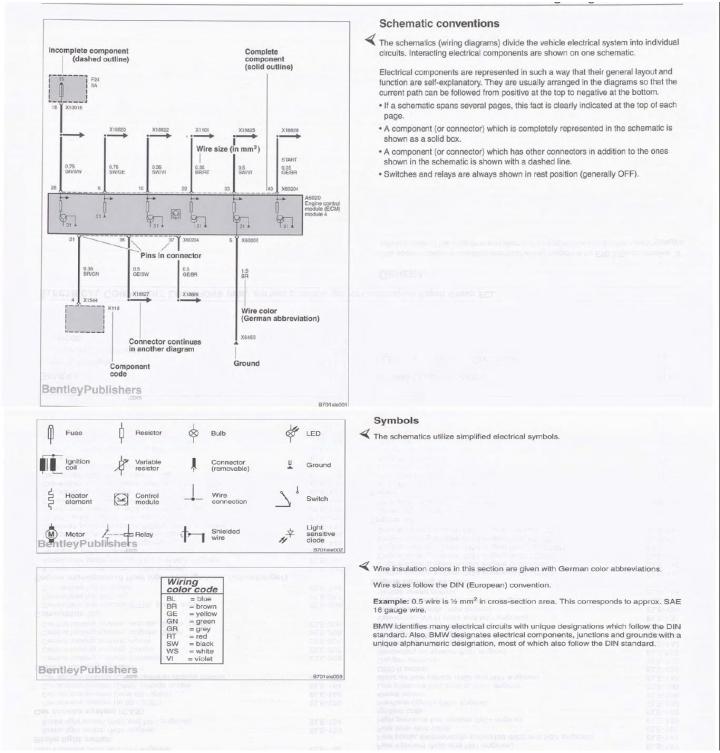


Note 'bulb type': link (NOT shown) for bulb chart so you know what Type & Wattage bulb is required



VI. Conventions & Symbols Used in ISTA SSP Wiring Diagrams:

Bentley Manual: pages ELE-2 & ELE-3, provide following Conventions & Symbols, ISTA SSP Documents:



NOTE: wire size appears in mm-squared cross-section area, just above Abbreviation for wire color. Small number above fuse symbol (15 above F24 symbol in Conventions example) is KL15 or ignition-switched power supply. KL87 is DME Main Relay; KL30G is Accessory Relay; KL30 is UN-switched Battery power.

Wire Size Links, American Wire Gauge (AWG) to mm-squared cross-section area:

https://www.engineeringtoolbox.com/awg-wire-gauge-d_731.html https://www.wirebarn.com/Wire-Calculator-_ep_41.html

VII. How Systems Work: Functional Descriptions (FUB) & FTD: Vehicle Tech Diagnosis:

Filter: If you ONLY want to see FUB Functional Descriptions of how a system works, and/or FTD (Vehicle Technical Diagnosis),, select those two types in Filter and "Search in Document Title" ONLY.

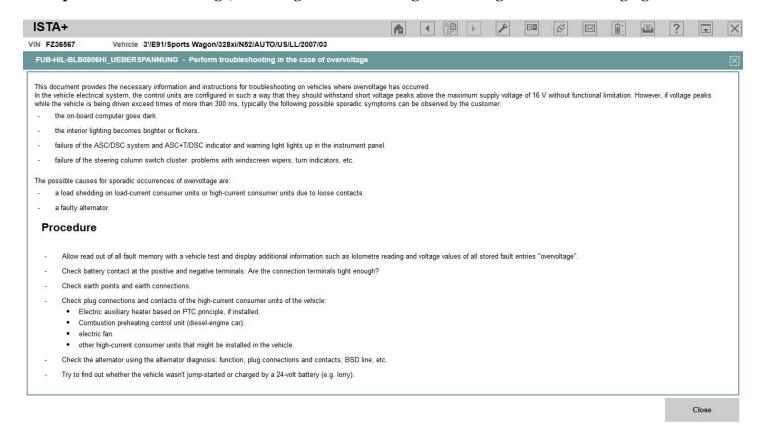
Modules: ASK, CAS, DSC, FRM, FZD, JBE, KOMBI, MOST, MRS, RDC SHD, ULF, VTG: simply enter the Module Abbreviation as listed here, and you will get Functional Description

Systems: Battery, Brake, Cool, Fuel, Heat, etc.

Components: Some components, such as Fan, IBS, EKP; you can even use a general term like "sensor" and get 47 hits, or "pump", 12 hits.

Conditions: some conditions, such as Overvoltage, or tank leak.

Example of FUB: Overvoltage, or Voltage > 16V with Engine Running/ Alternator charging:



A. Check Control: CC-ID Codes & Procedure:

Filter: Select FTD or FUB ONLY; check 'Search in document title' ONLY

Search FTD: "Diagnosis on instrument cluster"; See Check Control Procedure & first 450 CC-ID Definitions.

Search FUB: "Check Control message"; See ALL CC-ID Definitions through CC-ID #965

Sharing Information:

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