

# How to Reset & Re-learn the 6HP19/21 Transmission Adaptations

When hard parts are replaced in a transmission or the fluid is changed, resetting the transmission's adaptations is necessary to restore shift quality. The ZF 6-speed automatic used in the E9X-based vehicles like the 335i and 135i (among many others) is an expensive transmission, especially if upgraded, and fluid replacement w/adaptation reset is absolutely necessary to ensure the transmission is operating optimally. This DIY applies to any E-series vehicle that uses the ZF 6HP19/21 transmission.

## When should I reset adaptations?

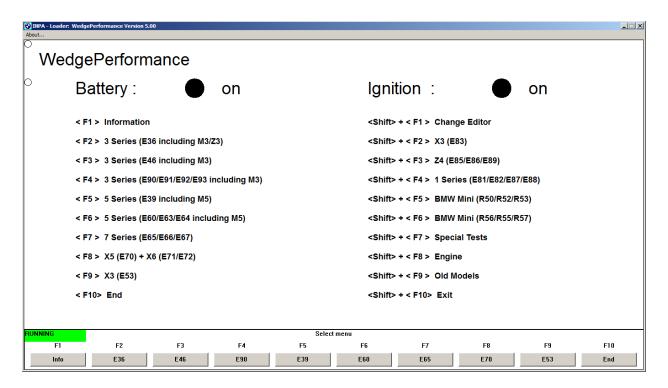
- When the fluid is serviced
- When the software is updated (i.e. Custom Calibration or xHP)
- When hard parts are replaced inside the transmission (i.e. High Performance Clutches)

**Warning:** If you have the capability of resetting transmission adaptations with INPA, I urge you not to do it unless you have the time and roadways to complete the relearn process **exactly** as described. This procedure will cause the transmission to shift poorly at a detriment to the gearbox if the relearn is not performed immediately and properly.

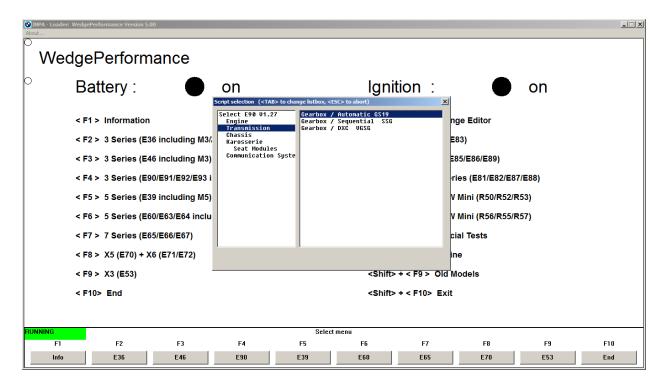
## **Resetting Adaptations**

Turn the vehicle's ignition on by pressing the start button twice but do not start the car. Plug in the K+DCAN adapter to the vehicle and laptop. Execute INPA. When INPA is loaded, the battery and ignition bubbles should be filled in to indicate it has established communication with the vehicle.

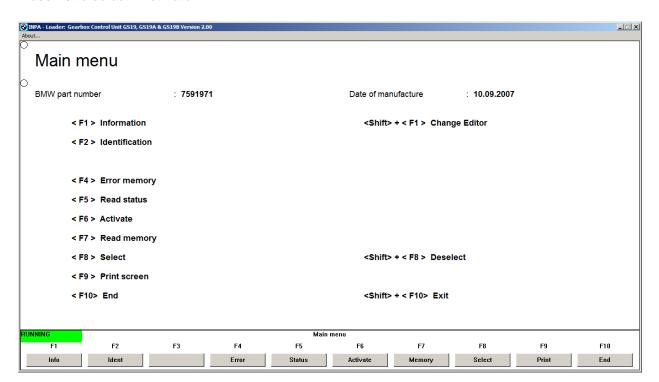
#### Press F4 to select E90.



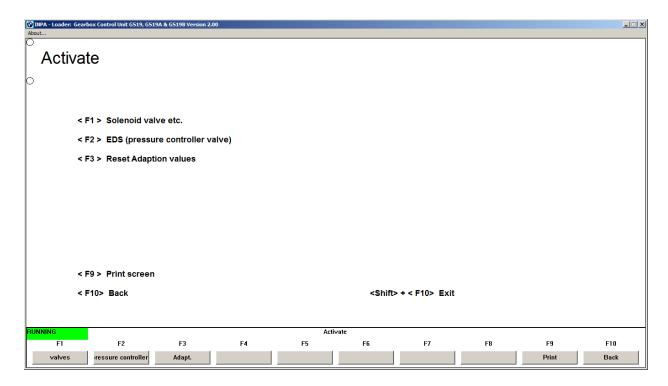
Select "Transmission" then "Gearbox / Automatic GS19".



Press F6 to select "Activate".



Press F3 to select "Adapt". This resets the adaptations.



After pressing F3 to reset the adaptations, a confirmation message will appear.

# Re-Learning the Adaptations

The most important part of resetting transmission adaptations is the re-learn process. Refer to the process below to see the re-learn procedure your vehicle needs after its transmission adaptations have been reset.

Before starting this procedure, ensure the following conditions have been satisfied;

- 1) The adaptation values have been cleared
- 2) The error memory codes, if any, have been read, recorded and cleared
- 3) ATF temperature is 122F or above (adaptations will not learn if not)

### 1. Step 1 Adaptation Re-Learn Procedure (D-Mode)

- 1) From a standstill, accelerate the vehicle in D Mode with very light throttle (15-25% if monitoring pedal angle with MHD) to 4<sup>th</sup> gear
- 2) Continue to accelerate with light throttle (20-40%) to 6<sup>th</sup> gear
- 3) Let the vehicle coast to ~25mph, then slow the vehicle to a standstill with light brake application
- 4) With the brakes applied and the vehicle at a standstill, wait for 10 seconds
- 5) Repeat steps 1-4 for 9 cycles, then proceed to Step 2 below (M-Mode)

### 2. Step 2 Adaptation Re-Learn Procedure (M-Mode)

- 1) With the shifter in M Mode, accelerate the vehicle to ~30mph and select 3<sup>rd</sup> gear
- 2) Continue driving for 2 miles
- 3) Accelerate the vehicle to ~45mph and select 5<sup>th</sup> gear
- 4) Using light throttle, accelerate to 50mph and then coast to ~40mph without applying the brakes, repeat for 4 cycles, then
- 5) Accelerate to 55mph and select 6<sup>th</sup> gear
- 6) With light throttle, accelerate to 65mph then coast to 50mph without applying the brakes, repeat for 4 cycles, then
- 7) Select 3<sup>rd</sup> gear and repeat steps 1-6 for 5 cycles, then coast to a standstill and proceed to Step 3 below

### 3. Step 3 (Shift Confirmation)

- 1. With the vehicle at a standstill, shift from "N" to "D", wait 5 seconds then shift back into "N"
- 2. Repeat this for 4 cycles, then
- 3. Shift from "N" to "R", wait 5 seconds then shift back into "N"
- 4. Repeat this for 4 cycles, then
- 5. Check error memory to ensure there are no codes

This concludes the basic procedure for re-learning the transmission adaptations. Please keep in mind that the transmission will continue to learn over the next few days to completely learn itself into the new parameters and shift quality will continue to improve. Drive the vehicle as normal.