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BMW X3 - Rear window repair (driver side)

Step-by-step walkthrough

1) Remove the door panel

2) Carefully remove the foam vapor barrier

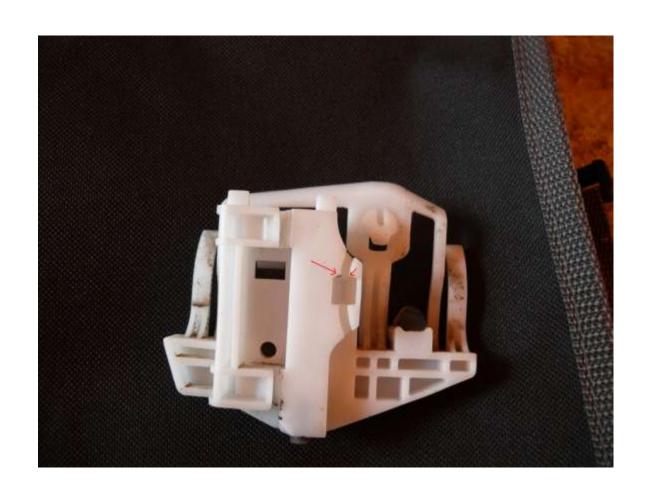3) Push the window down until the bottom is visible – and the drive dog itself.

4) Grab the window and pull it up, and at the same time press the plastic tongue to release the window from the drive dog

5) Fix the window to the door frame (a scotch tape could be ok for that)
6) Push the drive dog to the left, to remove it from the metallic rail

7) Review the drive dog to check for damage. In my case, the damage was very small, at the top of the space where the cable is fixed.
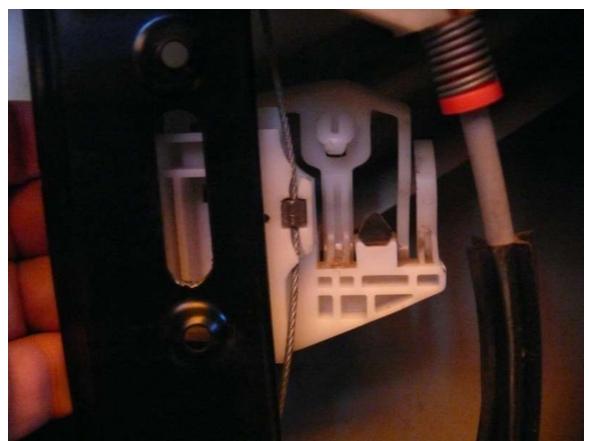
8) I did the following: found a metal sheet, bent it so it pushes the cable down into the hole on the drive dog. I hoped it would prevent cable to get out (what produced loud "SNAP" sound when my window died).
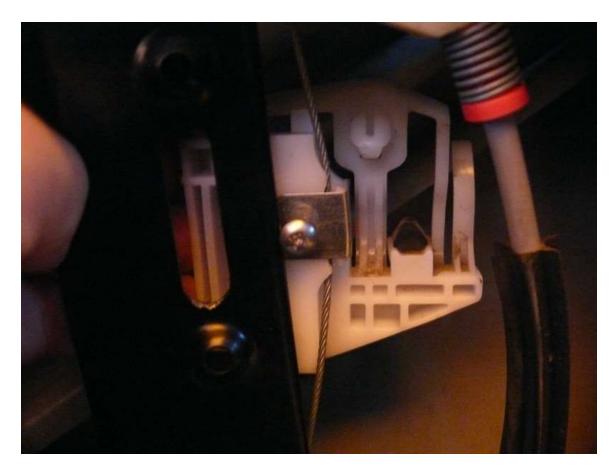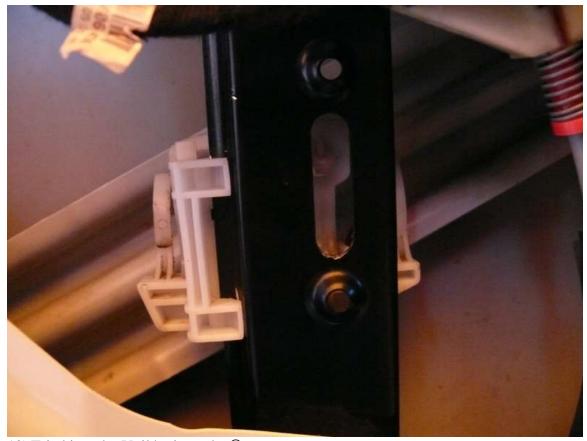
9) Put the cable into the drive dog

10) Then I screwed the metal sheet into the drive dog.

11) Finally I put it back and pushed it onto the rail (it took some time and a lot of force).

12) Tried it and – Voilá – it works ☺