2011-2017 BMW X3 - Replace Parking Light Bulb

2011-2017 BMW X3 | Moderate | 30 minutes | $10 DIY

TOOLS

Flathead Screwdriver Phillips Head Screwdriver 10mm Socket Wrench Socket Extension Gloves

PARTS

Parking Light Bulb 63217160780 $9.96
LED Parking Light Bulb W5W-LED $15.00

STEPS

1. **Verify which lamp failed - On the 2011-2017 BMW X3 xDrive28i: turn on the tail lights and** have a helper press the brake and operate the turn signal. Check the fuse if multiple rear lamps are dark.
2. **Access the tail lamp housing - On the 2011-2017 BMW X3 xDrive28i: open the trunk/hatch.** Remove the access cover, carpet flap, or exterior housing fasteners for the affected side. Support the lamp if you unbolt the whole assembly so wiring is not strained.
3. **Remove the old bulb or LED board - On the 2011-2017 BMW X3 xDrive28i: twist the bulb** socket counterclockwise and pull it out, or unbolt/unclip the LED module if equipped. Pull a wedge bulb straight out of the socket. Note bulb number and orientation.
4. **Install the correct replacement - On the 2011-2017 BMW X3 xDrive28i: match the bulb** number (e.g., 3157, 7443, 1157) or OEM LED module. Seat the new bulb fully without touching halogen glass with bare fingers. Align LED boards and connectors exactly as removed.
5. **Reassemble and test - On the 2011-2017 BMW X3 xDrive28i: refit the socket/module until** locked, restore covers and fasteners, then test tail, brake, and turn functions. Confirm the housing seal is seated so water cannot enter the trunk or lamp.

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