Car alarm set off without cause?

In the past, the alarm system of some vehicles was set off without apparent cause.

The cause was often the engine compartment light switch (on the rear, right side, of the engine compartment), which is kept under surveillance by the alarm system.

This switch is set in motion by the insulation on the inside of the hood. In some cases, not the switch itself, but, for example, temperature related changes to the shape, or rubbed off areas on this insulation, are the cause for the activation of the false alarm.

Initially this, of course, does not occur in the garage, at home. While out on a drive, or otherwise traveling, one can then simply just de-activate the alarm system.

The alarm system can be de-activated by pushing the "lock" button on the vehicles key twice, (BMW-symbol).

Tip !!! If the vehicle is parked with the top down and locked (the alarm system will be activated when locking the vehicle), the alarm can be set off by interested spectators coming too close, which can often be witnessed when we are out on events, and even by birds who take a curious interest in the Z8 and take a dive that turns out to be a bit too close. Remedy: de-activate the alarm system!

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