



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE.  
Washington, DC 20590

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Stroudsburg, PA [REDACTED]

NVS-216 nlm  
Ref. # 10269249

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your correspondence dated May 4, 2009, concerning your model year (MY) 1994 BMW 530i vehicle. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Office of Defects Investigation received your correspondence on May 14, 2009.

NHTSA is the Federal agency responsible for improving safety on our Nation's highways. We are authorized to order manufacturers to recall and repair vehicles or items of motor vehicle equipment when our investigations indicate that they contain safety defects in their design, construction, or performance. However, we cannot act on isolated problems or resolve disputes between individual owners, dealers, or manufacturers.

We appreciate the report you provided. Reports from motorists are a very important source of information for us. We have reviewed our database in an effort to identify whether a safety defect trend exists with regard to fan clutch problems in MY 1994 BMW 530i vehicles. At this time, there is insufficient evidence to warrant opening a safety defect investigation. A brochure explaining the investigation process is enclosed for your information; or you may visit our website at: <http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems/recalls/recallprocess.cfm>. The information you provided has been entered into our database. It will be considered with future reports to identify any safety defect trends that may require our attention.

We sympathize with you concerning the damage to your vehicle and the cost of repair; however, reimbursement matters do not fall under our jurisdiction. If you have not done so, you may consider contacting your local Consumer Protection Agency, Better Business Bureau, or the Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General regarding your problem and rights under State law.



The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has jurisdiction over non-safety defects, paint, fraud or deception, warranty and dealership problems, remuneration matters, and fair trade practices. There are three ways you can contact the FTC: by toll free telephone at 1-877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357); by mail at Federal Trade Commission, CRC-240, Washington, DC 20580; and by using the Internet complaint form at <http://www.ftc.gov/ftc/complaint.htm>.

Should you encounter a safety-related problem with a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment in the future, you can complete an electronic Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire online at <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/ivoq>. Also, a summary listing of vehicle owners' complaints, safety recalls, manufacturers' service bulletins, etc. can be obtained at <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Randy Reid".

Randy Reid, Chief  
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Enclosure