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VQ-10362195-5358

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Complaints - Search Results

2 Record(s) Displayed.

Report Date : November 1, 2010 at 06:22 AM

ODI Numbers Searched : 10362195

Make : BMW

Model : 540i

Year : 1997

Manufacturer : BMW OF NORTH AMERICA, LLC

Crash : No

Fire : No

Number of Injuries: 0

ODI ID Number : 10362195

Number of Deaths: 0

Date of Failure: January 20, 2009

VIN : Not Available

Component: ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING:EXHAUST SYSTEM

Summary:

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Make : BORG WARNER

Model : BORG WARNER

Year : All Years

Manufacturer : BORG WARNER CORPORATION

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Component: EQUIPMENT:ELECTRICAL

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Correction of my Complaint #10362195

Dear Sir or Madam,

Attached you will find a copy of my complaint #10362195.

I kindly ask you to delete my name at the end of the two summaries that it does not appear on the internet anymore!

So the text should end with "...and notify my of the status!".

Thank you very much for your help.

Yours sincerely,

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