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Date Received 12-MAY-2014		Repository <input type="checkbox"/> Reference No. 10587835	
OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)			
Name		Daytime Telephone Number	E-mail Address
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City GLENHEAD	State NY	Zip Code	
The information you provide will be used to identify potential safety-related defects. We may share your information with the applicable vehicle manufacturer during an investigation or recall in accordance with the routine uses described in the agency's Privacy Act notice. See 49 FR 53971 (Sep. 3, 2004).			
VEHICLE INFORMATION			
17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side 5UXFB53546		Make BMW	Model X5
Model Year 2006	Date Purchased NOV 2009/CAD	Dealer's Name and Telephone Number PRESTIGE BMW	Engine: No: Cylinders 8
Original Owner <input type="checkbox"/>	Dealer's City	State	Zip Code
Transmission Type AUTO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Antilock Brakes	Powertrain 4.4 / 8	Multiple Failure:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cruise Control	Incident Date(s) *	10-SEP-2013	
FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION			
Vehicle Component Code: 140000 AIR BAGS		Failure Mileage 68000	Failure Speed
ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE			
Tire Make	Tire Model (Name or Number)	Tire Size (Example P215/65R15)	
DOT No. (Example: DOTM19ABC036)	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Prior Repair	Failure Location:	
Tire Component Code		Tire Failure Type:	
ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A CHILD SEAT FAILURE			
Make:	Date Manufactured:	Model No./Name:	
Seat Type:	Installation System:		
Child Seat Component Code:	Failed Part:		
APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION (Please describe in detail the incident(s), Failure(s), Crash(es), and injury(ies).)			
Crash <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Fire <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Number of Persons Injured 0	Number of Deaths 0
			Reported to Police N
Narrative Description of Incident(S), Crash(es), and Injury(ies). Please describe (1) events leading up to the failure, (2) failure and its consequences, and (3) what was done to correct the failure; i.e. parts repaired or replaced (and if old part is available).			
TL* THE CONTACT OWNS A 2006 BMW X5. THE CONTACT STATED THAT THE AIR BAG WARNING LIGHT CONTINUOUSLY ILLUMINATED THAT THE PASSENGER'S SIDE AIR BAG WAS NOT ACTIVATED. THE VEHICLE WAS TAKEN TO AN INDEPENDENT MECHANIC WHERE THE TECHNICIAN DIAGNOSED THAT THE AIR BAG SENSOR NEEDED TO BE REPLACED. THE MANUFACTURER WAS NOTIFIED OF THE FAILURE. THE FAILURE MILEAGE WAS 68,000 AND THE CURRENT MILEAGE WAS 72,000.			
*THE AIR BAG LIGHT FIRST APPEARED AS AN INTERMITTANT PROBLEM BACK IN OCT 2011; WHEN THE LIGHT WOULD COME ON IRREGULARLY ONLY TO "CLEAR" ITSELF THE NEXT TIME THE SUN WAS USED?			
* ORIGINAL "INCIDENT" DATES BACK TO OCTOBER 2011 - ←			
Include, if available: Police/Fire Department Report, Photos, and Repair Invoice.		ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY	
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Narrative Description of Incident(s), Failure(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies)

THIS PROBLEM WENT ON LIKE THIS FOR MONTHS AND SEEMED TO HAVE CORRECTED ITSELF AND OPERATE NORMALLY FOR A WHILE - ONLY TO REVERT BACK TO AN INTERMITTANT ISSUE / UNTIL THE LIGHT WENT ON ALL THE TIME. SEVERAL SERVICE CENTERS LOOKED AT IT AND ALL HAD DIFFERENT SUGGESTIONS? WITHOUT SEEMING DEFINITIVE ???

- SEAT BELT LATCH WAS CLEANED
- WIRING BRIEFLY LOOKED AT UNDER SEAT
- IGNITION SWITCH. ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY
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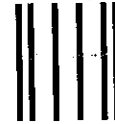
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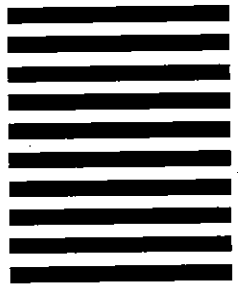
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Airbag Recall Alert: BMW 3-Series, 5-Series, X3

Posted: Aug 14, 2008 10:43 a.m.



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BMW has initiated a fairly large recall over concerns about a defect in an airbag activation system, and extended warranty coverage even on some vehicles not affected by the recall.

The AP reports, "BMWAG said Wednesday it was recalling 200,000 vehicles over concerns that the front passenger air bag may not deploy in a crash." The affected vehicles are all 2006 3-Series models, 2004-2006 5-Series models, and 2004-2006 X3 SUVs. Approximately 200,000 cars are impacted.

In a defect notice filed with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, BMW explains that the problem involves the system that detects whether someone is sitting in the front passenger's seat. "Depending on seat configuration and vehicle geometry," BMW says, "the mat can fatigue...over time micro-cracks could develop in the side flanks of the mat." These cracks could cause the system to de-activate passenger-side airbags even though the passenger seat is occupied. If that were to happen, "the air bag warning lamp as well as the passenger air bag on-off lamp will be illuminated to make the occupants aware of the deactivation." The head-curtain airbags would still function.

BMW's filing with the NHTSA stresses several times that the automaker "is not prepared to agree that a defect that presents an 'unreasonable risk to motor vehicle safety' exists" in these cars, but is willing to "conduct a voluntary owner notification and product improvement campaign" to resolve the reported problem.

BMW spokesman Tom Plucinsky told the AP that there have been "no injuries or accidents reported" in connection with the defect, but the NHTSA reports that the automaker had "received 23,739 warranty claims over the air bag system issue" as of January this year.

In addition to the recall, BMW is extending warranty protection on some vehicles. The 2006 6-Series, 2006 3-Series with standard seat, 2004-2005 24, 2004-2006 7 Series, 2006 X5, and 2004-2006 5-Series with comfort seats will all now receive additional warranty coverage for ten years with no mileage limit.

BMW dealerships should begin contacting owners to resolve the matter this month. They will inspect vehicles for cracks in the airbag detection mat, and replace the component at no charge. Concerned owners who don't want to wait for their dealership to contact them can call (800) 525-7417 to make service arrangements.

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Carlos Zardoya writes: Posted: 2013-10-08 10:51:38 (flag abuse)
I also have the airbag problem. It was fixed when car was in warranty. It has happened again passenger side airbag warning but of course my vin# is not included

Ginny Visker writes: Posted: 2013-09-15 11:44:47 (flag abuse)
This year our Bmw 2004 325i was T-boned by a City garbage truck that ran a red light at 30 miles per hour. No airbag deployment! We walked away, thanks to the tanks BMWs are and size compared to truck we took flight. We had car checked by BMW they said checked out ok. It had \$7200 in damages. Last week my husband was hit from behind at 45 miles per hour by a Minivan when he was stopped, and was pushed into a SUV. He hit his head on steering wheel, and shoulder. He blacked out. No airbag deployment from front or back hit. I again will be calling BMW. Car did shut off and blinkers came on, that's a life saver. Here is your injuries and accidents reported, and not even on a recalled model. Might be a blessing the car is totaled.

Theresa writes: Posted: 2013-07-16 11:46:52 (flag abuse)
I have a 2006 325i that has been diagnosed with a passenger side airbag defect, however, BMW of NA insists that my vehicle does not fall under the recalled vehicles???? Really??? They tell me that maybe it is time to think about buying a new car! Thanks BMW, very impressive.

RECALLS

BMW calling in 76k vehicles over airbag issues



By

Posted Dec 16th 2013 8:59AM

Vehicles these days are typically fitted with a mat in the front passenger seat that determines whether that airbag needs to be activated in the event of a collision and how it should deploy. But that system doesn't always work, as Mercedes recently found in its SL-Class roadster and as Suzuki did before it with the Grand Vitara and SX4 crossovers. Now a crop of BMW vehicles have befallen the same issue, prompting the Bavarian automaker to cooperate with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to issue a recall for the vehicles in question.

The problem affects precisely 76,565 vehicles, including certain the 3 Series (sedan and wagon), 5 Series, 7 Series and X5 crossover families spanning the 2006 and 2007 model years and fitted with a certain type of seat. However, since the parts to repair the problematic components are not currently available, as you can see from the recall notice below, it won't be until March 2014 when local dealers will be able to resolve the issue.

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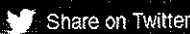
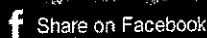


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2007 BMW 335i Convertible

BMW has issued a recall for a wide range of vehicles from the 2006 and 2007 model-years. According to a bulletin from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, those vehicles suffer from problems with their air bag systems, which could increase the risk of serious injury during a crash.

All told, the recall affects some 76,565 BMW vehicles. Models included in the recall are:

- 2006 BMW 325i
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NHTSA says, however, that not every vehicle from these model lines is affected -- only those "equipped with certain seat types". The agency's bulletin doesn't indicate which seat types those might be, only that they're front passenger seats and that the occupant-detection mat in those seats may deteriorate over time and crack.

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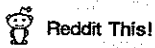
As you might guess from the name, the occupant-detection mat determines if and how the airbag system should deploy during a collision. Should the mat degrade and malfunction, it might not deploy, increasing the risk of injury to the front passenger.

BMW plans to notify owners of the recall in January 2014, but the automaker cautions that the parts needed to fix the problem aren't likely to be ready until March 2014. When those parts become available, BMW will send out a second notice to owners, who'll then be able to take their vehicles to BMW dealers, who will repair the occupant detection mat, preventing future problems.

NHTSA also says that "owners of model year 2006-2007 3 Series with standard seats, 5 Series with comfort seats, and Z4 models, will receive an extended warranty on their front passenger seat occupant detection mat".

If you have questions in the meantime, you're encouraged to contact BMW customer service at 800-525-7417 or CustomerRelations@bmwusa.com. Or, if you prefer, you can ring NHTSA directly at 888-327-4236 and ask about recall campaign #13V564000.

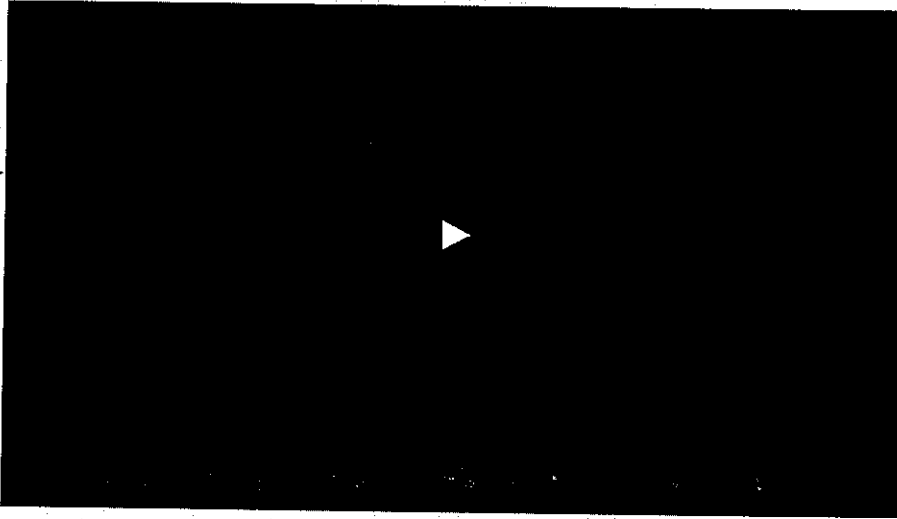
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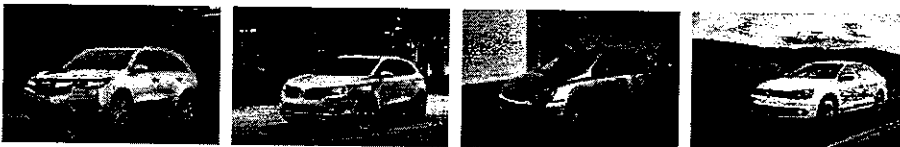
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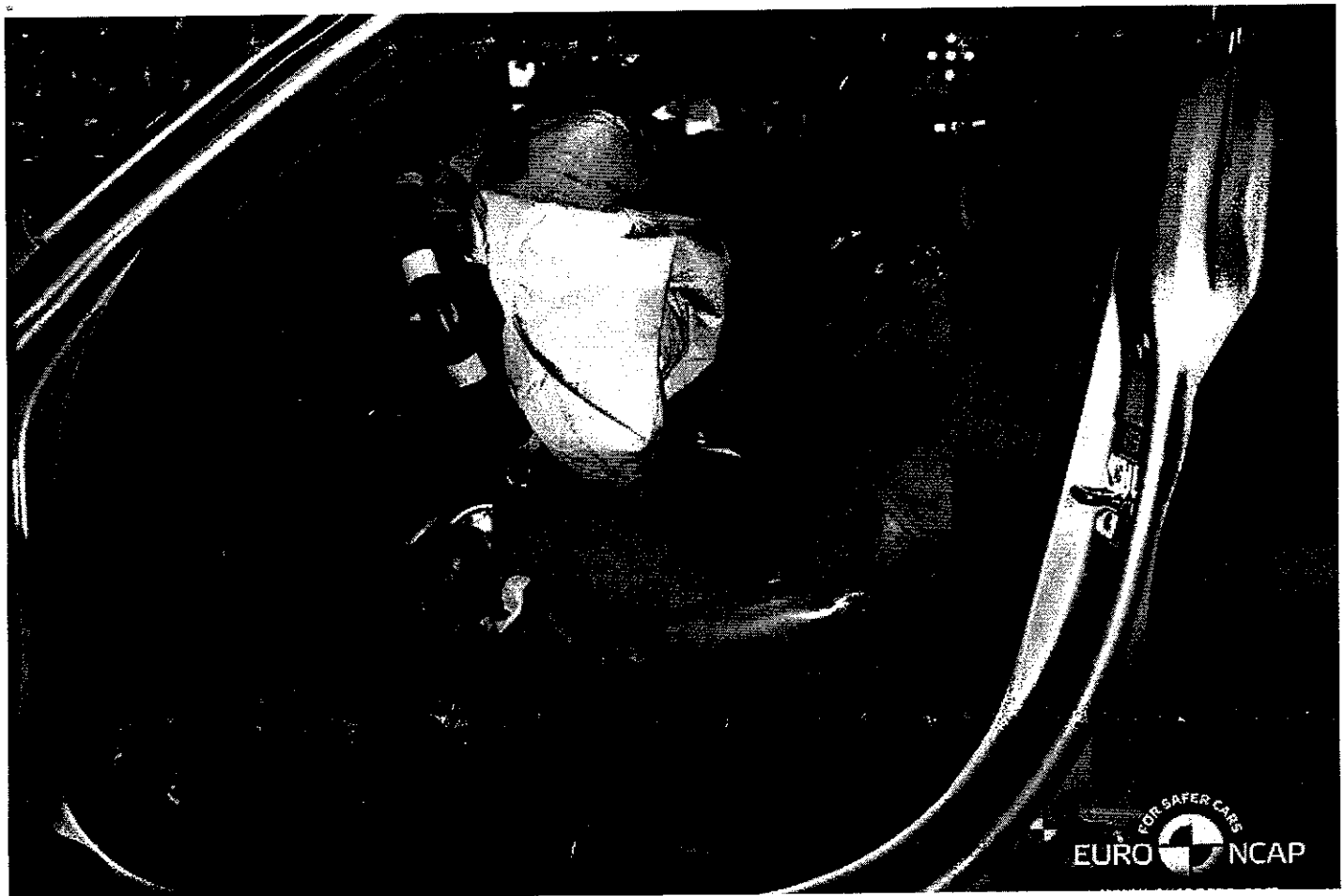
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BMW recalls 76,565 3 Series, 5 Series and X5 models over Airbag issues

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BMW issues a recall over airbag issues. The recall affects certain MY2006 3 Series Sedans and Sports Wagons, MY2007 Sedans, 2006-2007 5 Series sedans/wagons and ...



BMW issues a recall over airbag issues. The recall affects certain MY2006 3 Series Sedans and Sports Wagons, MY2007 Sedans, 2006-2007 5 Series sedans/wagons and 2006 X5 models. The company says it discovered an issue with the front passenger seat occupant airbag detection therefore “Should the system fail, in the event of a crash, the front passenger air bag would be deactivated, increasing the risk of personal injury,” says the press release.

76,565 are potentially affected by this recall which begins in January 2014.

Here is the full bulletin by NHTSA:



RECALL Subject : Front Seat Occupant Protection Mat

Report Receipt Date: NOV 12, 2013

NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V564000

Component(s): AIR BAGS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 76,565

Manufacturer: BMW of North America, LLC

SUMMARY:

BMW of North America LLC (BMW) is recalling certain model year 2006 325i, 325xi, 330i, 330xi sedans and 325xi sports wagons, model year 2007 328i, 328xi, 335i, 335xi sedans and 328i and 328xi sports wagons, model year 2006-2007 525i, 525xi, 530i, 530xi, 550i sedans and 530xi sports wagons, model year 2006 760i sedans, model year 2006-2007 750i, 750Li, and 760Li sedans, and model year 2006 X5 sports activity vehicles, equipped with certain seat types. The front passenger seat occupant detection mat that determines if and how the passenger frontal air bag should deploy in a crash may fatigue and develop cracks which could lead to a

system failure.

CONSEQUENCE:

Should the system fail, in the event of a crash, the front passenger air bag would be deactivated, increasing the risk of personal injury.

REMEDY:

BMW will notify owners with an interim notification letter in January 2014 since parts are not currently available. When parts are available, anticipated to be in March 2014, BMW will send a second letter and dealers will repair the occupant detection mat to eliminate the possibility that it may crack, free of charge. Additionally, owners of model year 2006-2007 3 Series with standard seats, 5 Series with comfort seats, and Z4 models, will receive an extended warranty on their front passenger seat occupant detection mat. Owners may contact BMW customer relations at 1-800-525-7417 or email BMW at CustomerRelations@bmwusa.com.

NOTES:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

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