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 U.S. Department of Transportation National Highway Traffic Safety Administration		DOT Auto Safety Hotline Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire To Report Vehicle Safety Defects 1-888-DASH-2-DOT (1-888-327-4236) INTERNET: www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline		INFORMATION ACT (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552(B)(6) FOR AGENCY USE ONLY 100148	
		Date Received 15-JUL-2015 SEP 21 2015		Repository ☐ Reference No. 10734225	
OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)					
Name		Address		City	
State		Zip Code		Daytime Telephone Number	
City		State		Evening Telephone Number	
DAVIE		FL		E-mail Address	
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		Make		Model	
WMWMMF33508		MTNI		COOPER	
Model Year		Engine:		Fuel Type:	
2008		No: Cylinders		P93	
Date Purchased		Dealer's Name and Telephone Number		Original Owner	
NA				☐ Original Owner Dealer's City: Ft Lauderdale State: FL Zip Code: 33315	
Transmission Type		Powertrain		Multiple Failure:	
☐ Antilock Brakes ☐ Cruise Control				Incident Date(s) 15-JUN-2015	
FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION					
Vehicle Component Code: 140000 AIR BAGS				Failure Mileage	
System Fail				79500	
Failure Speed					
ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE					
Tire Make		Tire Model (Name or Number)		Tire Size (Example P215/65R15)	
N/A		N/A			
DOT No. (Example: DOTM19ABC036)		☒ Original Equipment ☐ Prior Repair		Failure Location: Passengers Seat	
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		Fire		Number of Persons Injured	
☐ Yes ☒ No		☐ Yes ☒ No		0	
Number of Deaths		Reported to Police		N	
0					
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 2008 MINI COOPER. WHILE THE FRONT PASSENGER SEAT WAS OCCUPIED, THE AIR BAG FAILURE WARNING INDICATOR ILLUMINATED, INDICATING THAT THE ENTIRE AIR BAG SYSTEM WAS DEACTIVATED. THE FAILURE RECURRED EACH TIME A PASSENGER WAS SEATED IN THE FRONT PASSENGER SEAT. THE VEHICLE WAS TAKEN TO AN INDEPENDENT MECHANIC. THE TECHNICIAN DIAGNOSED THAT THE SEAT OCCUPANCY MAT NEEDED TO BE REPLACED. THE VEHICLE WAS NOT REPAIRED. THE MANUFACTURER WAS NOT MADE AWARE OF THE FAILURE. THE APPROXIMATE FAILURE MILEAGE WAS 79,500.					
Include, if available: Police/Fire Department Report, Photos, and Repair Invoice. ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY					
The Privacy Act of 1974-Public Law 93-579 This information is requested pursuant to authority vested in the National Highway Traffic Safety Act and subsequent amendments. You are under no obligation to respond to this questionnaire. Your response may be used to assist the NHTSA in determining whether a Manufacturer should take appropriate action to correct a safety defect. If the NHTSA proceeds with administrative enforcement or litigation against a manufacturer, your response, or a statistical summary thereof, may be used in support of the agency's action.					

Narrative Description of Incident(s), Failure(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies)

PASSANGERS Sent MAT Failed and Shut's Down the SRS System,
they Have Started A Recall For this Problem! But my CAR
they say is not Covered! The CAR was Built with the
Sport System Sends All other cars they Built with this
System Are Covered!
It Should Be Covered!

Recall # 15V 205: OC3

Ref # SI M65-02/18
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ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

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**Use the enclosed
form to file a report.**

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PRODEMAND

RECALL 15V-205: OC3 SEAT OCCUPANCY MAT

SERVICE CAMPAIGN BULLETIN

Reference Number(s): SI M65 02 15, Date of Issue: April, 2015

MINI: R50 (Cooper), R52 (Cooper Convertible, Cooper S Convertible), R53 (Cooper S)

GROUP: Audio, Navigation, Monitors, Alarms, SRS

Superseded Bulletin(s): SI M65 02 15, Date of Issue: April 2015

This Service Information Bulletin supersedes SI M65 02 15 dated April 2015.

SUBJECT

Recall 15V-205: OC3 Seat Occupancy Mat

SITUATION

BMW AG is conducting a Voluntary Safety Recall involving the front passenger seat occupancy detection mat sensor in certain Model Year 2005-2006 MINI Cooper and Cooper S models, produced January 2005 through November 2006, and Model Year 2005-2008 MINI Cooper Convertible and Cooper S Convertible models produced January 2005 through July 2008.

The front passenger seat occupancy detection mat sensor may not function correctly due to several manufacturing, installation and field-exposure issues.

For your reference, a Q & A has been attached.

This bulletin will be updated with repair instructions and warranty information when it becomes available.

Please contact your field representatives if you have any questions.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

MINI dealers must ensure Recalls are completed after having been notified by BMW of North America, LLC (BMWNA) that a safety-related defect or noncompliance exists in any motor vehicle or item of replacement equipment in the dealer's possession at the time of notification. In BMW NA's case, this notification would typically be made by the issuance of a Recall notification in the form of a Service Information bulletin (SIB) or transmission of a Dealer Communication System (DCS) Recall message.

Under the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966, as amended, if a Recall Campaign is announced by BMW NA, dealers must ensure that all Recalls on new vehicles and new items of replacement equipment are completed BEFORE delivery to the consumer. This means that dealers may not legally deliver new motor vehicles or new items of replacement equipment to consumers with an open Recall.

The Safety Act also prohibits dealers from selling or leasing the motor vehicle or item of replacement equipment, unless and until the open Recall has been completed BEFORE

delivery. This also pertains to vehicles in the Certified Pre-Owned program, and to items of replacement equipment.

Finally, MINI dealers should not sell or use parts that have been recalled by BMW NA. Please follow the specific instructions provided by BMW NA on the return or disposition of the parts.

ATTACHMENTS

M650215_Q & A

15V-205 Safety Recall
Model Year 2005-2006 MINI Cooper and MINI Cooper S
Model Year 2005-2008 MINI Cooper and Cooper S Convertible
Front Passenger Seat Occupancy Detection Mat Sensor

Q1. Which models are affected by this Recall?

Affected are certain Model Year 2005-2006 MINI Cooper and Cooper S vehicles produced between January 2005 and November 2006, as well as Model Year 2005-2008 MINI Cooper and Cooper S Convertibles produced between January 2005 and July 2008.

Q2. How many vehicles in the US are affected?

The number of vehicles affected in the US is approximately 91,800.

Q3. What is the specific issue involving this Recall?

This Recall involves the front passenger seat occupancy detection mat. On approximately 91,800 vehicles, the front passenger seat occupancy detection mat sensor may not function correctly, due to several manufacturing, installation and field exposure issues.

Q4. What can happen as a result of this issue?

In the event of a severe crash, the front passenger air bag may not activate when the seat is occupied, increasing the risk of injury.

Q5. Why are other vehicles not affected?

Other vehicles have a different front passenger seat occupancy detection system. Only USA and Canada models have this specific system installed; hence MINIs in other markets are not affected.

Q6. Can I become aware of this issue if it is occurring?

Yes. If a potential error in the seat occupancy detection mat is detected, the yellow "passenger air bag off light" (POL) in the overhead console and the red "air bag warning light" (AWL) in the instrument cluster will illuminate continuously or intermittently. The passenger air bag off light should be illuminated only when the seat is occupied by a child in a child seat.

Q7. What corrective measures will be taken?

The front passenger seat occupancy detection mat will be replaced.

Q8. How did MINI become aware of this issue?

MINI became aware of this issue from our quality control procedures.

Q9. Are you aware of any accidents or injuries associated with the Recall?

MINI USA and Dealer Information Only



15V-205 Safety Recall
Model Year 2005-2006 MINI Cooper and MINI Cooper S
Model Year 2005-2008 MINI Cooper and Cooper S Convertible
Front Passenger Seat Occupancy Detection Mat Sensor

Yes. We are in the process of implementing the Recall Campaign to ensure that the necessary parts and procedures are at the authorized MINI dealers prior to requesting that you have the repair performed.

Q17. I see the "TREAD Act Customer Reimbursement Plan" attached to my letter. Can you explain what that is about? Am I eligible for reimbursement?

If you have already had this repair performed at your own expense, you may be eligible for reimbursement of certain expenses that you incurred.

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