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Incident Details

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Who You Are: Consumer

Incident Hi:

Description: I have been driving stick shift all my life and have been quite successful in the use of down shifting in many conditions to save wear and tear on brakes. For the past 6 years I have been driving a Mini Cooper 'S' Hard Top with cruise control and stick shift. When down shifting, the cruise control always disengaged and the car slowed down. I just traded in that great Mini for a new Mini (not 'S') with stick shift and cruise control only to find that in the new car, using the clutch and down shifting does not disengage cruise control. First time I tried the cruise control on the new car down shifting as I usually do while approaching a changing traffic light, the car maintained speed and shot forward instead of slowing down bringing me uncomfortably close to a car in front.

This was a nasty revelation to me.

It seems that in order to disengage the cruise control I have to either hit the brake or hit the cancel button neither of which makes sense when you are quickly trying to use the engine to slow the car down. Of course I have been back to Mini service and they are "looking into it". Even though they understand how manual shift works and that it should disengage the cruise control, I think they are confused by the whole thing. So am I! I don't feel safe or comfortable using cruise control on this new car. Even when approaching a turn, I used to be able to down shift, which disengaged cruise control, then down shift again if necessary thereby slowing the car, make the turn and then up shift to move ahead. Cannot do this with the new Mini without hitting the brakes or finding the cancel button somewhere on the steering wheel. Am I crazy? This is against all my instincts of using clutch/downshifting without having to think about it. I do it instinctively - at least I did until now. What's your take on this?

I also sent a note and requested that someone from Mini USA contact me. Haven't heard from them yet. They are probably just as confused as everyone else.

Incident Date: 3/17/2015

Incident Location: Street or Highway - Any Street or Highway, Tucson, Arizona [REDACTED] United States

Product Details

Product Description: 2015 Mini Cooper Hardtop 2 Door

Product Category: Automobile

Product Type:

Brand Name: Mini Cooper

Manufacturer / Importer: BMW Of North America

Private Labeler Name:

Model Name or Number: 2015 MINI COOPER HARDTOP 2 DOOR

Serial Number: WMWXM5C57FT [REDACTED]

Date 2/5/2015

Manufactured:

Manufacturer

Date Code:

Manufacturer Address: Mini Division of, BMW North America, LLC, Wood cliff Lake,, New Jersey, 07677, United States

Address:

Manufacturer

Website URL:

Manufacturer

Phone Number:

Retailer: Mini of TUCSON

Retailer State: Arizona

Additional Details

Purchase Date: 3/17/2015

I still have the product in my possession. Yes

The product was damaged before the incident. N/A

The product was modified before the incident. N/A

Have you contacted the manufacturer? Yes

If not, do you plan to contact them? N/A

Explanation: See my explanation above.

Your Contact Information

First Name: [REDACTED]

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Consent

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your Report,
but without
your name and
contact
information, in
CPSC's Public
Database?

May we release your name and contact information to the product manufacturer / importer / private labeler identified in your Report? Yes, you may release my name and contact information to the product manufacturer / importer / private labeler.

I certify that I have reviewed the Report and that the information provided in this Report is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. Yes

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