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To: [EVOQ \(NHTSA\)](#)
Subject: Follow up to ODI Complaint --11503969
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Attachments: [REDACTED]

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Good afternoon,

On 01/27/2023 I made a complaint regarding my 2011 BMW (see copy of complaint attached for reference) and since then, I've tried getting updates with no success. I would like to know if this is being reviewed, when I initially complained the incident had happened with my daughter in the vehicle, I'm now [REDACTED] weeks pregnant and cannot use my car for fear that an accident can happen. My mechanic advised me to stop driving it and that is what I've done and the repairs at the dealership are quite expensive. Please let me know if there is any new developments.

Thanks.

U.S. Department
of TransportationNational 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

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Date Received

27-JAN-2023

Repository ☐Reference No.
11503969**OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)**

Name				Daytime Telephone Number	E-mail Address
Address					
City	Bluffton	State	SC	ZIP Code	
				Evening Telephone Number	

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 WBAFH7G59BN		MAKE BMW	Model 328i	Model Year 2011
Date Purchased	Dealer's Name and Telephone Number Hilton Head BMW 8438151501		Engine: No: Cylinders	Fuel Type:
Original Owner ☐	Dealer's City Bluffton	STATE SC	ZIP Code 29910	
Transmission Type	☐ Antilock Brakes ☐ Cruise Control	Powertrain	Multiple Failure:	Incident Date(s) 25-DEC-2022

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Vehicle Components Codes: 060000 ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING	Failure Mileage	Failure Speed
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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: DOTM1 9ABC036)	☐ Original Requirement ☐ 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), Injury(ies).)

Crash ☐ Yes ☒ No	Fire ☐ Yes ☒ No	Number of Persons Injured	Number of Deaths	Reported to Police N
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Narrative Description of Incident(s), Crash(es), 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).

The contact owns a 2011 BMW 328i. The contact stated that while driving at various speeds, the vehicle jerked and hesitated while depressing the accelerator pedal. There was no warning light illuminated. The contact pulled over, called her husband, and he drove the vehicle to the residence. An independent mechanic was called to the residence and the mechanic discovered that bolts on the camshaft were loosened. Upon investigation, the failure was linked to NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V176000 (Engine and Engine Cooling). Both the dealer and the manufacturer were notified of the failure, and both informed her that the vehicle was not under recall. The vehicle was not repaired. The failure mileage was unknown.

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.



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
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1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Consumer:

NEF-160

As a follow-up to your report to the Vehicle Safety Hotline (VSH), we have recorded your information on the enclosed Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire (VOQ) form. Please review the form and make changes, additions and corrections as necessary. Additionally, please provide a more detailed description of the failures(s) you reported that you believe relevant to safety. Also, if available, include copies of repair invoices, letters to the manufacturer, or any other document related to the problem(s) you reported. If a crash or fire occurred, include a copy of the police or fire department report.

It is helpful to be as thorough as possible in your report so that our ability to use your report will be maximized. If you do not have the information, it is not necessary to complete all the boxes. However, it is very difficult to identify the scope of a vehicle problem unless the vehicle identification number (VIN) is known. The VIN is located inside the vehicle on the dashboard adjacent to the left (driver's side) of the windshield pillar and on the drivers' door or the driver's door jam. It may also be listed on a dealer repair invoice or your insurance or registration cards. When reporting a tire problem, the brand name, tire line and complete tire size should be included. Be certain to provide the DOT tire identification number. It is usually located near the rim flange of the tire on either side of the tire.

We do not make your personal information (name, address, phone numbers, etc.) available to the general public. However, if we open an investigation that involves your vehicle, we will provide the manufacturer of your vehicle with a complete copy of your report. The information you provide may assist the manufacturer and NHTSA in determining if a safety-related defect exists.

Any information provided is entirely voluntary. There is no consequence or penalty of any kind if you do not wish to provide it. We seek this information to develop both statistical and investigative evidence that will help identify potential safety related problems in vehicles or vehicle equipment, e.g., tires, child safety seats, jacks, etc.

When completed, please fold and staple or tape the form so that the pre-addressed portion of the form is on the outside. If a larger envelope is used, tape the VOQ form to the larger envelope so that the pre-addressed portion of the form is showing.

If further assistance is needed, please contact the VSH at their toll-free number, 1-888-327-4236.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Randy Reid Chief
Correspondence Research Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement

Enclosure: VOQ

