

BMW Group

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Ms. Nancy Lewis
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Ave., S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

**RE: Foreign Safety Campaign – Fuel Delivery Module
2008-11 BMW X5, X6 and Active Hybrid X6 SAV
2010-11 BMW 5 Series GT, Sedan and 6 Series Coupe
2010-12 BMW 5 Series Sedan with extended wheelbase (China production)**

Dear Ms. Lewis:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of 49 CFR Part 579.11.

1. Manufacturer: Bayerische Motoren Werke AG (BMW AG)
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2. Make: BMW

<u>Model Year / Model</u>	<u>Inclusive dates of manufacture</u>
2008-11 BMW X5, X6, Active Hybrid X6 SAV	Mar. 1, 2007 – July 31, 2010
2010-11 BMW 5 Series GT, 5-Series Sedan, 6 Series Coupe	Sep. 1, 2009 – June 30, 2011
2010-12 BMW 5 Series Sedan with extended wheelbase (China production)	Mar. 1, 2010 – Oct. 30, 2012

3. The number of vehicles affected is approximately 134,180.
4. This foreign recall involves the fuel delivery module which contains the in-tank fuel pump. In rare cases, the wire to the ground and/or positive pin contacts of the connector of the in-tank fuel pump may be insufficiently crimped. This can cause an increase in contact resistance which can lead to heating of the contact pins during fuel pump operation. In an extreme case of contact pin heating, the plastic around the contact pin(s) could melt. Depending on the thermal damage, some fuel leakage may occur after refueling or cornering. This situation would be detectable by fuel smell or drips.
5. The following foreign country is affected: China.
6. BMW AG came to the conclusion that the issue is not safety relevant. But, the

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Chinese safety authority, AQSIC, judged that a formal recall campaign must be conducted, because any possible fuel leakage would not comply with the interpretation of the Chinese legal regulation. For customer satisfaction, BMW has already decided to release a worldwide warranty extension up to 10 years without mileage limitation for the affected fuel delivery modules, even though the estimated failure rate is low.

For the Chinese market, BMW decided to conduct a technical campaign to replace the fuel delivery module on September 18, 2014. However, on September 28, the AQSIC decided to release the technical campaign as a formal recall campaign, because the issue does not comply with their interpretation of the Chinese legal regulation. Although BMW still believed that the issue is not safety-related, BMW accepted the AQSIC decision and made the determination to conduct this type of campaign.

7. The determination has been made by BMW AG.
8. The remedy program will consist of notifying affected owners by letter in order for them to have their vehicles repaired by replacing the fuel delivery modules.
9. The determination date was September 30, 2014.
10. The recall is planned to start end of October 2014.
11. The substantially similar vehicles in the US are:
 - 2008-11 BMW X5 SAV,
 - 2008-11 X6 and Active Hybrid X6 Sports Activity Coupes,
 - 2010-11 BMW 5 Series GT and Sedan, and
 - 2012 6 Series Coupe and Convertible.

US models are required to be equipped with an evaporative fuel tank leak diagnostic system that illuminates the malfunction indicator lamp (MIL) in event of a diagnostic trouble code, which notifies the customer to have their vehicle inspected and repaired as necessary. This condition falls under emission requirements and is being monitored in case the level reaches the threshold for emission reporting. As a customer satisfaction measure, BMW offers its customers an extended warranty for 10 years / unlimited mileage on substantially similar vehicles.

Sincerely,

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