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Re: PE04-081 (Request for Supplemental Information)

Dear Mr. Cooper:

In a discussion with Mr. Peter Ong of your office on March 14, 2005, BMW was requested to provide additional information to supplement its February 18, 2005 response in the above captioned matter.

The attachment to this letter contains the additional information requested.

Should you have any questions pertaining to the information enclosed with this letter, please contact Martin Rapaport of my staff at (201) 573-7708.

Sincerely,



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Attachment

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**BMW Response
to
NHTSA PE04-081
(Supplemental Information)**

A. Provide the information in response to PE04-081 Question 2 separately by model and model year.

The information provided in response to Question 2 by model and model year is contained in Tables 1 and 2 below, specifically, consumer complaints (Question 2(a)) in Table 1, and field reports (Question 2(b)) in Table 2. As indicated in our February 18, 2005 response, there are 21 consumer complaints, 16 field reports, and 2 injury claims that relate, or may relate, to this matter. These totals are also evident when reviewing Tables 1 and 2 below.

In response to Question 2(c) involving injury claims, one claim pertains to the 2002 MINI Cooper, while the other claim pertains to the 2003 MINI Cooper S. As noted in our February 18, 2005 response, we have not been subject to any property damage claims (Question 2(d)), third-party arbitration proceedings (Question 2(e)), or lawsuits (Question 2(f)), involving this matter.

Model / Model Year	2002	2003
MINI Cooper	5	3
MINI Cooper S	5	8

Table 1.

Model / Model Year	2002	2003
MINI Cooper	4	1
MINI Cooper S	4	7

Table 2.

B. Indicate if any of the information in response to PE04-081 Question 3 (warranty-related claims) has a duplicate within the information provided in response to Question 2. Provide this information by model and model year.

Table 3 contains the requested information.

As noted in our February 18, 2005 response to Question 2, both of the injury claims have a corresponding field report and consumer complaint, and all of the field reports have a corresponding consumer complaint.

Vehicle Model	Model Year	Number of Paid Wty. Claims	Number of Wty. Claims with Duplicate Cons. Compl.	Number Wty. Claims with Duplicate Field Report
MINI Cooper	2002	8	5	4
MINI Cooper S	2002	6	4	3
MINI Cooper	2003	5	3	1
MINI Cooper S	2003	13	7	6

Table 3.