

# BMW Group

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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
1200 New Jersey Ave., S.E.  
Washington, DC 20590

**Re: PE07-022**

Dear Mr. Quandt:

With this letter, BMW is responding to NHTSA's Information Requested dated May 11, 2007 in the above captioned matter.

The attachments included with this letter comprise BMW's response to PE07-022. As requested, BMW has repeated each question verbatim and provided our response accordingly. Our detailed responses are contained in the attachments.

Portions of our response contain information that is considered by BMW to be confidential, and accordingly, those materials are not being submitted to your office. As instructed, the portions of our response that are claimed by BMW to be confidential are being submitted to the Office of Chief Counsel, along with our request for confidentiality including supporting material, and the required 49 CFR 512 Certificate.

Additionally, BMW understands that it is NHTSA policy to protect the privacy of individuals under Exemption 6 of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 USC Section 552(b)(6). Certain information requested by NHTSA, such as personal information pertaining to BMW vehicle owners that is contained in the attachments, although not claimed herein to be "BMW Confidential" pursuant to 5 USC Section 552(b)(4) (Exemption 4) and 49 CFR 512, should not be made public by NHTSA in accordance with Exemption 6.

Should you have any questions pertaining to the information enclosed with this letter, please contact me at (201) 573-2071, or Martin Rapaport of my staff at (201) 573-7708.

Sincerely,

  
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Attachments:

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