



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

# ODI RESUME

Investigation: EA08-020  
 Prompted By: PE08-031  
 Date Opened: 08/29/2008  
 Principal Investigator: John Abbott  
 Subject: Exhaust Pipe Burns  
 Date Closed: 01/02/2009

Manufacturer: BMW of North America, LLC  
 Products: 2007 and 2008 Model Year Mini Cooper "S"  
 Population: 28,450

Problem Description: Leg burns from contact with the exhaust pipe tips.

## FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	11	28	39
Crashes/Fires:	0	0	0
Injury Incidents:	11	28	39
# Injuries:	12	38	50
Fatality Incidents:	0	0	0
# Fatalities:	0	0	0
Other:	0	0	0

Description of Other:

Action: Close investigation (see Safety Recall 08V-657).

Engineer: John Abbott *JAA*  
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Summary:

BMW will conduct a Safety Recall (08V-657) on 28,450 Mini Cooper S vehicles manufactured from November 18, 2006 through July 8, 2008. Dealers will install modified exhaust pipe tips that do not extend beyond the rear bumper.

The two exhaust pipe tips of the subject vehicles exit the underside of the vehicle at the center of the vehicle and extend beyond the rear bumper. The complainants reported being burned on their legs when they inadvertently touched the exposed hot exhaust pipe tips while removing items of cargo from the rear of their vehicle via the hatch back door.

Some complainants reported being burned on more than one occasion or that other family members were also burned. The 50 injuries reported in this investigation include significant second degree burns causing blistered and scared skin and one incident resulted in a third degree burn.

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This investigation also resulted in an initial decision of a defect. For information regarding the initial decision and details of the investigation see documents, INRM-EA08020-31646.pdf (Initial Decision Letter) and INIR-EA08020-31648.pdf (Initial Decision Report), in the investigation file. This investigation is closed.