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Jeffrey Quandt Chief, Vehicle Control Division Office of Defects Investigation National Highway Traffic Safety Administration 1200 New Jersey Ave., S.E. Washington, DC 20590

# Re: PE11-025

November 18, 2011

Dear Mr. Quandt:

With this letter, BMW is responding to NHTSA's Information Request dated September 29, 2011 in the above captioned matter. As agreed with the agency, BMW would be responding to Questions 1 through 4 by November 18, 2011. Accordingly, the materials contained herein are BMW's response to Questions 1 through 4 of the Information Request. As also agreed with the agency, BMW would respond to Questions 5 through 9 by December 16, 2011.

As requested, BMW has repeated each question verbatim and provided our response accordingly. Our detailed responses are contained in the attachments.

Should you have any questions pertaining to the information enclosed with this letter, please contact me at (201) 571-5360, or Martin Rapaport of my staff at (201) 571-5208.

Sincerely,

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Attachment:

CD No. 1

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# OFFICE OF DEFECTS & INVESTIGATIONS

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  - c. Model;
  - d. Model Year;
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  - f. Version of shift-by-wire control software installed at delivery;
  - g. Date of manufacture;
  - h. Date warranty coverage commenced; and
  - i. The State in the United States where the vehicle was originally sold or leased (or delivered for sale or lease).

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#### Response:

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7601	2004	64
760LI	2004	458
7451	2005	2,392
745LI	2005	4,856
7601	2005	86
760LI	2005	164
7501	2006	6,860
750LI	2006	20,487
760	2006	93
760LI	2006	581
750	2007	4,039
750LI	2007	12,162
760LI	2007	214
7501	2008	3,298
750LI	2008	10,418
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#### Response:

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The number of reports, if any, by category, that may relate to the alleged defect is provided in Table 2. Table 2 also includes the number of reports, if any, in which an allegation, of the type noted in 2(c), is contained within the specific report in that category.

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Field Reports	45	0	5	0
Dealer Field Reports	1	0	0	0
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Third-Party Arbitration Proceedings	0	0	0	0
Lawsuits	0	-0	0	0

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  - d. Vehicle owner address, city, and state;
  - e. Vehicle owner telephone number;
  - f. Vehicle owner email address;
  - g. Vehicle's VIN;
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# PE11-025 BMW 11/18/2011 CONSUMER-COMPLAINT

BMW of North America, LLC BMW Group Company

# INFORMATION ACT (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552(B)(6)

# Customer Service Request Detail # 201126600819



#### Code Descriptions

SR Code	SR Code Desc	Main Group	Defect Code	Defect Code Desc
SV09	RECALL/CAMPAIGN CONTACT	NO OPEN RECALLS ON VEHICLE	EA01	NO OPEN RECALLS ON VEHICLE
SV06	TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE / INFORMATION	TRANSMISSION - AUTOMATIC TF	2415	Automatic Transmission - Program Warning Indicator I

#### Solution Notes

Created	Solution
9/23/2011	Wtr adv most of these issues do not reflect recall history (other than brakes) but red warning light indicate serious problems and wtr recommended taking veh to dlr for diagnosis, preferably by tow. Wtr adv since wty has expired these repairs cust pay.
9/29/2011	wtr adv that there are no open recalls on the veh-wtr adv there are only two states a recall can exist in open or closed-wtr adv that service history is avail through dlr and should be able to confirm past repairs-wtr adv that dlr inf her that they see n

#### Attachments

File Name	Comments	

# BMW of North America, LLC BMW Group Company

# Customer Service Request Detail # 201126600819

Activity Status:	Done		Activity Updated:	9/23/2011 04:52PM
Activity Type	Customer Interaction		Activity Updated By:	Malpass, Joe
Activity Assigned To:	Schuster, Rachel		Emal From:	
Activity Created:	9/23/2011 04:03PM		Email To:	
Activity Created By:	Schuster, Rachel			
Activity Description:	Recall Inquiry			
No	te Created:	Note Created By:		Note Type:
Activity Status:	Done		Activity Updated:	9/23/2011 04:52PM
Activity Type	Customer Interaction		Activity Updated By:	Malpass, Joe
Activity Assigned To:	Malpass, Joe		Emal From:	
Activity Created:	9/23/2011 04:46PM		Email To:	
Activity Created By:	Malpass, Joe			
Activity Description:	Cust stts is experiencing multi	ple issues w/ vehicle, wtk i	f related to prev recalls >>	
Note Created	: 9/23/2011 04:46PM	Note Created By:	Malaass loo	Note Type: Customer Interaction
Note Created	. 9/23/2011 04.40FW	Note Created by.		Note Type. Customer interaction
sometimes red sometimes ye Cust stts veh stalled while pe stts dlr tried to repair issues w has returned. Wtr adv most of these issues warning light indicate serious	acheived. Cust stts veh also show: llow. Cust stts veh will not always e forming u-turn once. cust stts seat // drain hoses overflowing water to v do not reflect recall history (other th problems and wtr recommended ta Wtr adv since warranty has expired	ngage park or drive gear. heaters get too hot. Cust veh interior but problem nan brakes) but red king veh to dlr for		
Activity Status:	Done		Activity Updated:	9/29/2011 05:59PM
Activity Type	Dealer Interaction		Activity Updated By:	
Activity Assigned To:	Miller, Kara		Emal From:	Miller, Kara
Activity Created:	9/29/2011 05:40PM		Email To:	
Activity Created By:	Miller, Kara			
Activity Description:	wtr called out to dlr (spoke wit	h tony) to verif if any trans	mission recall work had been	performed on the veh.dlr conf no trans recall work.
No	te Created:	Note Created By:		Note Type:
Activity Status:	Done		Activity Updated:	9/29/2011 05:59PM
Activity Type	Customer Interaction		Activity Updated By:	Miller, Kara
Activity Assigned To:	Miller, Kara		Emal From:	
Activity Created:	9/29/2011 05:58PM		Email To:	
Activity Created By:	Miller, Kara		un i v.	
Activity Description:	ccibi for recall inquiry>>			
Note Created	: 9/29/2011 05:58PM	Note Created By:	Miller, Kara	Note Type: Customer Interaction

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>>cci for clarification on what parts were under recall and why only certain brake parts were refunded-est sttd that she did report the pump issue and the resulting leaking issues to the nhtsa-cst sttd that her current trans issue is a recall listed on website and she believes is a recall on her car that was never completed-est repeatedly asks for confirmation on whether her veh was ever effected by the trans issue-cst sttd that the dlr says they see transmission work done under warr. wtr adv that there are no open recalls on the veh-wtr adv there are only two states a recall can exist in open or closed-wtr adv that service history is avail through dlr and should be able to confirm past repairs-wtr adv that dlr inf her that they see no trans recall work-wtr adv that no open recalls means either her veh was never effected or it was and the work was closed out-wtr adv that this is mandated by nhtsa-wtr adv there is not a choice to comply bmwna is obligated by law to inform cst by mail and that if work completed in order to close out recall the work and parts would be inspected first-wtr adv if she requires further assistance in this matter to call cr back and speak with cam joe.

# PE11-025 BMW 11/18/2011 DEALER-FIELD-REPORT

# BMW of North America Pink Sheet Report

This technical report is submitted to responsible Service Engineering Member when the information herein can benefit Quality & Service Engineering Department.

Model/Model Year:	745LI US / 2002	Chassis:	DR03067
Production Date:	05/2002	Dealer Name:	DAVE WALTER, INC.
Repair Date:	12/02/2003	Dealer Location:	450 W. EXCHANGE ST.
Actual Mileage:	22162	City / State:	AKRON / OH
Defect Code:	2400		

# Complaint:

PUT CAR ON A FLATSTALL PUT CAR IN PARK SHUT CAR OFF GOT OUT OF CAR AND CAR STARTED ROLLING ? CHECKED ALL FAULT MEMORY NO FAULTS GOT BACK INTO CAR PUT BRAKE ON STARTED CAR PUT INTO PARK THEN INTO REV THEN DRIVE AND BACK INTO PARK AND ALL HELD CAR WAS OK? ANY ANSWERS WOULD BE HELPFUL CONTACT ME AT 330762-0791THANKYOU TIM ROBINSON

**Correction:**