



PERFORM THE PROCEDURE OUTLINED IN THIS SERVICE INFORMATION ON ALL AFFECTED VEHICLES BEFORE CUSTOMER DELIVERY OR THE NEXT TIME THEY ARE IN THE SHOP FOR MAINTENANCE OR REPAIRS.

Under the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966, as amended, if there has been a recall campaign, dealers must assure that all new vehicles and new items of replacement equipment are free of safety defects and comply with all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards at the time of delivery to the consumer. This means that dealers may not deliver new motor vehicles or new items of replacement equipment to consumers unless the safety defect or noncompliance has been remedied before delivery.

SUBJECT

Recall Campaign to Check Tire Bead

MODEL

E85 Z4

SITUATION

Some 18" front tires may have been damaged in the area of the bead during the mounting process. BMW is conducting a Recall Campaign to check the beads of both front tires on the affected vehicles, and replace any tires found to have been damaged.

AFFECTED VEHICLES

This Recall involves Z4 3.0 vehicles with 18" tires, which were produced from March 21 through April 2, 2003.

In order to determine if a specific vehicle is affected by this Recall, it will be necessary to utilize the "Service Menu" of the DCS (Dealer Communication System). Based on the response of the system, either proceed with the corrective action or take no further action.

The Chassis Number Ranges listed below are **only** for informational purposes and are not to be considered as the only deciding factor.

Model	Chassis Number Range
Z4 3.0	LT22238 – LT22400
Z4 3.0A	LU04451 – LU04567

If necessary, tires should be ordered from the BMW Tire Center at 1-866-4BMW-TIRES

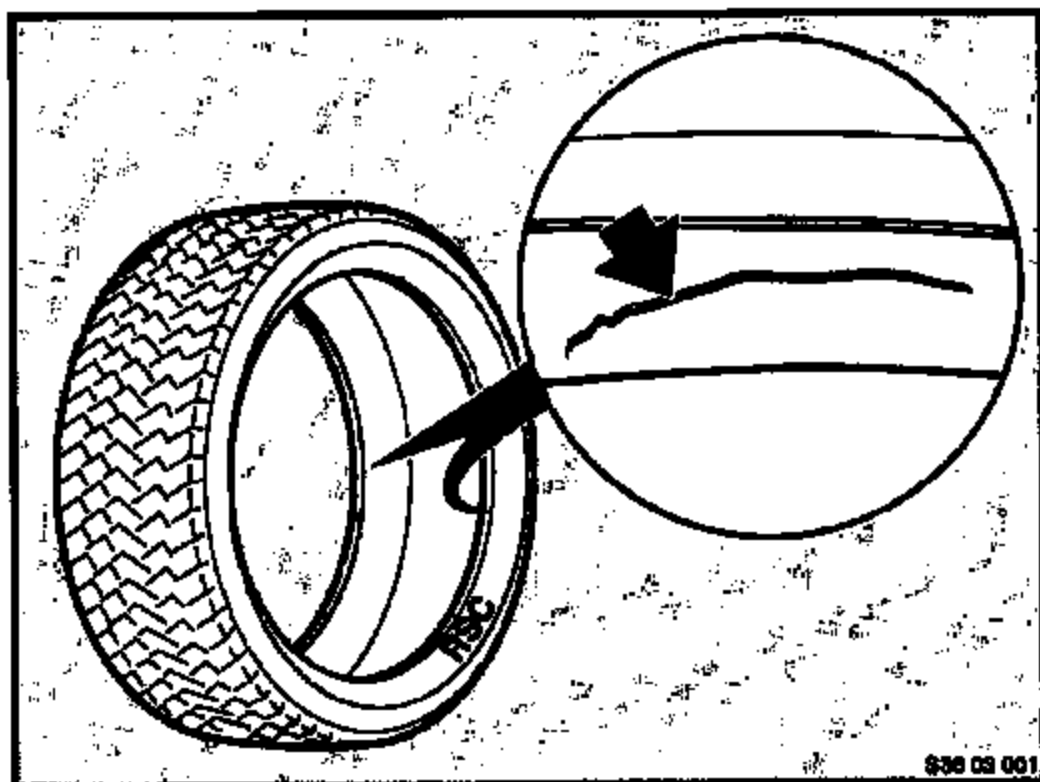
(1-866-426-9847) or via the Tire Center website link from DCSNet.

PROCEDURE

Check the front tires to see if they are Bridgestone Potenza RFT in size 225/40 R 18 88W. If any other brand or size of tire is on the vehicle, no further checking is required.

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 DEPT OF DEFENSE
 INVESTIGATION

If the car is equipped with the affected tires, remove both front tires from the rims to check for damage. Carefully inspect the inside of both beads for tears in the rubber, as illustrated below.



If any tears are found in the rubber, the tire must be replaced and returned to BMW NA. If no damage is found, the tire may be reinstalled.

Mount and balance both front tires.

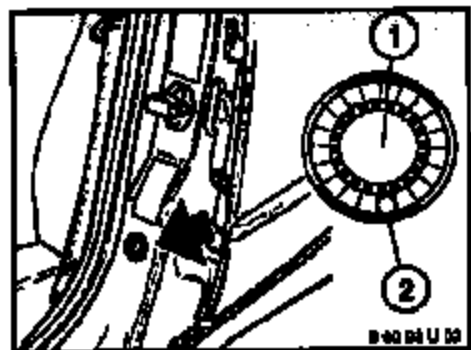
After the tires have been reinstalled, initialize the Tire Pressure Monitoring system.

PARTS INFORMATION

This Recall Campaign will require one or two of the following part, **only** if a damaged tire is found.

Part Number	Description	Quantity
36 12 0 150 987	Bridgestone Potenza 225/40 R 18 88W	As required

LABEL INSTRUCTIONS



This Recall Campaign has been assigned code number 362. After the vehicle has been checked, and corrected if necessary, obtain a label (SD 92-215) and:

- emboss your BMW dealer warranty number in the middle of the label (1);
- punch out code number 362 printed on the label and,

c. affix the label to the B pillar as shown.

If the vehicle already has a label from a previous Service Action/Recall Campaign, affix the new label next to the old one. Do not affix one label on top of another one because a number from an underlying label could appear in the punched-out hole of the new label.

WARRANTY INFORMATION

Reimbursement for this Recall Campaign will be via Campaign Entry.

Defect Code	00 36 34 01 00
Work Package #1:	Car is not equipped with the affected tires.
Labor Operation:	00 54 696
Labor Allowance:	3 FRU
Work Package #2:	Check both tires, no damage found prior to retail delivery
Labor Operation:	00 54 576
Labor Allowance:	16 FRU
Sublet Allowance:	Wheel weights as required
Work Package #3:	Check both tires, no damage found, after retail delivery.
Labor Operation:	00 54 103
Labor Allowance:	17 FRU
Sublet Allowance:	Wheel weights as required
Work Package #4:	Check both tires and replace one, prior to retail delivery.
Labor Operation:	00 54 576
Labor Allowance:	16 FRU
Parts Allowance:	36 12 0 150 987
Sublet Allowance:	Wheel weights as required
Work Package #5:	Check both tires and replace one, after retail delivery.
Labor Operation:	00 54 103

Labor Allowance: 17 FRU
Parts Allowance: 36 12 0 150 987
Sublet Allowance: Wheel weights as required
Work Package #6: Check both tires and replace both,
prior to retail delivery.
Labor Operation: 00 54 576
Labor Allowance: 16 FRU
Parts Allowance: 36 12 0 150 987
Sublet Allowance: Wheel weights as required
Work Package #7: Check both tires and replace both,
after retail delivery
Labor Operation: 00 54 103
Labor Allowance: 17 FRU
Sublet Allowance: Wheel weights as required
Parts Allowance: 36 12 0 150 987

ATTACHMENTSview PDF attachment [B360203Letter.](#)view PDF attachment [B360203TREAD.](#)

May, 2003

Recall Campaign No. 03V-XXX: Front Tire Mounting

Dear BMW Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

BMW AG has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2003 Model Year BMW Z4 vehicles. Our records indicate that you are the owner of a potentially affected vehicle.

DESCRIPTION OF DEFECT

The defect involves the front 18" tires. In rare occasions, it is possible that a tire has been damaged during the mounting process to the rim. Consequently, a loss of tire pressure, or a tire failure, could occur.

Your vehicle can still be driven; however, for the safety of the driver and any passengers, do not leave this problem unattended. A loss of front tire pressure, or a sudden tire failure, could occur. Depending on traffic conditions and the driver's reactions, this could lead to a crash.

PRECAUTIONS

1. **CONTACT YOUR AUTHORIZED BMW CENTER IMMEDIATELY TO HAVE THE NECESSARY REPAIR PERFORMED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**
2. **Drive carefully, and avoid excessive steering maneuvers when possible. If a loss of tire pressure occurs while driving, pull off the road as soon as possible to a safe location away from traffic. Do not continue to drive your vehicle. Contact BMW Roadside Assistance at 1-800-332-4269 immediately to have your vehicle brought to the nearest Authorized BMW center.**
3. **If you are not the only driver of this vehicle, please advise all other drivers of this important information.**

DESCRIPTION OF REPAIR

The repair will consist of unseating the tire from its rim, inspecting for any damage, and then reseating the tire to its rim. If inspection reveals that a front tire has incurred damage during the mounting process, it will be replaced.

The repair will require approximately 1 ½ hours. This work will be performed *free of charge* by your Authorized BMW center. Additional time may be required depending on the BMW center's scheduling and processing.

OTHER INFORMATION

If you are no longer the owner of this vehicle, we would appreciate you furnishing us with the name and address of the new owner, using the enclosed postage-paid card.

If you are a lessor of this vehicle, Federal Regulations require you to forward this notice to your lessee.

If you have already had this repair performed at your own expense, please see the attachment regarding possible eligibility for reimbursement.

Should you have any questions about this campaign, please contact your Authorized BMW center.

We appreciate your confidence in our product, and we wish to do everything we can to retain your confidence. Should you need additional assistance, you may contact BMW Customer Relations at 1-800-831-1117.

If the BMW center is unable to remedy the defect without charge or within a reasonable period of time, you may notify the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh St., S.W., Washington, DC 20590, or call the toll-free Auto Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236.

BMW OF NORTH AMERICA, LLC

**TREAD ACT CUSTOMER REIMBURSEMENT PLAN
(BMW of North America, LLC)**

If you have paid for the repair described in the attached letter, and you would like to be considered for reimbursement, please contact your authorized BMW center. Expenses from repair facilities outside of the BMW center network will be considered; however, the procedure must meet BMW standards and use BMW Genuine Parts.

Your authorized BMW center will request a copy of your owner notification letter, as well as, a copy of your previously paid invoice, and then inspect the vehicle (if it is still in your possession) prior to submitting a claim on your behalf to BMW of North America, LLC for reimbursement.

Please note the following:

- Only a repair that is the subject of this safety recall is reimbursable. Consequential expenses such as towing, rental, accommodations, damage repairs, etc will not be reimbursed.
- When BMW Genuine Parts are used, the Manufacturers Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) will be considered as the guideline for reasonable charges.
- Expenses for repairs performed more than 10 days after the date of the last owner notification letter sent by BMW are not eligible for reimbursement.
- Taxes and hazardous waste disposal, where previously paid, are eligible for reimbursement.
- BMW will not reimburse for prior repairs that did not utilize BMW Genuine Parts.

We anticipate that your authorized BMW center will be able to answer any questions that you may have regarding your qualifications for reimbursement of a previous repair. If you qualify for such a reimbursement, they will also be able to advise you of the manner in which you could receive reimbursement.

We recommend that your authorized BMW center be your primary contact on this issue; however, our Customer Relations Department may be contacted at 1-800-831-1117 for any special assistance that you may require.

Alternatively, you may submit your request for reimbursement to the following address:

Customer Relations Department
BMW of North America, LLC
P.O. Box 1227
Westwood, NJ 07675-1227