

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT
SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. 04V-183 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Report Date: **April 1, 2004**

Date NHTSA Faxed/E-Mailed: **April 16, 2004**

MANUFACTURER: **BMW Group**

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SUBJECT: 25,270 BMW 1996-1997 5-Series vehicles manufactured from February 27, 1996 through January 31, 1997. Due to long exposures to certain environmental and operating conditions, the material structure of the front spring strut plate could be affected. In some cases, the strut plate could begin to crack.

This is an acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be written only if we have additional comments or concerns.

We have reviewed your proposed owner notification letter and it does not quite meet the requirements of Part 577. Please add the risk at the end of the fourth paragraph, i.e., **increasing the risk of a crash without warning.**

Please let me know when the actual mailing takes place and, as usual, provide this office with final copies of all documents relating to the recall.

As stated in Part 573.6, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Owner notification is expected to begin during April 2004. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by July 30, 2004.

If you have any questions, please call:



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