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National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration

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

Assigned Recall No. 04V-379 by the  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: **July 26, 2004**

Date Faxed/E-Mailed: **August 12, 2004**

MANUFACTURER: **BMW of North America, LLC**

MANUFACTURER CONTACT: **Karl Heinz Ziwick, Vice President, Engineering US**

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**SUBJECT: 3,940 BMW 2004 7-Series passenger vehicles. The software programming of the driver's seat occupant detection system (ODS) may not be able to reliably determine if the driver's seat is occupied. In certain crash conditions, the driver's front air bag, head protection system, safety belt pretensioner, and knee air bag may not deploy, increasing the risk of injury to a seat occupant.**

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

I have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it meets the requirements of Part 577.

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. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin during July or August 2004. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by October 30, 2004.

If you have any questions, please call:

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