



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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Washington, DC 20590

*March 12, 2008*

MR. JAN URBAHN  
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NVS-215dgl  
08V-106

Subject: FUEL LINE

Dear MR. URBAHN:

This letter serves to acknowledge BMW of North America, LLC's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety defect in the products described below, for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30119.

Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

**Makes/Models/Model Years:**

BMW/G 650X CHALLENGE/2007  
BMW/G 650X COUNTRY/2007  
BMW/G 650X MOTO/2007

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 08V-106

**Mfg's Report Date:** February 27, 2008

**Components:**

FUEL SYSTEM, GASOLINE:DELIVERY:HOSES, LINES/PIPING, AND FITTINGS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 1,391

**Summary:**

BMW IS RECALLING 1,391 MY 2007 G650X CHALLENGE, COUNTRY, AND MOTO MOTORCYCLES. THE FUEL LINES MAY HAVE BEEN DAMAGED DURING PRODUCTION, AND COULD DEVELOP A LEAK. THE LEAK COULD OCCUR EITHER THROUGH THE FABRIC INLAY AT THE END OF THE LINE, OR, THROUGH A CRACK IN THE ACTUAL LINE.

**Consequence:**

FUEL LEAKAGE, IN THE PRESENCE OF AN IGNITION SOURCE, COULD RESULT IN A FIRE.

**Remedy:**

DEALERS WILL INSPECT AND REPLACE THE FUEL LINES FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING MARCH 2008. OWNERS MAY CONTACT BMW AT 1-800-831-1117.

**Notes:**

CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

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

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, 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. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at [Patricia.wallace@dot.gov](mailto:Patricia.wallace@dot.gov), [Delia.lopez@dot.gov](mailto:Delia.lopez@dot.gov), or through the office email at [RMD.ODI@dot.gov](mailto:RMD.ODI@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia Wallace for".

George H. Person  
Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement