

This is to respond to your email to Jan Urbahn regarding 11V-441 (2009 X5 Diesel – Fuel Filter Heater).

You and I had recently discussed the 3 US field reports referenced in our August 18th Part 573 report.

You had asked for a summary of those reports, and I had stated in our discussion that those reports contained indications of thermal incidents.

As noted in our Part 573 report, the first US report was received in February 2010, the second in late 2010 (approximately 8 months after the first), and the third in February 2011.

Summary details for the three US reports are as follows:

The first US report was received in February 2010. The X5 was at a dealership for service. The battery was dead. Upon connecting a battery charger to the vehicle to perform diagnostics, a burning smell was first noticed, followed by indications that a fire had started at the electrical connectors of the fuel filter heater.

The second was received in December 2010. Customer stated that, at first, there was smoke under the vehicle hood. Then, a fire was noticed at the rear of the engine compartment. Upon vehicle examination, it was thought that the electrical connectors of the fuel filter heater were involved.

The third was received in February 2011. Customer stated that there was smoke coming from under the vehicle hood. Upon vehicle examination, there were indications that a fire had started at the electrical connectors of the fuel filter heater.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thanks.