

Part 573 Safety Recall Report**14V-721****Manufacturer Name :** BMW of North America, LLC**Submission Date :** NOV 06,2014**NHTSA Recall No. :** 14V-721**Manufacturer Recall No. :** NR**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : BMW of North America, LLC

Address : P.O. Box 1227

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Company phone : 999-999-9999

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 846

Estimated percentage with defect : 10

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle : 2015-2015 MINI Cooper Hardtop 2 Door

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : 2-DOOR

Power Train : GAS

Descriptive Information : On affected vehicles, the front seat backrest adjustment mechanism may not be fully engaged.

Production Dates : AUG 12, 2014 - SEP 02, 2014

VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range

Begin : NR

End : NR

 Not sequential VINs**Description of Defect :**

Description of the Defect : This recall involves the front seats. Due to an error in the supplier's seat manufacturing process, it is possible that the teeth of the seatback adjustment mechanism may not be fully engaged. In a severe rear impact, seatback retention could be impaired, resulting in inadvertent seatback folding.

Description of the Safety Risk : If the seatback folds inadvertently in a severe rear impact, this could increase the risk of injury to the seated occupant.

Description of the Cause : NR

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : NR

Supplier Identification :**Component Manufacturer**

Name : Faurecia Automotive GmbH

Address : Nordsehler Strasse 38
Stadthagen FOREIGN STATES 31655

Country : Germany

Chronology :

On August 18, 2014, a loose seatback was noticed on a front seat at a vehicle assembly plant. Initial analysis pointed to an out-of-specification seatback adjustment mechanism.

Preliminary analysis with the supplier suggested that this fault could occur on seats with an adjustment lever introduced for Model Year 2015. However, further investigation was needed to determine whether a systematic fault pattern existed.

Between September 2nd and mid-October, the supplier reviewed production processes, engineering drawings, and production releases. In addition, comparative seat tests were conducted to help identify and understand possible failure modes. It was determined that the end-stop of the seat's backrest adjustment had been welded at an incorrect position. As a result, a misalignment of the teeth of the seatback adjustment mechanism could occur.

On October 28, 2014 the analysis concluded that if seatback retention was impaired, it could result in inadvertent seatback folding, which could increase the risk of injury to the seated occupant.

The supplier's component production records and quality control information were examined to identify the affected parts which had been delivered to the vehicle assembly plants. Vehicle production and manufacturing records at vehicle assembly plants were examined in order to determine the number and production range of potentially affected vehicles.

On October 30, 2014, BMW decided to conduct a voluntary recall.

MINI has not received any reports, nor is MINI otherwise aware, of any accidents or injuries related to this issue.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : The seat back adjustment mechanism will be re-aligned and re-tightened.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : NR

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : NR

Recall Schedule :

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Planned Dealer Notification Date : NOV 06, 2014 - NOV 30, 2014

Planned Owner Notification Date : NOV 30, 2014 - DEC 30, 2014

* NR - Not Reported