OMB Control No.: 2127-0004

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

15V-450

Manufacturer Name: BMW of North America, LLC

Submission Date: JUL 15,2015 **NHTSA Recall No.**: 15V-450 **Manufacturer Recall No.**: NR



Manufacturer Information:

Manufacturer Name: BMW of North America, LLC

Address: P.O. Box 1227

200 Chestnut Ridge Road Westwood NJ 07675-122

Company phone: 999-999-9999

Population:

Number of potentially involved: 30,456 Estimated percentage with defect: 100

Vehicle Information:

Vehicle: 2014-2015 MINI Hardtop 2 Door (Cooper model)

Vehicle Type: LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : 2-DOOR Power Train : GAS

Descriptive Information: Affected vehicles may not fully conform to FMVSS 214 Section 7.2.6.

Approximately 15,653 vehicles are affected.

Production Dates: DEC 01, 2013 - MAR 06, 2015

VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range

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Vehicle: 2014-2015 MINI Hardtop 2 Door (Cooper S model)

Vehicle Type: LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : 2-DOOR Power Train : GAS

Descriptive Information: Affected vehicles may not fully conform to FMVSS 214 Section 7.2.6.

Approximately 14,782 vehicles are affected.

Production Dates: DEC 01, 2013 - MAR 20, 2015

VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range

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Vehicle: 2015-2015 MINI Hardtop 2 Door (John Cooper Works model)

Vehicle Type: LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : 2-DOOR Power Train : GAS

Descriptive Information : Affected vehicles may not fully conform to FMVSS 214 Section 7.2.6.

Approximately 21 vehicles are affected.

Production Dates: MAR 03, 2015 - MAR 18, 2015

VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range

Description of Noncompliance:

Description of the Noncompliance : This recall involves the side impact performance requirements pertaining

to the rear seat passenger during the conduct of a NHTSA FMVSS 214 test. Affected vehicles may not conform to FMVSS 214 Section 7.2.6(b),

specifically by exceeding the specified maximum T12 acceleration value

(82g).

FMVSS 1:214 - Side impact protection

FMVSS 2:NR

Description of the Safety Risk: Rear seat passengers in affected vehicles could be at a slightly higher risk of

injury after a severe side impact.

Description of the Cause: NR

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur: NR

Supplier Identification:

Component Manufacturer

Name : NR Address : NR

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Country: NR

Chronology:

On December 19, 2014 BMW submitted a voluntary recall to address conformance to FMVSS 214 Section 7.2.6, affecting 3,085 Model Year 2014 MINI 2 Door Hardtop, Cooper models. This recall was assigned Recall No. 14V-815.

On July 1 and 2, 2015, NHTSA conducted FMVSS 214 compliance tests involving a Model Year 2015 MINI 2 Door Hardtop, Cooper Model and a Model Year 2015 MINI 2 Door Hardtop, Cooper S model. The test results for the Cooper model vehicle met the requirements in FMVSS 214 Section 7.2.6(b). However, the Cooper S model vehicle exceeded the specified maximum T12 acceleration value (82g) by 0.94g.

After the engineering team's review of the available information, it was concluded that certain Model Year 2014-15 MINI 2 Door Hardtop vehicles in the Cooper, Cooper S models and Model Year 2015 John Cooper Works (JCW) models may not fully conform to FMVSS 214. BMW conducted reviews and analyses of vehicle production records to identify the potentially affected vehicles.

On July 9, 2015, BMW decided to conduct a voluntary recall for certain Model Year 2014-15 MINI 2 Door Hardtop vehicles for the Cooper and Cooper S models and for the Model Year 2015 JCW models.

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

Description of Remedy:

Description of Remedy Program : Additional energy absorption material between the rear interior side panels

and the exterior vehicle body will be installed. Vehicles produced prior to May 15, 2014 will, in addition, be further modified by adding a small foam patch between the rear interior side panels and the exterior vehicle body.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : NR Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : NR

Recall Schedule:

Description of Recall Schedule: NR

Planned Dealer Notification Date: JUL 15, 2015 - NR

Planned Owner Notification Date: SEP 12, 2015 - NR

* NR - Not Reported