

# MINI



## IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

This notice applies to your vehicle, **15V 4503TEST**

September 2015

### Recall Campaign No. 15V-450: Side Impact Performance

Dear MINI Owner / Lessee:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. BMW AG has decided that certain Model Year 2014 -2015 MINI Hardtop 2 Door Cooper and Cooper S models, as well as certain Model Year 2015 MINI Hardtop 2 Door John Cooper Works models fail to conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 214 (Side Impact Protection). Our records indicate that you are the owner of an affected vehicle.

#### DESCRIPTION OF PROBLEM

This recall involves side impact performance. Due to the specific configuration of your vehicle, it may marginally exceed a NHTSA test requirement. As a result, rear seat passengers could be at a slightly higher risk of injury in a severe side impact.

#### DESCRIPTION OF REPAIR

The left and right rear seat interior side panels will be modified to increase their energy absorbing performance. The resulting modification will not be visible either inside or outside of the vehicle and it will not reduce rear seat room.

This free repair will require approximately four hours; however additional time may be required depending upon your authorized MINI dealer's schedule.

**CONTACT YOUR AUTHORIZED MINI DEALER IMMEDIATELY TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT TO HAVE THE NECESSARY REPAIR PERFORMED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. You can find your nearest MINI dealer at [www.miniusa.com/dealer](http://www.miniusa.com/dealer).**

If you are not the only driver of this vehicle, please advise all other drivers and passengers of this important information.



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**OTHER INFORMATION**

If you are no longer the vehicle owner/lessee, we request that you provide us with the name and address of the new owner/lessee using the enclosed postage-paid card so that we can contact the new owner/lessee regarding this recall. If you are a lessor of this vehicle, Federal Regulations require you to forward this notice to your lessee within ten days.

**Should you have any questions about this recall, please contact your authorized MINI dealer.** Should you need additional assistance, you may contact MINI Customer Relations and Services via Email at [MINI.Assistance@askminiusa.com](mailto:MINI.Assistance@askminiusa.com), or by calling 1-866-825-1525 from 9 AM to 9 PM Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

If your MINI dealer is unable to remedy the defect without charge or within a reasonable period of time, you may notify the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave., S.E., Washington, DC 20590, call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153), or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

MINI recommends that you always wear your safety belt, and that all passengers be properly seated and restrained at all times.

We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this recall may cause you; however, be assured that MINI is concerned about your safety and security.

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