



This Service Information Bulletin supersedes SI M65 02 15 dated **October 2015**.

Changes to this revision are identified by a black bar.

Please perform the procedure outlined in this Service Information on all affected vehicles in Dealer inventory before customer delivery. In the event the customer has already taken delivery of the vehicle, please perform the procedure the next time the vehicle is in the shop.

SUBJECT

Recall 15V-205: OC3 Seat Occupancy Mat

MODEL

R50 (Cooper)
Model years 2005-2006

R52 (Cooper Convertible, Cooper S Convertible)
Model years 2005-2008

R53 (Cooper S)
Model years 2005-2006

R53 (Cooper S JCW)
Model year 2006

SITUATION

BMW AG is conducting a Voluntary Safety Recall involving the front passenger seat occupancy mat (OC3). The front passenger OC3 mat may not function correctly due to several manufacturing, installation and field-exposure issues.

AFFECTED VEHICLES

This Recall Campaign involves the front passenger seat occupancy detection mat sensor in MINI, R50 (Cooper) model years 2005-2006, R52 (Cooper Convertible, Cooper S Convertible) model years 2005-2008, R53 (Cooper S) model years 2005-2006 and R53 (Cooper S JCW) Model year 2006.

Vehicles which require this Recall Campaign to be completed will show it as "Open" when checked either in AIR, the "Service Menu" of DCSnet (Dealer Communication System) or with the Key Reader.

On October 12, 2015, a final letter will be mailed to customers informing them to visit a dealer and have the repair performed.

OTHER AIRBAG-RELATED FAULTS AND REPAIRS

- The airbag warning light can be caused by various faults, including the airbag, sensors, module, short circuit, etc.
- If the vehicle arrives in the workshop with an airbag warning light on, perform diagnosis to identify the cause of the light. This is customer paid labor.
- If because of diagnosis a fault in the OC3 mat is found, it will be covered by this Recall Campaign.
- **This Recall Campaign must always be completed, whether other faults in the airbag are corrected or not.**

CORRECTION

Replace the OC3 seat mat with the part number provided in the Parts Information section only.

PROCEDURE

Refer to ISTA repair instructions for safety and precaution measures when dealing or handling airbags. ISTA repair instruction REP 65 77... "Replacing sensor mat (OC3 mat with upholstery) for front passenger seat occupancy detector".

A copy of the main repair instructions is attached to this Service Information.

PARTS INFORMATION

The part number below must be ordered and installed for this Recall Campaign. The part number in EPC (ETK) will not satisfy the completion of this Recall.

Part Number	Description	Quantity
52 10 9 112 566	Basic seat upholstery, right including seat occupancy mat	1
Or:		1
52 10 9 112 567	Sports seat upholstery parts, right (option code 481) including seat occupancy mat	1
72 11 7 127 153	Torx bolt	1
07 14 9 149 258	Fillister head screw (Required)	4
52 10 1 945 543	Clamp	As needed

WARRANTY INFORMATION

Reimbursement for this Recall will be via normal claim entry utilizing the following information:

Defect Code:	00 52 65 01 00	
Labor Operation:	Labor Allowance:	Description:
00 63 022	Refer to KSD2	Check and replace the seat occupant detection mat (Includes performing a vehicle test, enabling replacement seat mat with ISTA test plan) (Main work)

TREAD Act Reimbursement - Qualifying Prior Customer-Pay Repairs

MINI USA, a division of BMW of North America, LLC (“MINI USA”) will reimburse “qualifying customer-pay repairs” that were performed on “affected vehicles” **prior** to the release of this Recall Service Information bulletin.

Important: The TREAD Act reimbursement procedure for qualifying prior customer-pay repairs has changed. The updated procedure that is now provided below supersedes the entire previously stated procedure. This updated procedure is effective immediately for all reimbursement requests that are received by your dealer (repair order /claim dates) on or after Monday November 09, 2015

If the customer previously paid for a qualifying repair, please proceed as applicable:

A. The customer arrives with an “affected vehicle” to your workshop

- Perform the “open” Recall repair outlined in this bulletin, and
- If the prior repair qualifies (see below), submit for both the Recall repair and the customer-pay reimbursement (Separate “repair” line items/separate defect codes) together on the same claim.

Or:

B. The customer only presents your dealer with a customer-pay invoice for the prior repair

- If the prior repair qualifies (see below), submit for the customer-pay reimbursement only.

The claim submission for a “customer-pay reimbursement” **will not** close the “Open” Safety Recall when it is submitted as outlined.

And, as applicable:

Customer-pay Invoice Review and Reimbursement Procedure

1. Review and verify that the prior customer-pay invoice (MINI dealer or independent repair shop) contains a repair that was performed to address the issue described in this “Recall” Service Information bulletin.
2. If the prior repair qualifies, reimburse the customer (labor and parts).
3. Submit for this customer-paid repair expense under Defect Code **85 99 00 12 NA**, as follows:
 - Sublet Code 3
 - Dollar amount (with no markup)
 - Comment: Recall 15V-205: OC3 Seat Occupancy Mat - Reimbursement for allowable expenses that relate to performing the prior qualifying customer-pay repair.
4. Retain the “original” customer pay invoice in your files; this documentation may be requested by MINI during the claim review process).

Note: A repair performed on a non-affected vehicle or the diagnosis and repair of other “unrelated issues” do not qualify for reimbursement.