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# **IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL**

This notice applies to your vehicle,

June 2015

Recall Campaign No. 15V-205: Front Passenger Seat Occupant Detection Mat Sensor

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 a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in certain Model Year 2005-2006 MINI Cooper and Cooper S vehicles and certain Model Year 2005-2008 MINI Cooper and Cooper S Convertible vehicles. Our records indicate that you are the owner of an affected vehicle.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

We are not yet ready to conduct this recall; however, we will notify you by letter as soon as we are ready. At that time, you should make an appointment with your authorized MINI dealer to have this recall performed on your vehicle.

#### Company DESCRIPTION OF PROBLEM

This recall involves the front passenger seat occupant detection mat sensor. The sensor may not function correctly. If this occurs, then the front passenger air bag may not activate in a crash when the seat is occupied, increasing the risk of injury.

## PRECAUTIONS FOR YOUR SAFETY

1. If the seat mat is not working properly, the "passenger air bag off" yellow light in the overhead console, and the "air bag warning" red light in the instrument cluster, will illuminate continuously or intermittently. The passenger air bag off light should be illuminated only when the seat is occupied with a child in a child seat.

- 2. If the air bag warning light and the passenger air bag off light are illuminated continuously or intermittently, please be aware that the front passenger air bag may be de-activated. In this case, no one should sit in the front passenger seat until the repair has been completed.
- 3. 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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### **DESCRIPTION OF REPAIR**

The front passenger seat occupant detection mat will be replaced.

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

## **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 <u>MINI.Assistance@askminiusa.com</u>, 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 <u>http://www.safercar.gov</u>.

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

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

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