

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

18V-918

Manufacturer Name : BMW of North America, LLC

Submission Date : DEC 20, 2018

NHTSA Recall No. : 18V-918

Manufacturer Recall No. : NR



Manufacturer Information :

Manufacturer Name : BMW of North America, LLC

Address : P.O. Box 1227

Westwood NJ 07675-1227

Company phone : 18005257417

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 11

Estimated percentage with defect : 30 %

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2019-2019 BMW X5 xDrive40i, X5 xDrive50i

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : SUV

Power Train : GAS

Descriptive Information : Approximately 11 vehicles were equipped with a driver and/or passenger sun visor in which the air bag warning label may not conform to FMVSS 208 Section 4.5.1 (b) (3).

Basis for recall population determination: Supplier production records were reviewed to determine the production period of potentially affected sun visors, and the corresponding production period (07/11/2018 – 10/30/2018) of potentially affected vehicles.

Recall component difference to non-recall component: The driver and/or passenger sun visor air bag warning label may not conform to FMVSS 208 Section 4.5.1 (b) (3).

Production Dates : JUL 11, 2018 - OCT 30, 2018

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

Not sequential

Description of Noncompliance :

Description of the Noncompliance : The non-compliance involves the driver and/or passenger sun visor air bag warning label. FMVSS 208 Section 4.5.1 (b) (3) requires that the driver and passenger sun visor contain an air bag warning label with specified information. Affected vehicles may have been equipped with a driver and/or passenger sun visor air bag warning label for vehicles produced for non-US markets. The sun visor may also not contain a label, as some non-US markets do not require an air bag warning label. Therefore, affected vehicles may not conform to FMVSS 208 Section 4.5.1 (b) (3).

FMVSS 1 : 208 - Occupant crash protection

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : A missing or incorrect sun visor air bag warning label would not provide the required FMVSS 208 air bag warning information to the driver and/or passenger, which could increase the risk of injury.

Description of the Cause : NR

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : The driver and/or passenger may notice that the sun visor air bag warning label is either missing, or does not contain US English text.

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name : Grupo Antolin

Address : 304 John Martin Rd.
Spartanburg SOUTH CAROLINA 29303

Country : United States

Chronology :

On November 1, 2018, a vehicle at the assembly plant was identified as having a possible incorrect air bag warning label on the sun visor. Approximately 1,660 potentially affected vehicles were held at the assembly plant for inspection and, of those, 5 sun visors were identified as incorrect for the US market.

Between mid-November and early December, a review of the complete supply chain and delivery process was initiated involving the sub-supplier, Tier 1 supplier, and the vehicle assembly plant. The review resulted in the supplier identifying several different issues that could have occurred at their facility during the production, packaging, and delivery process. Issues such as in-box and on-box part identification and configuration labels, electronic scanning of those labels, and removal/insertion of visors into those boxes were identified as having a possible effect on the number of potentially affected visors. At that time, due to the number and complexity of the identified issues, it was unclear which issue may have affected a specific vehicle.

Additional reviews were conducted to determine the number and production range of potentially affected vehicles.

On December 12, 2018, BMW determined that potentially affected vehicles may not conform to FMVSS 208 Section 4.5.1 (b) (3), and decided to conduct a voluntary recall.

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 : The driver and passenger sun visor will be checked and, if necessary, replaced.

Owners will be notified by First Class mail and instructed to take their vehicle to an authorized BMW center to have the remedy performed for free. If this condition were to occur to a potentially affected vehicle prior to the recall, the remedy would be covered by the BMW New Vehicle Limited Warranty program. Therefore, reimbursement for a pre-notification remedy re Part 573.13 and Part 577.11 is not necessary.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : Sun visor air bag warning label (driver), p/n: multiple, dependent upon vehicle build of material (interior).
Sun visor air bag warning label (passenger), p/n: multiple, dependent upon vehicle build of material (interior).

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

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : Notification to dealers is expected to begin and end on December 19, 2018.

Notification to owners is expected to begin and end on February 8, 2019.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : DEC 19, 2018 - DEC 19, 2018

Planned Owner Notification Date : FEB 08, 2019 - FEB 08, 2019

* NR - Not Reported