

April 17, 2019

Ms. Helen Riehle Safety Integrity and Recall Manager BMW of North America, LLC 300 Chestnut Ridge Road Woodcliff Lake, NJ 07677

Subject: PCV Heater may Short Circuit

Dear Ms. Riehle:

This letter serves to acknowledge BMW of North America, LLC's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

# Makes/Models/Model Years:

BMW/3251/2006 BMW/325XI/2006 BMW/3301/2006 BMW/330XI/2006 BMW/5251/2006 BMW/525XI/2006 BMW/5301/2006 BMW/530XI/2006

Mfr's Report Date: April 4, 2019

NHTSA Campaign Number: 19V-273

### **Components:**

ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING: EXHAUST SYSTEM: EMISSION CONTROL: CRANKCASE (PCV)

Potential Number of Units Affected: 184,505

### **Problem Description:**

BMW of North America, LLC (BMW) is recalling certain 2006 525i, 525xi, 530i, 530xi, 530xi Sports Wagon, 325i, 325xi, 325xi Sports Wagon, 330i, 330xi, Z4 3.0i and Z4 3.0si vehicles. The heater for the positive crankcase ventilation (PCV) valve may short circuit.

# **Consequence:**

An electrical short can cause the parts within the PCV valve to melt, increasing the risk of a fire, even when the vehicle is not in use.

### **Remedy:**

BMW will notify owners, and dealers will replace the PCV valve heater, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin May 28, 2019. Owners may contact BMW customer service at 1-800-525-7417. Note: This recall is an expansion to recall 17V-683.

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# Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Jennifer Kruger who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-2461, or by email at jennifer.kruger@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

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Kareem Habib Acting Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigations Enforcement

