

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

19V-135

Manufacturer Name : BMW of North America, LLC**Submission Date :** FEB 27, 2019**NHTSA Recall No. :** 19V-135**Manufacturer Recall No. :** NR**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : BMW of North America, LLC

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Population :

Number of potentially involved : 31

Estimated percentage with defect : 1 %

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2019-2019 BMW X7 xDrive40i, X7 xDrive50i

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : SUV

Power Train : GAS

Descriptive Information : Approximately 31 vehicles, with option "business lounge seat", have been produced in which the attachment bolts between the seat adapter and the vehicle may not have been tightened to specifications.

Basis for recall population determination: Vehicle assembly records were reviewed to determine vehicles in which the attachment bolts may not have been tightened to specifications. The information was based upon records from production tooling and quality systems which recorded bolt tightening torques during the vehicle rework process. The records indicated that potentially affected VINs were produced from Oct 30, 2018 to Jan 10, 2019.

Recall component difference to non-recall component: Recall vehicles may not have had the attachment bolts for the seat adapter tightened to specifications.

Production Dates : OCT 30, 2018 - JAN 10, 2019

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

 Not sequential**Description of Defect :**

Description of the Defect : This safety recall involves the attachment bolts for the seat adapter which may not have been tightened to specifications.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : If the bolts were not tightened to specifications, this could increase the risk of injury to vehicle occupants in an accident.

Description of the Cause : NR

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : A rattling noise may be noticeable from the area near the bottom of the seat.

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name : NR

Address : NR

NR

Country : NR

Chronology :

On January 15, 2019, at the assembly plant, a rattling noise was noticed from the area near the attachment points of the 2nd row seat. Initial analysis suggested that the bolts of the seat adapter for the vehicle's "business lounge seat" may not have been tightened completely. All potentially affected vehicles were blocked at the plant, and a vehicle rework process was established.

In mid-February, during a review of vehicles that had been blocked, a vehicle was identified that may have had an incomplete tightening of the attachment bolts during the rework process. Further reviews were conducted, and it was found that the rework process contained inadequate information that could result in vehicles leaving the rework location without the bolts being tightened to specifications.

Reviews of the bolt tightening data from production and quality systems, were conducted.

Production records were reviewed to determine the number and production range of potentially affected vehicles.

On February 20, 2019, BMW decided to conduct a voluntary safety 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 attachment bolts for the seat adapter will be replaced. All potentially affected vehicles are at dealers. Therefore, Part 577 owner notification is not necessary, including reimbursement for a pre-notification remedy re Part 573.13 and Part 577.11.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : N/A as the issue involves bolt tightening torque, not a vehicle component / system.

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

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : Notification to dealers is planned to begin and end on February 27, 2019.

Notification to owners is not necessary as all potentially affected vehicles are at dealers.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : FEB 27, 2019 - FEB 27, 2019

Planned Owner Notification Date : FEB 27, 2019 - FEB 27, 2019

* NR - Not Reported