

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

19V-912

Manufacturer Name : BMW of North America, LLC**Submission Date :** DEC 20, 2019**NHTSA Recall No. :** 19V-912**Manufacturer Recall No. :** NR**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : BMW of North America, LLC

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Population :

Number of potentially involved : 135

Estimated percentage with defect : 100 %

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2019-2020 BMW 330i, 330i xDrive

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : 4-DOOR

Power Train : GAS

Descriptive Information : Approximately 135 vehicles were manufactured with a safety belt retractor at outboard rear seating positions which may not have been produced according to specifications.

Basis for recall population determination: Supplier production and vehicle manufacturing records were reviewed to determine the specific vehicles in which a safety belt retractor not produced to specifications may have been installed.

Recall component difference to non-recall component: The retractor contains a pre-tensioner inflator tube which was not produced according to specifications.

Production Dates : APR 11, 2019 - DEC 05, 2019

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

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Description of the Defect : The pre-tensioner, contained within the safety belt retractor for outboard rear seating positions, may not have been produced according to specifications. The pre-tensioner's inflator tube may not have been crimped during production. In a crash in which activation of the pre-tensioner occurs, the pre-tensioner may not function as intended.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : Improper functioning of the pre-tensioner could cause an occupant in an outboard rear seating position to move farther forward and/or experience a

Description of the Cause : larger acceleration, increasing the risk of injury.
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Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : NR

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name : Autoliv ASP, Inc.
Address : 1320 Pacific Drive
Auburn Hills MICHIGAN 48326
Country : United States

Chronology :

On December 2, 2019, the retractor supplier informed BMW that an out-of-specification pre-tensioner was noticed during supplier production. The supplier noticed that the pre-tensioner's inflator tube did not contain a crimp along the circumference of the tube.

The supplier initiated a review of its production process and of its parts distribution records. The review identified that inflator tubes could be produced without the crimp along the circumference of the tube and then move to the next production station. Parts distribution records indicated that a number of suspect retractors had been shipped.

Vehicle assembly information and supplier production records were reviewed to determine the number, and production dates, of potentially affected vehicles.

On Dec 19, 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 affected rear seat safety belt will be replaced.

Owners will be notified by First Class mail and instructed to take their vehicle to an authorized BMW dealer to have the remedy performed for free. If this condition were to occur to a potentially affected vehicle prior to this 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 : Recall component: Rear seat outboard safety belt – p/n (7496265, 7496266)

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

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : Dealer notification is expected to begin and end on December 20, 2019.

Owner notification is expected to begin and end on February 10, 2020.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : DEC 20, 2019 - DEC 20, 2019

Planned Owner Notification Date : FEB 10, 2020 - FEB 10, 2020

* NR - Not Reported