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via fax and e-mail in advance

Department BQX4

## **SAFETY RECALL NOTICE**

Date August 28, 2019

### **Attention: Request for Return of Products - Lemförder Steering Central Rod for BMW E39**

Dear Customer,

ZF is notifying you of a safety recall of Lemförder steering central rods supplied to you and is requesting the immediate quarantine and return of potentially affected parts.

Affected steering central rods have the potential to detach due to an out of specification condition originating at the sub-supplier. If an affected part is installed in a vehicle and a detachment occurs, there is the potential that the steerability of the vehicle may be affected, increasing the risk of a collision.

Steering central rods with **part number LF: 15789 02**, intended for use in **BMW E39 (M5 / Alpina) built 03/96 – 12/03** vehicles may be affected.

Parts with **production codes 0118 -1218 and 0119 – 0519** delivered from January 2018 are included in the recall. The date code and branding of the affected parts you will find on the bottom cap and on the housing as shown in the pictures below. Please examine this information carefully before to accurately identify parts included in the recall.



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Please immediately quarantine these parts in your possession and return to ZF. ZF also seeks your assistance in immediately contacting your customers that may have received these parts to inform them of the recall, request that recalled parts be quarantined, recalled parts installed in vehicles be replaced, and request the return of recalled parts to ZF.

To return recalled parts, please use the established warranty process for reimbursement.

Recalled parts should be returned and addressed to:

ZF Friedrichshafen AG – ZF Aftermarket  
Dept. BQX4 – Quality assurance  
Borgwardstrasse 16  
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For any additional commercial or logistic questions regarding this recall, please contact your local ZF representative.

Please be reminded that it is a violation of Federal law for you to sell or lease the parts covered by this notification until this recall has been performed. Substantial civil penalties apply to violations of this law.

ZF is committed to the safety of its products and appreciates your assistance with this recall.

Kind regards

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