

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

# 21V-298

**Manufacturer Name :** BMW of North America, LLC

**Submission Date :** APR 28, 2021

**NHTSA Recall No. :** 21V-298

**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 :** 12

**Estimated percentage with defect :** 1 %

## Vehicle Information :

**Vehicle 1 :** 2021-2021 BMW 330i, 330i xDrive, M340i, M3

**Vehicle Type :** LIGHT VEHICLES

**Body Style :** 4-DOOR

**Power Train :** GAS

**Descriptive Information :** Approximately 11 vehicles have been assembled with a front seat safety belt buckle assembly that may not have been installed according to specifications.

**Basis for recall population determination:** Vehicle assembly information was reviewed to determine the production dates of potentially affected vehicles.

**Recall component difference to non-recall component:** The front seat safety belt buckle assembly may not have been installed according to specifications.

**Production Dates :** OCT 28, 2020 - MAR 16, 2021

**VIN Range 1 : Begin :**

NR

**End :** NR

Not sequential

Vehicle 2 : 2021-2021 BMW 330e xDrive

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : 4-DOOR

Power Train : HYBRID ELECTRIC

**Descriptive Information :** Approximately 1 vehicle has been assembled with a front seat safety belt buckle assembly that may not have been installed according to specifications.

**Basis for recall population determination:** Vehicle assembly information was reviewed to determine the production dates of potentially affected vehicles.

**Recall component difference to non-recall component:** The front seat safety belt buckle assembly may not have been installed according to specifications.

**Production Dates :** NOV 18, 2020 - NOV 18, 2020

**VIN Range 1 : Begin :**

NR

**End :** NR

Not sequential

## Description of Defect :

**Description of the Defect :** This safety recall involves the front seat safety belt buckle assembly that may not have been installed according to specifications. Specifically, a bolt securing the assembly to the frame may not have been tightened to the specified value.

**FMVSS 1 :** NR

**FMVSS 2 :** NR

**Description of the Safety Risk :** If the bolt was not installed according to specifications, this could affect the restraint capability of the safety belt and increase the risk of injury.

**Description of the Cause :** NR

**Identification of Any Warning** NR  
**that can Occur :**

## Involved Components :

**Component Name 1 :** N/A; vehicle assembly issue

**Component Description :** N/A; vehicle assembly issue

**Component Part Number :** N/A; vehicle assembly issue

## Supplier Identification :

## Component Manufacturer

Name : BMW AG  
Address : NR  
NR  
Country : NR

## Chronology :

On March 30, 2021, BMW received a complaint involving a front seat safety belt buckle assembly on a Model Year 2021 3 Series Sedan. It was indicated that the buckle assembly moved more than expected when attempting to fasten the driver's safety belt. An engineering review was immediately initiated.

A review of vehicle manufacturing records involving the specific vehicle with the suspect buckle indicated that this vehicle had undergone a rework process during vehicle assembly. Upon further review, it was suggested that the rework process may not have been properly performed on the suspect vehicle and additional potentially affected vehicles.

Vehicle assembly information was reviewed to determine the number and production dates of potentially affected vehicles.

On April 21, 2021, BMW decided to conduct a voluntary recall.

BMW has not received any reports, nor is otherwise aware, of any accidents or injuries related to this issue.

## Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : The front seat safety belt buckle assembly connection will be inspected 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 was noticed on 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 : N/A; vehicle assembly issue

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 April 28, 2021.

Notification to owners is planned to begin and end on June 21, 2021.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : APR 28, 2021 - APR 28, 2021

Planned Owner Notification Date : JUN 21, 2021 - JUN 21, 2021

\* NR - Not Reported