

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

# 23V-797

**Manufacturer Name :** BMW of North America, LLC**Submission Date :** DEC 04, 2023**NHTSA Recall No. :** 23V-797**Manufacturer Recall No. :** NR**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : BMW of North America, LLC

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**Population :**

Number of potentially involved : 486

Estimated percentage with defect : 1 %

**Vehicle Information :**

Vehicle 1 : 2014-2014 BMW X3 (X3 xDrive28i, X3 xDrive35i)

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : SUV

Power Train : GAS

**Descriptive Information :** Approximately 457 vehicles were equipped with a Takata PSDI-X driver's front air bag inflator which may contain a supplier production anomaly.

**Basis for recall population determination:**

Vehicle manufacturing information and supplier production records were reviewed to determine the number and production date range of potentially affected vehicles.

**Recall component difference to non-recall component:**

The inflator may contain a supplier production anomaly.

Production Dates : FEB 22, 2014 - MAR 07, 2014

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

 Not sequential

Vehicle 2 : 2015-2015 BMW X4 xDrive35i

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : SUV

Power Train : GAS

Descriptive Information : Approximately 1 vehicle was equipped with a Takata PSDI-X driver's front air bag inflator which may contain a supplier production anomaly.

Basis for recall population determination:

Vehicle manufacturing information and supplier production records were reviewed to determine the number and production date range of potentially affected vehicles.

Recall component difference to non-recall component:

The inflator may contain a supplier production anomaly.

Production Dates : MAR 03, 2014 - MAR 03, 2014

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

Not sequential

Vehicle 3 : 2014-2014 BMW X5 (X5 sDrive35i, X5 xDrive35i)

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : SUV

Power Train : GAS

Descriptive Information : Approximately 28 vehicles were equipped with a Takata PSDI-X driver's front air bag inflator which may contain a supplier production anomaly.

Basis for recall population determination:

Vehicle manufacturing information and supplier production records were reviewed to determine the number and production date range of potentially affected vehicles.

Recall component difference to non-recall component:

The inflator may contain a supplier production anomaly.

Production Dates : MAR 01, 2014 - MAR 05, 2014

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

Not sequential

## Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : This safety recall involves the driver's front air bag. Approximately 486 vehicles were equipped with a Takata PSDI-X inflator in which there may be a supplier production anomaly. Although analysis is ongoing, preliminary indications point to a manufacturing error at Takata in Monclova, Mexico.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

**Description of the Safety Risk :** The inflator could rupture, which could result in injury or death to vehicle occupants.

**Description of the Cause :** Based upon the investigation by TAKATA to similar events resulting in recalls in 2016 and 2017, the potential for such abnormal deployment may be due to a production anomaly at the supplier.

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

## Involved Components :

**Component Name 1 :** Driver Front Air Bag

**Component Description :** Driver Front Air Bag

**Component Part Number :** 6799612, 6859516, 6868412, 6868413

## Supplier Identification :

### Component Manufacturer

**Name :** TK Global LLC

**Address :** NR

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**Country :** United States

## Chronology :

On November 6, 2023, BMW became aware of a customer complaint that was submitted to NHTSA in which it was alleged that the driver air bag on a Model Year 2014 BMW X3 ruptured. BMW immediately initiated an engineering investigation, and proactively contacted the air bag supplier, and also NHTSA.

Although the analysis has been initiated, it is still in the preliminary stages, and will continue. Preliminary information suggests that there may have been an anomaly during a specific period of time involving inflator production at the supplier. As of the filing date of this Part 573 report, the vehicle has not been able to be inspected.

On November 16, 2023, BMW decided to conduct a voluntary safety recall for vehicles containing inflators from the production lot in which the field vehicle was equipped.

BMW and TK Global will continue to analyze available information, and attempt to perform a vehicle inspection.

## Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : The driver's front air bag will be replaced.

Owners will be notified by First Class mail advising them of the recall and to schedule an appointment with an authorized BMW dealer to have the remedy performed for free. Although unlikely, owners who have had this remedy performed at their own expense prior to the recall notification, may be eligible for reimbursement according to BMW Group's reimbursement plan in accordance with 49 CFR 573.13 and 49 CFR 577.11.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : Recall component: Driver's Front Air Bag - Part number: 6799612, 6859516, 6868412, 6868413

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 November 27, 2023.

Owner notification is expected to begin and end on January 16, 2024.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : NOV 27, 2023 - NOV 27, 2023

Planned Owner Notification Date : JAN 16, 2024 - JAN 16, 2024

\* NR - Not Reported