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Part 573 Safety Recall Report

25V748

Manufacturer Name: BMW of North America, LLC

Submission Date: Dec 02, 2025

NHTSA Recall No.: 25V748

Manufacturer Recall No.:

Manufacturer Information

Population

Manufacturer Name: BMW of North America,
LLC
Address: P.O. Box 1227
Westwood NJ, 07675-1227

Total number of potentially involved: 5,361
Estimated percentage with defect: 0.1%

Vehicle Information

Vehicle 1: 2000-2001 BMW X5

Product Category: Light Vehicles

Product Type: Multipurpose Passenger Vehicle

Fuel / Propulsion:

Production Dates: Feb 19, 1999 - Mar 31, 2000

Number of potentially involved: 5,361

Descriptive Information:

X5 3.0i, X5 4.4i

Approximately 5,361 vehicles may contain a sport steering wheel equipped with a Takata driver's front air bag module that contains a PSDI-4 inflator that could have been installed as a replacement / spare part.

Basis for recall population determination:

Vehicle production information and the sport steering wheel spare part release date were utilized to determine the start date and end date of potentially affected vehicles.

Recall component difference to non-recall component:

The originally equipped air bag module did not contain an inflator with ammonium nitrate.

Defect / Noncompliance Description

Description of the defect or noncompliance:

Certain vehicles may contain a sport steering wheel equipped with a Takata driver's front air bag module that contains a PSDI-4 inflator that could have been installed as a replacement / spare part. The originally equipped did not contain an inflator with ammonium nitrate.

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FMVSS1:

FMVSS2:

Description of the safety risk, including crash, fire, death, injury:

As noted in Section 4 of Takata's Defect Information Report, 15E-040, the Takata PSDI-4 inflator propellant wafers may experience an alteration over time, which could potentially lead to overly aggressive combustion in the event of air bag deployment. Depending on the circumstances, this potential could create excessive internal pressure when the air bag is deployed, which could result in the body of the inflator rupturing upon deployment. In the event of an inflator rupture, metal fragments could pass through the air bag cushion material, which may result in injury or death to vehicle occupants

Description of the cause:

Based upon Takata's investigation to date, the potential for such ruptures may occur in some of the subject inflators after several years of exposure to persistent conditions of high absolute humidity, high temperatures, and high temperature cycling. In addition, the potential for rupturing may also depend on other factors, including the specific vehicle environment, the inflator and propellant configuration, and manufacturing variability of the air bag modules.

Furthermore, field return tests and study results showed an age-related change in characteristics, so that a malfunction of the inflators cannot be excluded.

Identification of any warning that can occur:

Component Manufacturer

Tier of Supplier:

Supplier Type:

Name: TK Global LLC

Address:

Country:

Involved Components

Component Name 1: Driver's Front Air Bag

Component Description: Driver's Front Air Bag

Component Part Number: 6757891

Chronology

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Please refer to BMW's Part 573 report assigned NHTSA Recall ID 19V-015.

In mid-2025, technical campaigns involving Takata air bags were being prepared for non-US markets. During that process, a complete review of all campaigns/recalls was initiated, including information that led to the 19V-015 decision. The review indicated that, during the process leading to the 19V-015 decision, it was determined that certain X5 vehicles produced before April 2000, originally produced with a basic steering wheel, could not be retrofitted with a sports steering wheel.

However, based upon this new review, it was now suggested that those vehicles technically could be retrofitted with a sports steering wheel (via a customer performing a steering wheel swap) containing a PSDI-4 inflator. If this occurred, it would have the unintended consequence of replacing the originally equipped ammonium-nitrate-free driver's air bag inflator with a PSDI-4 inflator.

On October 24, 2025, BMW decided in an abundance of caution to conduct a voluntary safety recall to identify, inspect and, if necessary, replace the inflator in the driver's front air bag module on potentially affected vehicles.

Related NHTSA Recall Number: 19V015

Description of Remedy

Remedy Type: Inspect, Replace

Consumer Advisories: Do Not Drive Park Outside

Description of remedy program:

The driver's front air bag will be inspected and, if necessary, replaced.

Owners will be notified by First Class mail advising them of the recall and to, if necessary, schedule an appointment with an authorized BMW center to have the remedy performed for free. Owners will also be advised to not drive their vehicles until the recall is completed.

How remedy component differs from recalled component:

Recall component: Driver's Front Air Bag – Part number: 6757891

Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:

Reimbursement Plan

Description of reimbursement program:

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.

Part 573 Safety Recall Report**25V748****Period of reimbursement:****Costs to be reimbursed:****Address for reimbursement claims:****Recall Schedule****Description of recall schedule:**

Dealer notification is expected to begin and end on October 31, 2025.

Owner notification is expected to begin and end on December 23, 2025.

Planned Dealer Notification Date: Oct 31, 2025 - Oct 31, 2025 No Dealers**Planned Interim Owner Notification Date:** No Owners**Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date:** Dec 23, 2025 - Dec 23, 2025 Phased Recall**Date when VIN will be searchable:** Dec 23, 2025