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Administration

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

26V056

Manufacturer Name: BMW of North America, LLC

Submission Date: Jan 30, 2026

NHTSA Recall No.: 26V056

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: 87,394
Estimated percentage with defect: 0.1%

Vehicle Information

Vehicle 1: 2021-2023 TOYOTA SUPRA

Product Category: Light Vehicles

Product Type: Passenger Car

Fuel / Propulsion: Spark Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: Jun 24, 2021 - Sep 01, 2022

Number of potentially involved: 803

Descriptive Information:

Supra

Approximately 803 vehicles contain an engine starter of a certain production configuration.

Basis for recall population determination: Vehicle assembly information and supplier production records were used to determine the specific dates of potentially affected vehicles.

Recall component difference to non-recall component: Potentially affected vehicles contain an engine starter of a certain production configuration.

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Vehicle 2: 2022-2023 BMW 2 Series Coupe

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Product Category: Light Vehicles

Product Type: Passenger Car

Fuel / Propulsion: Spark Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: Dec 15, 2020 - Jul 13, 2023

Number of potentially involved: 1,186

Descriptive Information:

230i Coupe

Approximately 1,186 vehicles contain an engine starter of a certain production configuration.

Basis for recall population determination: Vehicle assembly and service information, and supplier production records were used to determine the specific dates of potentially affected vehicles.

Recall component difference to non-recall component: Potentially affected vehicles contain an engine starter of a certain production configuration.

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Vehicle 3: 2021-2024 BMW 5 Series

Product Category: Light Vehicles

Product Type: Passenger Car

Fuel / Propulsion: Spark Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: Jun 24, 2021 - Mar 27, 2023

Number of potentially involved: 5,816

Descriptive Information:

530i, 530i xDrive

Approximately 5,816 vehicles contain an engine starter of a certain production configuration.

Basis for recall population determination: Vehicle assembly and service information, and supplier production records were used to determine the specific dates of potentially affected vehicles.

Recall component difference to non-recall component: Potentially affected vehicles contain an engine starter of a certain production configuration.

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Vehicle 4: 2021-2022 BMW Z4

Product Category: Light Vehicles

Product Type: Passenger Car

Fuel / Propulsion: Spark Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: Jun 24, 2021 - Aug 29, 2022

Number of potentially involved: 1,465

Descriptive Information:

Z4 sDrive30i

Approximately 1,465 vehicles contain an engine starter of a certain production configuration.

Basis for recall population determination: Vehicle assembly and service information, and supplier production records were used to determine the specific dates of potentially affected vehicles.

Recall component difference to non-recall component: Potentially affected vehicles contain an engine starter of a certain production configuration.

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Vehicle 5: 2022-2024 BMW 4 Series

Product Category: Light Vehicles

Product Type: Passenger Car

Fuel / Propulsion: Spark Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: Jul 01, 2021 - Nov 29, 2023

Number of potentially involved: 5,887

Descriptive Information:

430i Gran Coupe

Approximately 5,887 vehicles contain an engine starter of a certain production configuration.

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Basis for recall population determination: Vehicle assembly and service information, and supplier production records were used to determine the specific dates of potentially affected vehicles.

Recall component difference to non-recall component: Potentially affected vehicles contain an engine starter of a certain production configuration.

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Vehicle 6: 2021-2024 BMW 4 Series Convertible

Product Category: Light Vehicles

Product Type: Passenger Car

Fuel / Propulsion: Spark Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: Jun 24, 2021 - Dec 04, 2023

Number of potentially involved: 6,944

Descriptive Information:

430i Convertible, 430i xDrive Convertible

Approximately 6,944 vehicles contain an engine starter of a certain production configuration.

Basis for recall population determination: Vehicle assembly and service information, and supplier production records were used to determine the specific dates of potentially affected vehicles.

Recall component difference to non-recall component: Potentially affected vehicles contain an engine starter of a certain production configuration.

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Vehicle 7: 2021-2023 BMW 4 Series Coupe

Product Category: Light Vehicles

Product Type: Passenger Car

Fuel / Propulsion: Spark Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: Jun 06, 2021 - Sep 23, 2022

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Number of potentially involved: 5,596

Descriptive Information:

430i Coupe, 430i xDrive Coupe

Approximately 5,596 vehicles contain an engine starter of a certain production configuration.

Basis for recall population determination: Vehicle assembly and service information, and supplier production records were used to determine the specific dates of potentially affected vehicles.

Recall component difference to non-recall component: Potentially affected vehicles contain an engine starter of a certain production configuration.

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Vehicle 8: 2021-2024 BMW 3 Series

Product Category: Light Vehicles

Product Type: Passenger Car

Fuel / Propulsion: Spark Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: Nov 26, 2020 - May 07, 2024

Number of potentially involved: 46,384

Descriptive Information:

330i, 330i xDrive

Approximately 46,384 vehicles contain an engine starter of a certain production configuration.

Basis for recall population determination: Vehicle assembly and service information, and supplier production records were used to determine the specific dates of potentially affected vehicles.

Recall component difference to non-recall component: Potentially affected vehicles contain an engine starter of a certain production configuration.

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Vehicle 9: 2021-2023 BMW X4

Product Category: Light Vehicles

Product Type: Multipurpose Passenger Vehicle

Fuel / Propulsion: Spark Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: Dec 14, 2020 - Dec 14, 2022

Number of potentially involved: 1,283

Descriptive Information:

X4 xDrive30i

Approximately 1,283 vehicles contain an engine starter of a certain production configuration.

Basis for recall population determination: Vehicle assembly and service information, and supplier production records were used to determine the specific dates of potentially affected vehicles.

Recall component difference to non-recall component: Potentially affected vehicles contain an engine starter of a certain production configuration.

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Vehicle 10: 2021-2024 BMW X3

Product Category: Light Vehicles

Product Type: Multipurpose Passenger Vehicle

Fuel / Propulsion: Spark Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: Dec 14, 2020 - Dec 14, 2022

Number of potentially involved: 12,030

Descriptive Information:

X3 sDrive30i, X3 xDrive30i

Approximately 12,030 vehicles contain an engine starter of a certain production configuration.

Basis for recall population determination: Vehicle assembly and service information, and supplier production records were used to determine the specific dates of potentially affected vehicles.

Recall component difference to non-recall component: Potentially affected vehicles contain an engine starter of a certain production configuration.

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Defect / Noncompliance Description

Description of the defect or noncompliance:

This safety recall involves the engine starter. Due to unexpected wear on an internal component, the starter may not function properly. In some cases, this could lead to a non-starting engine.

FMVSS1:

FMVSS2:

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

In an extreme case, this could cause a thermal event or fire when starting the engine, or while the engine is running.

Description of the cause:

Identification of any warning that can occur:

Component Manufacturer

Tier of Supplier: Tier 1

Supplier Type: OEM

Name: Valeo

Address: 14 Avenue des Beguines, Immeuble le DELT
Cergy Pontoise Foreign States, BP 68532 C

Country: France

Involved Components

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Component Name 1: Engine Starter

Component Description: Engine Starter

Component Part Number: A33FB9 / 5A33FC0 / 8671503 / 8693976 – model dependent

Chronology

In September 2025, an engineering investigation focused upon field incidents involving several vehicles that had experienced engine starter issues with indications of thermal damage, but in which a root cause had not yet been determined. These incidents included three (3) cases between October 2024 and March 2025, involving a Model Year 2023 BMW 4 Series, and two Model Year 2022 BMW 3 Series.

In October, endurance (bench) tests were planned simulating large numbers of starting attempts, in order to examine possible effects upon internal components after being subject to such conditions.

A tear down analysis, involving field return parts of starters, was conducted. Electronic information and data from vehicle assembly records, and also dealer service visits, was reviewed in an attempt to identify possible issues such as deviations in tightening torque, occurrences of housing cracks, and loose cable connections, that could affect starter functionality. Computer tomography of starters was also conducted in an attempt to help identify those possible issues.

On November 27th, the first field return part, with indications of a build-up of metallic material in the electrical relay chamber, was found.

On December 4th, the first bench test result with indications of a build-up of metallic material in the electrical relay chamber, as a result of increased abrasion, was available.

In December, further reviews were conducted of bench test results in which parameters such as temperature, humidity, and voltage levels had been varied. Statistical analyses were conducted involving field return parts with an attempt to determine if similar parameters could affect functionality.

In January 7, 2026, a field incident involving a Model Year 2021 BMW 3 Series was reviewed (incident date: November 20, 2025) with indications of thermal damage to the engine starter.

In January, interim results of the investigation of the field return parts were available which indicated that some of the starters had a buildup of metallic material due to abrasion in the electrical relay chamber. Further discussions with the supplier occurred including a review of the findings from BMW. Further reviews of all test results were conducted.

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

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On January 23, 2026, 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.

For Toyota Supra vehicles, as of January 28, 2026, based on a diligent review of records, Toyota's best engineering judgment is that there are zero (0) Toyota Field Technical Reports or warranty claims that have been received from U.S. sources that relate or may relate to this condition in the involved Toyota vehicles.

Related NHTSA Recall Number:

Description of Remedy

Remedy Type: Replace

Consumer Advisories: Do Not Drive Park Outside

Description of remedy program:

The engine starter will be replaced with one involving a different design.

Owners will be notified by First Class mail and instructed to take their vehicle to an authorized BMW / Toyota dealer to have the remedy performed for free.

How remedy component differs from recalled component:

Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:

Reimbursement Plan

Description of reimbursement program:

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 / Toyota's reimbursement plan in accordance with 49 CFR 573.13 and 49 CFR 577.11.

Period of reimbursement:

Costs to be reimbursed:

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Address for reimbursement claims:

Recall Schedule

Description of recall schedule:

Dealer notification is planned to begin and end on January 30, 2026.
Owner notification is planned to begin and end on March 24, 2026.

Planned Dealer Notification Date: Jan 30, 2026 - Jan 30, 2026

No Dealers

Planned Interim Owner Notification Date:

No Owners

Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date: Mar 24, 2026 - Mar 24, 2026

Phased Recall

Date when VIN will be searchable: Mar 24, 2026