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Administration

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

26V096

Manufacturer Name: BMW of North America, LLC

Submission Date: Feb 19, 2026

NHTSA Recall No.: 26V096

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: 58,713
Estimated percentage with defect: 0.1%

Vehicle Information

Vehicle 1: 2025-2025 BMW M5 Sportswagon

Product Category: Light Vehicles

Product Type: Passenger Car

Fuel / Propulsion: Plug-In Hybrid

Production Dates: Nov 06, 2024 - Apr 08, 2025

Number of potentially involved: 277

Descriptive Information:

M5 Sportswagon

Approximately 277 vehicles have a certain configuration of the air conditioning system's electrical wiring harness.

Basis for recall population determination: Vehicle assembly and service information was used to determine the specific dates of potentially affected vehicles.

Recall component difference to non-recall component: Potentially affected vehicles have an air conditioning system electrical wiring harness, a portion of which is near a section of the cabin air filter housing cover.

Although the estimated percentage of involved vehicles is depicted as 0.1%, the calculated number is much lower, but the portal does not allow a value of less than 0.1%.

Vehicle 2: 2025-2026 BMW M5

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Product Category: Light Vehicles

Product Type: Passenger Car

Fuel / Propulsion: Plug-In Hybrid

Production Dates: Jun 18, 2024 - Apr 09, 2025

Number of potentially involved: 1,647

Descriptive Information:

M5

Approximately 1,647 vehicles have a certain configuration of the air conditioning system's electrical wiring harness.

Basis for recall population determination: Vehicle assembly and service information was used to determine the specific dates of potentially affected vehicles.

Recall component difference to non-recall component: Potentially affected vehicles have an air conditioning system electrical wiring harness, a portion of which is near a section of the cabin air filter housing cover.

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Vehicle 3: 2024-2025 BMW 750e xDrive

Product Category: Light Vehicles

Product Type: Passenger Car

Fuel / Propulsion: Plug-In Hybrid

Production Dates: Jun 20, 2023 - Apr 08, 2025

Number of potentially involved: 794

Descriptive Information:

750e xDrive

Approximately 794 vehicles have a certain configuration of the air conditioning system's electrical wiring harness.

Basis for recall population determination: Vehicle assembly and service information was used to determine the specific dates of potentially affected vehicles.

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Recall component difference to non-recall component: Potentially affected vehicles have an air conditioning system electrical wiring harness, a portion of which is near a section of the cabin air filter housing cover.

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Vehicle 4: 2025-2026 BMW 550e xDrive

Product Category: Light Vehicles

Product Type: Passenger Car

Fuel / Propulsion: Plug-In Hybrid

Production Dates: Aug 02, 2024 - Apr 08, 2025

Number of potentially involved: 983

Descriptive Information:

550e xDrive

Approximately 983 vehicles have a certain configuration of the air conditioning system's electrical wiring harness.

Basis for recall population determination: Vehicle assembly and service information was used to determine the specific dates of potentially affected vehicles.

Recall component difference to non-recall component: Potentially affected vehicles have an air conditioning system electrical wiring harness, a portion of which is near a section of the cabin air filter housing cover.

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Vehicle 5: 2023-2025 BMW I7

Product Category: Light Vehicles

Product Type: Passenger Car

Fuel / Propulsion: Electric Battery Power

Production Dates: Jul 04, 2022 - Apr 09, 2025

Number of potentially involved: 7,503

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i7 eDrive50, i7 xDrive60, i7 M60 xDrive

Approximately 7,503 vehicles have a certain configuration of the air conditioning system's electrical wiring harness.

Basis for recall population determination: Vehicle assembly and service information was used to determine the specific dates of potentially affected vehicles.

Recall component difference to non-recall component: Potentially affected vehicles have an air conditioning system electrical wiring harness, a portion of which is near a section of the cabin air filter housing cover.

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Vehicle 6: 2023-2025 BMW 7 Series

Product Category: Light Vehicles

Product Type: Passenger Car

Fuel / Propulsion: Spark Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: Jul 04, 2022 - Apr 09, 2025

Number of potentially involved: 15,154

Descriptive Information:

740i, 740i xDrive, 760i xDrive

Approximately 15,154 vehicles have a certain configuration of the air conditioning system's electrical wiring harness.

Basis for recall population determination: Vehicle assembly and service information was used to determine the specific dates of potentially affected vehicles.

Recall component difference to non-recall component: Potentially affected vehicles have an air conditioning system electrical wiring harness, a portion of which is near a section of the cabin air filter housing cover.

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i5 eDrive40, i5 xDrive40, i5 M60 xDrive

Approximately 11,917 vehicles have a certain configuration of the air conditioning system's electrical wiring harness.

Basis for recall population determination: Vehicle assembly and service information was used to determine the specific dates of potentially affected vehicles.

Recall component difference to non-recall component: Potentially affected vehicles have an air conditioning system electrical wiring harness, a portion of which is near a section of the cabin air filter housing cover.

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Vehicle 8: 2024-2026 BMW 5 Series**Product Category:** Light Vehicles**Product Type:** Passenger Car**Fuel / Propulsion:** Spark Ignition Fuel**Production Dates:** Jun 23, 2023 - Apr 09, 2025**Number of potentially involved:** 20,438**Descriptive Information:**

530i, 530i xDrive, 540i xDrive

Approximately 20,438 vehicles have a certain configuration of the air conditioning system's electrical wiring harness.

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Basis for recall population determination: Vehicle assembly and service information was used to determine the specific dates of potentially affected vehicles.

Recall component difference to non-recall component: Potentially affected vehicles have an air conditioning system electrical wiring harness, a portion of which is near a section of the cabin air filter housing cover.

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Defect / Noncompliance Description

Description of the defect or noncompliance:

This safety recall involves the electrical wiring harness for the air conditioning system, a portion of which is near a section of the cabin air filter's housing cover. During replacement of the cabin air filter, a housing cover screw could damage the wiring harness.

FMVSS1:

FMVSS2:

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

A short-circuit could occur and, in an extreme case, this could cause a thermal event or fire.

Description of the cause:

Identification of any warning that can occur:

Component Manufacturer

Tier of Supplier:

Supplier Type:

Name: BMW AG

Address:

Country:

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Involved Components

Component Name 1: N/A - Electrical Wiring Harness Routing

Component Description: Electrical Wiring Harness Routing

Component Part Number: N/A - Electrical Wiring Harness Routing

Chronology

In March 2025, an engineering investigation was initiated based upon several field incidents in which thermal events were noted, including a Model Year 2024 7 Series (incident date: February 22nd), a Model Year 2023 7 Series (incident date: March 9th), and a Model Year 2023 7 Series (incident date: December 2024).

Initial suggestions included the possibility of damage to a wiring harness during routine maintenance of the vehicle's cabin air filter. Between April and June, vehicle diagnostics, for vehicles in which the cabin air filter had been replaced, were reviewed to identify if any system codes, that could be associated with damage to an electrical wiring harness, were present.

In May, another field incident, involving a Model Year 2024 BMW 7 Series (incident date: May 7th) occurred. Initial results of the review of system codes indicated that this information was inconclusive.

In June, vehicles which contained a system code were identified for physical inspection, as vehicle diagnostics alone were not conclusive.

In July, results of vehicle inspections were also inconclusive. Statistical analyses were performed which indicated a very low rate of occurrence. Nevertheless, and as a preventative measure, a Service Action (at the vehicle's next cabin air filter replacement) was implemented which consisted of equipping vehicles with a retaining strap and bracket that would move the air conditioning system's electrical wiring harness away from one of the screw connections of the cabin air filter's housing cover.

Between September and December, the field continued to be monitored. One vehicle, which was included in the Service Action, nevertheless had a cabin air filter replacement at an independent repair facility, but the retaining strap and bracket was not installed. Another vehicle, which was included in the Service Action, had a cabin air filter replacement, but the retaining strap and bracket was not installed. Both vehicles experienced thermal activity.

Between January and February 2026, further reviews were conducted, and it was suggested that damage to the wiring harness could occur during the vehicle's service life when the cabin air filter is replaced, especially if the procedure occurs at an independent repair facility.

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

On February 11, 2026, BMW decided, in an abundance of caution, 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.

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Description of Remedy

Remedy Type: Repair, Inspect, Replace

Consumer Advisories: Do Not Drive Park Outside

Description of remedy program:

The air conditioning system's electrical wiring harness will be inspected and, if necessary, replaced, and a retaining strap / bracket will be attached to the harness.

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

How remedy component differs from recalled component:

Recalled Component: N/A – Electrical Wiring Harness Routing

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 reimbursement plan in accordance with 49 CFR 573.13 and 49 CFR 577.11.

Period of reimbursement:

Costs to be reimbursed:

Address for reimbursement claims:

Recall Schedule

Description of recall schedule:

Dealer notification is planned to begin and end on February 19, 2026.
Owner notification is planned to begin and end on April 13, 2026.

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