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Part 573 Safety Recall Report

26V214

Manufacturer Name: BMW of North America, LLC

Submission Date: Apr 02, 2026

NHTSA Recall No.: 26V214

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: 9,160
Estimated percentage with defect: 1%

Vehicle Information

Vehicle 1: 2018-2025 BMW K 1600 B

Product Category: Motorcycles

Product Type: Motorcycles

Fuel / Propulsion: Spark Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: Jun 19, 2017 - Jan 16, 2025

Number of potentially involved: 5,518

Descriptive Information:

K1600 B (Model Year 2018 - 2025)

Approximately 5,518 motorcycles were equipped with the reverse gear (optional until MY 2020 / standard from MY 2021). The sealing of the reverse gear control unit may deteriorate over time which could allow humidity to enter the unit. Over the lifetime of the motorcycle, this could lead to corrosion of internal electrical contacts. In very rare cases, this could increase the risk of a thermal event.

Basis for recall population determination:

Motorcycle manufacturing information was reviewed to determine the number and production date range of potentially affected motorcycles.

Recall component difference to non-recall component:

The sealing of the potentially affected reverse gear control units may deteriorate over time which could allow humidity to enter the unit.

BMW is unable to estimate the percentage of motorcycles that is projected to actually contain the defect. The issue depends upon certain factors, some of which are not predictable. Accordingly, as the NHTSA portal requires a numerical value to be entered, a value of 1% has been provided. However, an actual estimated percentage is unknown.

Vehicle 2: 2018-2025 BMW K 1600 GTL

Product Category: Motorcycles

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Product Type: Motorcycles

Fuel / Propulsion:

Production Dates: Apr 20, 2017 - Jan 16, 2025

Number of potentially involved: 2,472

Descriptive Information:

K1600 GTL (Model Year 2018 - 2025)

Approximately 2,472 motorcycles were equipped with the reverse gear (optional until MY 2020 / standard from MY 2021). The sealing of the reverse gear control unit may deteriorate over time which could allow humidity to enter the unit. Over the lifetime of the motorcycle, this could lead to corrosion of internal electrical contacts. In very rare cases, this could increase the risk of a thermal event.

Basis for recall population determination:

Motorcycle manufacturing information was reviewed to determine the number and production date range of potentially affected motorcycles.

Recall component difference to non-recall component:

The sealing of the potentially affected reverse gear control units may deteriorate over time which could allow humidity to enter the unit.

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Vehicle 3: 2017-2025 BMW K 1600 GT

Product Category: Motorcycles

Product Type: Motorcycles

Fuel / Propulsion: Spark Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: Nov 28, 2016 - Dec 05, 2024

Number of potentially involved: 1,170

Descriptive Information:

K1600 GT (Model Year 2017 - 2025)

Approximately 1,170 motorcycles were equipped with the reverse gear (optional until MY 2020 / standard from MY 2021). The sealing of the reverse gear control unit may deteriorate over time which could allow humidity to enter the unit. Over the lifetime of the motorcycle, this could lead to corrosion of internal electrical contacts. In very rare cases, this could increase the risk of a thermal event.

Basis for recall population determination:

Motorcycle manufacturing information was reviewed to determine the number and production date range of potentially affected motorcycles.

Recall component difference to non-recall component:

The sealing of the potentially affected reverse gear control units may deteriorate over time which could allow humidity to enter the unit.

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Defect / Noncompliance Description

Description of the defect or noncompliance:

This safety recall involves the reverse gear control unit. The sealing of the reverse gear control unit may deteriorate which could allow humidity to enter the unit. Over the lifetime of the motorcycle, especially in year-round tropical (hot/humid) climatic conditions, this could lead to corrosion of internal electrical contacts. This will lead to a loss of the reverse function.

FMVSS1:

FMVSS2:

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

Leakage current between corroded contacts could result in component heating. This could lead to heat damage (scorching damage/smoke development) on the reverse gear control unit. In very rare cases, this could increase the risk of a thermal event or a fire.

Description of the cause:

Identification of any warning that can occur:

The rider may notice a loss of the reverse gear function.

Component Manufacturer

Tier of Supplier: Tier 1

Supplier Type: OEM

Name: BECOM Electronics GmbH

Address: Technikerstrasse 1
Hochstrass Foreign States, 7442

Country: Austria

Involved Components

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Component Name 1: Reverse Gear Control Unit

Component Description: Reverse Gear Control Unit

Component Part Number: 8524078

Chronology

In December 2025, BMW became aware of a thermal event in a non-US market involving a Model Year 2019 BMW K 1600 B. An engineering investigation was initiated, the part was held for analysis, and the supplier was contacted. Attention was focused upon the reverse gear control unit.

Between December 2025 and February 2026, an additional field incident in a non-US market occurred, where the reverse gear control unit overheated and resulted in a thermal incident. These parts were requested to be returned for analysis.

In late January 2026, it was possible to perform an onsite inspection of the motorcycle involved in the December 2025 field incident.

The field data for all markets was analyzed. It was found that the warranty rate of the reverse gear control unit was significantly larger in countries with year-round tropical climate / hot and humid conditions than the average warranty rate in other countries.

On March 26th, 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.

Related NHTSA Recall Number:

Description of Remedy

Remedy Type: Replace

Consumer Advisories: ☐ Do Not Drive ☐ Park Outside

Description of remedy program:

The reverse gear control unit will be replaced.

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

How remedy component differs from recalled component:

Recall component:

Reverse gear control unit – part number: 8524078

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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'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:

Notification to dealers is planned to begin and end on April 2, 2026.
Notification to owners is planned to begin and end on May 25, 2026.

Planned Dealer Notification Date: Apr 02, 2026 - Apr 02, 2026

☐ No Dealers

Planned Interim Owner Notification Date:

☐ No Owners

Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date: May 25, 2026 - May 25, 2026

☐ Phased Recall

Date when VIN will be searchable: May 25, 2026