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Administration

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

26V441

Manufacturer Name: BMW of North America, LLC

Submission Date: Jul 08, 2026

NHTSA Recall No.: 26V441

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: 29,119
Estimated percentage with defect:

Vehicle Information

Vehicle 1: 2018-2020 BMW 530e xDrive

Product Category: Light Vehicles

Product Type: Passenger Car

Fuel / Propulsion: Plug-In Hybrid

Production Dates: Feb 23, 2017 - Jun 09, 2020

Number of potentially involved: 5,803

Descriptive Information:

530e xDrive

Approximately 5,803 vehicles have been manufactured with 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 have an engine starter of a certain production configuration.

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

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Vehicle 2: 2017-2019 BMW 740Le xDrive

Product Category: Light Vehicles

Product Type: Passenger Car

Fuel / Propulsion: Plug-In Hybrid

Production Dates: Mar 14, 2016 - Feb 14, 2019

Number of potentially involved: 1,058

Descriptive Information:

740Le xDrive

Approximately 1,058 vehicles have been manufactured with 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 have an engine starter of a certain production configuration.

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

Vehicle 3: 2018-2020 BMW 530e iPerformance

Product Category: Light Vehicles

Product Type: Passenger Car

Fuel / Propulsion: Plug-In Hybrid

Production Dates: Feb 22, 2017 - Jun 18, 2020

Number of potentially involved: 14,406

Descriptive Information:

530e iPerformance

Approximately 14,406 vehicles have been manufactured with 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.

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

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

Vehicle 4: 2016-2018 BMW 330e iPerformance

Product Category: Light Vehicles

Product Type: Passenger Car

Fuel / Propulsion: Plug-In Hybrid

Production Dates: Jul 13, 2015 - Oct 05, 2018

Number of potentially involved: 7,852

Descriptive Information:

330e iPerformance

Approximately 7,852 vehicles have been manufactured with 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 have an engine starter of a certain production configuration.

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

Defect / Noncompliance Description

Description of the defect or noncompliance:

This safety recall involves the engine starter. In some cases, water could contact the starter's electrical relay and, over time, lead to corrosion. Corrosion inside the starter relay could affect the electrical connection within the relay and the ability to start the engine.

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26V441**FMVSS1:****FMVSS2:****Description of the safety risk, including crash, fire, death, injury:**

In certain cases, corrosion inside the starter relay could also lead to a short-circuit and possible overheating of the starter. In an extreme case, this could cause a thermal event during vehicle operation or when the vehicle is parked and the ignition is off.

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 DELTA
Cergy Pontoise Foreign States, BP 68532**Country:** France

Involved Components

Component Name 1: Engine Starter**Component Description:** Engine Starter**Component Part Number:** 8685988, 8643641, 5A7E944, 5A7F8F8, 8643642, 5A7E948, 5A7F916, 8691765

Chronology

Please refer to BMW's September 23, 2025 Part 573 report assigned NHTSA Recall ID 25V-636.

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Subsequent to the implementation of 25V-636, and in the normal course of quality processes, the field continued to be monitored. Engineering investigations continued with a focus on a remaining group of vehicles produced with 4-cylinder engines that were not yet subject to a recall campaign, specifically Plug-In Electric Vehicles (PHEV), even though this vehicle configuration had also been examined previously.

In December, a parts collection campaign and associated tear down analysis was initiated for field vehicles, including vehicles in which no complaints had been received. Also in December, a field incident (Nov 2024) involving a US Model Year 2018 BMW 5 Series became known.

At that time, a prior investigation and analysis of some earlier field incidents (US Model Year 2017 BMW 3 Series – Apr 2024, US Model Year 2018 3 Series – Oct 2024) had led to inconclusive results. Those earlier incidents were re-examined.

Between January and April 2026, approximately 150 starters were returned from the field, disassembled, tested, and evaluated. In February, a field incident (Nov 2025) involving a US Model Year 2019 BMW 5 Series became known.

Between May and June, further analyses were conducted. In May, a field incident (Feb 2026) involving a US Model Year 2017 BMW 3 Series became known.

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

On July 1, 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.

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.

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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.

Owners are advised to park their vehicles outside and away from structures until the recall remedy is complete.

How remedy component differs from recalled component:

Recalled Component: Engine Starter – p/n: 8685988, 8643641, 5A7E944, 5A7F8F8, 8643642, 5A7E948, 5A7F916, 8691765

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 July 8, 2026.
Owner notification (interim if necessary) is planned to begin and end on August 28, 2026.

Planned Dealer Notification Date: Jul 08, 2026 - Jul 08, 2026

☐ No Dealers

Planned Interim Owner Notification Date:

☐ No Owners

Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date: Aug 28, 2026 - Aug 28, 2026

☐ Phased Recall

Date when VIN will be searchable: Aug 28, 2026