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National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

26V524

Manufacturer Name: BMW of North America, LLC

Submission Date: Aug 12, 2026

NHTSA Recall No.: 26V524

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: 13
Estimated percentage with defect: 5%

Vehicle Information

Vehicle 1: 2024-2026 BMW X3

Product Category: Light Vehicles

Product Type: Multipurpose Passenger Vehicle

Fuel / Propulsion: Spark Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: Aug 07, 2023 - Feb 07, 2026

Number of potentially involved: 13

Descriptive Information:

X3 sDrive30i, X3 30 xDrive, X3 M50 xDrive

Approximately 13 vehicles have been manufactured with a steering spindle that may not have been attached to the steering column according to specifications.

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

Recall component difference to non-recall component: The steering spindle may not have been attached to the steering column according to specifications.

Defect / Noncompliance Description

Description of the defect or noncompliance:

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This safety recall involves the attachment between the steering spindle and the steering column. The attachment may not have been performed according to specifications.

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

In rare cases, turning the steering wheel may not provide the necessary force (or torque) to turn the vehicle wheels, which could increase the risk of a crash.

Description of the cause:**Identification of any warning that can occur:**

Component Manufacturer

Tier of Supplier:**Supplier Type:****Name:** BMW AG**Address:****Country:**

Involved Components

Component Name 1: Steering Spindle**Component Description:** Steering Spindle**Component Part Number:** 6887185 (sDrive), 5A32F06 (xDrive)

Chronology

On July 15, 2026, a field incident became known in which a customer in a non-US market reported to their dealer that the steering wheel on a 2025 BMW X3 was able to be turned without much effort. An

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engineering investigation was initiated.

The vehicle, including the steering system, was examined at the dealer, but no damage to the system was noted. The part was returned for further analyses.

Further analyses of the steering system were conducted, but no damage to the system was observed. Attention then focused upon the vehicle assembly process. A review of vehicle assembly information, including production data records regarding the connection between the steering spindle and the steering column, was conducted. The analysis suggested that, for a limited number of vehicles, a production process deviation could result in a connection that may not have been performed according to specifications.

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

On August 5, 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: Inspect, Replace

Consumer Advisories: ☐ Do Not Drive ☐ Park Outside

Description of remedy program:

The connection between the steering spindle and the steering column will be checked, and appropriate hardware will be replaced. As necessary, the spindle and the column will be replaced.

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

How remedy component differs from recalled component:

Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:

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Reimbursement Plan

Recall Schedule

Description of recall schedule:

Dealer notification is planned to begin and end on August 12, 2026.
Owner notification is planned to begin and end on October 2, 2026.

Planned Dealer Notification Date: Aug 12, 2026 - Aug 12, 2026

☐ No Dealers

Planned Interim Owner Notification Date:

☐ No Owners

Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date: Oct 02, 2026 - Oct 02, 2026

☐ Phased Recall

Date when VIN will be searchable: Oct 02, 2026