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The Recall Notice and FAQ have been attached for further information.

The bulletin will be updated when additional information becomes available.

Sincerely,

Technical Service

Attachments:

[B120126\[1769794873607\].pdf](#)

[B120126 Recall Notice\[1769794875863\].pdf](#)

[B120126_26V-xyz-Starter-4-cyl.-Engines-FAQ-\(30Jan26\)](#)

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Recipients: BMW Passenger Cars, All Offering, All Region, All Areas, All Departments, All Personnel
BMW SAV (Light Trucks), All Offering, All Region, All Areas, All Departments, All Personnel
BMW Passenger Cars, CC-All
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RECALL 26V-XXX: REPLACE STARTER – B4X

2026-01-30

MODEL

G01 (X3 Sports Activity Vehicle)	G02 (X4 Sports Activity Coupe)	G20 (3 Series Sedan)
G22 (4 Series Coupe)	G23 (4 Series Convertible)	G26 (4 Series Gran Coupe)
G29 (Z4 Roadster)	G30 (5 Series Sedan)	G42 (2 Series Coupe)

AFFECTED VEHICLES

Vehicles which require this campaign to be completed will show it as “Open” when checked either in AIR, AWP, Campaign Summary or Warranty Vehicle Inquiry.

Please make sure you check your dealer inventory as soon as possible. As of January 31, 2026, you can see a list of affected vehicles in Inventory Campaign Details (ICD) under ROSS.

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Supporting Materials

[picture_as_pdf B120126_26V-xyz-Starter-4-cyl.-Engines-FAQ-\(30Jan26\).pdf](#)

[picture_as_pdf B120126 Recall Notice.pdf](#)

SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

To: All Center Operators, Sales Managers, Service Managers, Parts Managers and Warranty Processors

RE: Recall 26V-xxx: Replace Starter – B4x – B12 01 26

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Please be reminded that it is a violation of federal law (The Safety Act) for you to sell, lease or deliver any new motor vehicle covered by this notification until the recall repair has been performed. This means that Centers may not legally deliver new motor vehicles to consumers until they are fixed or use/sell replacement equipment/parts subject to this recall. Note also that substantial civil penalties apply to violations of the Safety Act.

Also, you should not sell, lease or deliver any Certified Pre-Owned or used vehicles subject to a safety recall until the repair is completed.

Please follow any special instructions that we provide to you for the return or disposition of recall parts.

We appreciate all your assistance with this Recall.

Safety Recall
26V-xyz
Starter – 4-cyl. Engines
Model Year 2021-2024
BMW 2 Series, 3 Series, 4 Series, 5 Series
BMW X3, X4, Z4

Q1. Which BMW models in the US are potentially affected by this Safety Recall?

Certain Model Year 2021-2024 BMW 2 Series, 3 Series, 4 Series, 5 Series, X3, X4, and Z4 models, in the US, are potentially affected. The potentially affected vehicles were either produced with the engine starter that is the subject of this recall, or received the engine starter during a service visit at a dealer.

Q2. What is the specific issue?

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

Q3. Why are other models / vehicles not included in this Safety Recall?

This recall affects vehicle models with a specific engine starter from a specific supplier produced during a specific period of time.

Q4. Can I continue to drive my vehicle?

Yes. However, when you are notified by BMW of this Safety Recall that a remedy is available, please contact an authorized BMW center to schedule an appointment as soon as possible. For the latest updates to this Safety Recall, please visit [bmwusa.com/recall](https://www.bmwusa.com/recall). **If you are not the only driver of this vehicle, please advise all other drivers of this important information.**

Q5. How did BMW become aware of the issue?

BMW became aware of the issue through its quality control procedures.

Q6. How will I be informed of this Safety Recall?

Owners of potentially affected vehicles will be notified via First Class mail advising them of this Safety Recall and to schedule an appointment with an authorized BMW center as soon as possible to have the remedy performed. To locate your nearest authorized BMW center, please visit [bmwusa.com/dealer](https://www.bmwusa.com/dealer).

To ensure BMW has the most up-to-date contact and vehicle information, owners should register their vehicle at [bmwusa.com/myBMW](https://www.bmwusa.com/myBMW). Registration is free and will give them access to other information specific for their BMW vehicle. Alternatively, owners can visit [bmwusa.com/recall](https://www.bmwusa.com/recall) and click on “**Manage recall notices and contact information**”.

Q7. How will my vehicle be remedied?

Potentially affected vehicles will have the starter replaced *free of charge* which should take about an hour.

Q8. Do I have to wait for BMW to contact me to have the remedy performed?

Yes. BMW is currently in the process of ensuring that the necessary tools, parts, and procedures are available prior to contacting you to schedule an appointment with an authorized BMW center. For the latest updates to this Safety Recall, please visit [bmwusa.com/recall](https://www.bmwusa.com/recall).

Q9. Should I park my vehicle outside?

BMW recommends not leaving the vehicle unattended with the engine running, which includes the use of the remote start function.