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Plastic Fuel Tank (B46/N26) Limited Emission Wty Ext To 15 Years/150,000 Miles

## MODEL

E-Series	MY	Model Description	Production Dates	Engine
F22	2015 to 2016	228i and xDrive Coupe	October 18, 2014 to April 30, 2016	N26
F22	2017	230i and xDrive Coupe	February 23, 2016 to March 08, 2016	B46O
F23	2016	228i and xDrive Convertible	June 17, 2015 to April 30, 2016	N26
F23	2017	230i and xDrive Convertible	February 23, 2016 to February 24, 2016	B46O
F30	2012 to 2016	328i and xDrive Sedan	February 22, 2012 to April 30, 2016	N26
F31	2017	330i and xDrive Sedan	March 08, 2016 to March 10, 2016	B46O
F32	2014 to 2016	428i and xDrive Coupe	July 22, 2013 to April 30, 2016	N26
F32	2017	430i and xDrive Coupe	March 14, 2016 to March 15, 2016	B46O
F33	2014 to 2016	428i and xDrive Convertible	November 05, 2013 to April 30, 2016	N26
F33	2017	430i xDrive Convertible	March 01, 2016 to April 14, 2016	B46O
F34	2015 to 2016	328i xDrive Gran Turismo	June 11, 2014 to April 29, 2016	N26
F34	2017	330i xDrive Gran Turismo	January 25, 2016 to March 30, 2016	B46O
F36	2015 to 2016	428i and xDrive Coupe	April 22, 2014 to April 29, 2016	N26
F36	2017	430i and xDrive Coupe	January 22, 2016 to March 30, 2016	B46O

**Note:** The Model information above is for informational purposes only, it is not the only deciding factor.

### Eligible Vehicles

To assist you in identifying those vehicles that have this component and issue-specific extended limited emission warranty coverage, in the DCSnet Warranty Vehicle Inquiry Component-specific Vehicle Comment shown below:


**Please see SI B01 07 22 (DC 16 11 90 03 00): For this vehicle, the fuel tank limited emission warranty for leakage, due to defects in materials or workmanship, has been extended to 15 years/150,000 miles as determined from the original in-service date. This coverage is subject to the same vehicle eligibility requirements, limitations, and exclusion criteria that apply to the BMW New Vehicle Limited Warranty. Vehicles that are registered in California or a State that has fully adopted the State of California PZEV (SULEV) emission regulation (model year dependent), the standard emission-related coverage for this component is 15 years/150,000 miles.**

**Note:** Before performing a repair and submitting a claim, first confirm that the vehicle has the above Notice of Limited Emission Warranty Extension in the DCSnet Warranty Inquiry Vehicle Comments section.

If you have Extended Limited Emission Warranty (ELEW) eligibility and/or coverage questions, please contact the Warranty department through IDS by selecting Coverage, Policy, Coding Questions and Mileage Corrections prior to performing any repair.

## SITUATION

### Component and Issue Specific Limited Emission Warranty Extension

	<p>For the eligible vehicles and for the issue described below, BMW of North America, LLC (BMW NA) is extending the limited emission warranty for the vehicle's <b>plastic fuel tank for leakage (item # 1, 328i Sedan N26 shown)</b> to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>15 years/150,000 miles as determined by the vehicle's original in-service date.</b></li> </ul> <p>For eligible vehicles that are beyond the standard 4 year/50,000 mileage New Vehicle Limited Warranty, this extended limited emission warranty <b>does not</b> cover repairs that only address issues with the level of fuel being displayed or issues of fuel transfer/supply.</p>
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This component-specific emission limited warranty extension applies to defects in materials or workmanship.

This coverage is subject to the same vehicle eligibility requirements, limitations, and exclusion criteria that applies to the BMW New Vehicle Limited Warranty for Passenger Cars and Light Trucks.

**Note: This bulletin is notice of a limited emission warranty extension. This is NOT a notice of a Recall or Service Action.**

There is no immediate repair required unless the BMW vehicle is currently experiencing this problem.

### Customer Notification Letter

Even though this is NOT a Recall, BMW NA is sending VIN-specific customer notification letters.

## CAUSE

The plastic fuel tank has two openings, one at the top right and the other at the top left.

The top right opening (passenger's side, serviceable) provides a mounting point and repair access to the intake fuel pump/level sensor assembly.

The top left opening (driver's side, non-serviceable) serves as an access point for the installation of the suction jet pump/level sensor assembly during the fuel tank manufacturing process. After these components are installed, the top left side opening is then permanently closed and sealed with the installation of a circular Coex biopolymer plastic cover plate which is welded into place.

Over time, the left side opening plastic cover plate weld may become damaged. Should this occur, there is the possibility of fuel leakage.

Additionally, your vehicle will store the corresponding fault codes that may also be generated, and the Malfunction Indicator Lamp (MIL) will illuminate.

## CORRECTION

Follow the instructions in the PROCEDURE section.

## PROCEDURE

If a vehicle listed above arrives at your center with the issue described in this Service Information Bulletin, perform the corresponding diagnosis and when applicable, replace the fuel tank.

**Note:** During the extended limited emission warranty coverage period (Eligible vehicles that are beyond the 4 year/50,000 mileage New Vehicle Limited Warranty coverage), repairs that only address issues related to the displayed fuel level or issues of fuel transfer/supply are not included under this extended limited emission warranty coverage.

## **PARTS INFORMATION**

Please refer to the Electronic Parts Catalog (ETK/EPC), using the customer's VIN to locate the applicable replacement part numbers.

<b>Part Number</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Quantity</b>
Refer to ETK	Plastic fuel tank	1
Refer to ETK	O-Ring (Level sensor)	1
Refer to ETK	O-Ring (Level sensor)	1
Refer to ETK	Repair kit insert nut (Driveshaft)	1

Only order these **parts in the quantities needed** to address customers' vehicles that have confirmed failures.

Additionally, other materials and small parts that are not specified above, such as fluids, lubricants, one-time use screws, nuts, and seals, which must be replaced or installed according to the ISTA repair instructions/ETK, must be selected from the Electronic Parts Catalogue, or other approved BMW resources, according to the respective vehicle type. Invoiced these items separately under the repair Defect Code below.

## **CLAIM INFORMATION**

The coverage below (A or B) applies to eligible US-specification BMW vehicles that are registered, operated, and have their covered repair performed by an authorized BMW center in the United States (including Puerto Rico) for defects in materials or workmanship.

For the BMW Model listed above:

A. If the vehicle is registered in the State of California (CA), or another State that has fully adopted the State of California (CA) PZEV (SULEV) regulation (CT, ME, MD, MA, NJ, NY, OR, RI and VT), under the terms of this regulation the standard fuel tank emission-related coverage is 15 years/150,000 miles.

B. If the vehicle is registered in one of the remaining States, including DE, OR, PA and WA which did not fully adopt the CA PZEV (SULEV) regulation, then this component and issue-specific extended limited emission warranty coverage to 15 years/150,000 miles applies.

This coverage is subject to the same vehicle eligibility requirements, limitations, and exclusion criteria that applies to the BMW New Vehicle Limited Warranty for Passenger Cars and Light Trucks.

For eligible vehicles that are beyond the standard 4 year/50,000 mileage New Vehicle Limited Warranty, this extended limited emission warranty does not cover repairs that only address issues with the level of fuel being displayed or issues of fuel transfer/supply.

**The existing limited warranty coverage for the whole vehicle and other components has not changed.**

This coverage supersedes the coverage that is provided under the BMW Certified Pre-Owned Program or any BMW Group Vehicle Service Contract that applies to the vehicle.

For the issue described in this bulletin, the fuel tank is then covered by the remaining portion of the extended limited emission warranty coverage period.

## **Non-Qualifying Repairs**

Repairs performed on ineligible vehicles, eligible vehicles operated and repaired outside the United States and Puerto Rico, and/or the diagnosis and repair of issues beyond the scope of this component-specific coverage or that are due to outside influence, or any other unrelated issues are not covered by this limited warranty extension. This exclusion also applies to repairs that were performed using (including those repairs that result from using) non-genuine BMW parts and/or used BMW passenger car or light truck parts.

### Qualifying Repairs – Claim Submission

<b>Defect Code:</b>	<b>1611900300</b>	<b>F2x F3x F8x US Fuel tank</b>
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Refer to AIR for the corresponding flat rate unit (FRU) allowances.

<b>Labor Operation</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Labor Allowance</b>
00 00 006	Performing vehicle test (with vehicle diagnosis system – checking faults) (Main work)	Refer to AIR
Or:		
00 00 556	Performing vehicle test (with vehicle diagnosis system – checking faults) (Plus work)	Refer to AIR
And:		
61 21 528	Support voltage of the vehicle electrical system / recharge vehicle electrical system battery	Refer to AIR
And, as necessary:		
61 00 006*	Performing vehicle diagnosis – test module	Work time (WT)
Or		
00 58 500*	Diagnosis Worktime Flat Rate (See below)	2 FRU
And		
16 11 535	Replacing fuel tank	Refer to AIR
And:		
16 00 610 to 680	Extracting and topping up fuel in fuel tank (in 10-liter increments) (Plus work)	Refer to AIR

If you are using a Main labor code for another repair, use the Plus code labor operation 00 00 556 instead of 00 00 006, or exclude (including 61 21 528) when the Vehicle Test is included in another repair.

Work time labor operation codes 61 00 006 and 00 58 500 are not considered Main labor operations.

\*Based on which one applies to your center, please refer to **SI B01 01 20** or **B01 07 20** for the applicable procedure for documenting, claiming, and explaining, on the RO and in the claim comments, your diagnosis work time (WT), job/repair work time (WT), and the vehicle repairs your center performed, unless otherwise required by State law.

### Previous Customer-Pay Repairs – Limited Emission Warranty Extension Reimbursement

BMW of North America, LLC (BMW NA) will provide reimbursement for qualifying customer-pay repairs that were performed on an eligible vehicle **prior** to the release of this component and issue specific limited emission warranty extension.

Customer-pay repairs are subject to the same vehicle eligibility requirements, limitations, and exclusion criteria that applies to the BMW New Vehicle Limited Warranty for Passenger Cars and Light Trucks.

### Repairs That Do Not Qualify for Reimbursement

Repairs performed on ineligible vehicles, eligible vehicles operated and repaired outside the United States and Puerto Rico, and/or the diagnosis and repair of issues beyond the scope of this component-specific coverage or that are due to outside influence, or any other unrelated issues are not covered by this limited warranty extension. This exclusion also applies to repairs that were performed using (including those repairs that result from using) non-genuine BMW parts and/or used BMW passenger car or light truck parts.

Specifically, beyond 4/50, this extended limited warranty **does not** cover repairs that only address issues with the level of fuel being displayed or issues of fuel transfer/supply.

### Requesting Reimbursement for a Previous Repair That Qualifies

For a customer to request reimbursement for a qualifying customer-pay repair performed either by an authorized BMW center or independent repair shop located in the United States (including Puerto Rico), please have him/her submit his/her reimbursement request online at [www.BMW-RP.com](http://www.BMW-RP.com) under the following reference:

- B-ELWR Fuel Tank EM15Y150M

### Reimbursement Request Procedure

The online process is initiated by attaching/sending PDF files of the supporting documentation for the prior repair.

The letter also includes alternative methods to request reimbursement, either through the mail or by fax as described below:

BMW Customer Reimbursement Center  
Attention: B-ELWR Fuel Tank EM15Y150M  
P.O. Box 54067  
Hurst, Texas 76054

Fax number: 877-434-2992

### Please allow 4-6 weeks for processing your request.

Should you have any questions concerning this reimbursement process, please call 1-844-857-0341.

### QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BULLETIN

Technical inquiries	Submit feedback at the top of this bulletin
Warranty inquiries	To submit feedback for the CLAIMS section of this bulletin: Submit an IDS ticket to the Warranty Department, or use the chat available in the Warranty Documentation Portal
Parts inquiries	Submit an IDS ticket to the Parts Department

Supporting Materials

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April 2022

This **“Important Limited Emission Warranty Information,”** effective with the date listed above, applies to the BMW model with the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) of **WBA1K7C50FVSAMPLE**

Dear BMW Owner/Lessee:

BMW is committed to delivering the ultimate in product satisfaction to our customers.

Towards that end, BMW is extending the “emission-specific” limited warranty for the:

• **Fuel Tank**

For leakage on the above-referenced vehicle to:

- **15 years/150,000 miles, as determined from your vehicle’s original in-service date.**

This emission-specific limited warranty extension applies to defects in materials or workmanship. This coverage is subject to the same vehicle eligibility requirements, limitations, and exclusions that apply to the BMW New Vehicle Limited Warranty for Passenger Cars and Light Trucks.

**Note:** For eligible BMW B46/N26 engine vehicles that are currently registered in the State of California (CA) or a State that has fully adopted the State of California PZEV/SULEV regulation (CT, ME, MD, MA, NJ, NY, RI, and VT), the standard “emission-related” coverage for the fuel tank is 15 years/150,000 miles.

**This is a notice of a “emission-specific limited warranty extension.” It is not a notice of a Recall or Service Action.**

If a repair to this component is required, please contact your nearest authorized BMW center in the United States or Puerto Rico to schedule an appointment.

Your BMW center will confirm your vehicle’s eligibility and review the scope of the repairs to determine if this extended “emission-specific” limited warranty coverage applies. After vehicle inspection and diagnosis, eligible emission -related repair work will be performed by the authorized BMW center free of charge.

Repairs performed on ineligible vehicles, eligible vehicles operated and repaired outside the United States and Puerto Rico, and/or the diagnosis and repair of other unrelated issues are not covered by this emission limited warranty extension. This exclusion also applies to repairs, including consequential, that were performed using non-genuine BMW parts and/or used passenger car or light truck parts.

The integrity of our products is essential to BMW’s success and our customers’ trust. We are determined to exceed your expectations and hope this warranty extension further enhances your ownership experience.

Sincerely,

BMW of North America, LLC

B-ELW Fuel Tank EM15Y150M (2022\_Sample Letter)

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## Previous Customer-Pay Repairs – Emission Limited Warranty Extension Reimbursement

### BMW of North America, LLC

April 2022

#### VIN WBA1K7C50FVSAMPLE

For the BMW model with the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) listed above, BMW of North America, LLC (“BMW NA”) will reimburse “qualifying customer-pay repairs” that were performed **prior** to the release of this component’s emission-specific limited warranty extension.

Customer-pay repairs are subject to the same vehicle and coverage eligibility requirements, exclusions and limitations that apply to the BMW New Vehicle Limited Warranty for Passenger Cars and Light Trucks.

#### Repairs that Do Not Qualify for Reimbursement

Repairs performed on ineligible vehicles, eligible vehicles operated and repaired outside the United States and Puerto Rico, and/or the diagnosis and repair of other unrelated issues are not covered by this emission limited warranty extension. This exclusion also applies to repairs, including consequential, that were performed using non-genuine BMW parts and/or used passenger car or light truck parts.

#### Requesting Reimbursement for a Previous Repair That Qualifies

If you previously had a “qualifying customer-pay repair” performed either by an authorized BMW center or independent repair shop located in the United States (including Puerto Rico), please submit your reimbursement request “online” at [www.BMW-RP.com](http://www.BMW-RP.com) under the following reference:

##### Covered Component Code

B-ELWR Fuel Tank EM15Y150M

To initiate the online process, you will be asked to attach PDF files of the required documentation as outlined in the reimbursement checklist on the next page.

#### Alternative Method to Request Reimbursement

Alternatively, you may mail or fax your request and documentation to:

BMW Customer Reimbursement Center  
Attention: B-ELWR Fuel Tank EM15Y150M  
P.O. Box 54067  
Hurst, TX 76054

Fax number: 877-434-2992

**Please allow 4-6 weeks for processing your request.**

Should you have any questions concerning this reimbursement process, please call 1-844-857-0341.



# **BMW Fuel Tank: Emission Limited Warranty Extension to 15 Years/150,000 Miles**

## **Previous Customer-Pay Repair Reimbursement – Documentation Checklist**

### **BMW of North America, LLC**

Reimbursement is available to the BMW Owner/Lessee who incurred the expense.

When submitting a reimbursement for a previous repair, please provide **legible copies** of the following documentation and include your VIN, name, address, and your preferred contact telephone number(s):

#### **Repair Order (RO) or Invoice**

This document should include the following information:

- Customer name and address
- Vehicle Identification Number (“VIN”)
- The date of repair
- The mileage when the repair was performed
- Itemized breakdown of the labor charges for all repairs\* including diagnosis
- Itemized breakdown of the parts, including any miscellaneous items, billed for all repairs\*

\*For repair orders containing multiple repair line items, reimbursement consideration will only be given to those line-item expenses that are directly related to the specific repair that is now covered by this extended limited emission warranty.

#### **Proof of Payment**

Please provide a copy of at least **one** of the following items as valid proof of payment:

- Repair order (RO)/invoice stamped and dated as “PAID”
- Copy of a cancelled check
- Copy of a signed credit/debit card receipt
- Copy of a credit/debit card statement

#### **Determining if an eligible vehicle’s repair qualifies for reimbursement:**

Please use the following questions to review your repair order documentation prior to submitting a reimbursement request:

1. Why was the vehicle brought into the repair facility?
2. What was the repair facility's diagnosis?
3. What did the repair facility do to correct the concern, and does it qualify?



# **BMW Fuel Tank: Emission Limited Warranty Extension to 15 Years/150,000 Miles**

## **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

### **1. How do I determine if my vehicle falls under the “emission-specific” limited warranty extension or the State of California PZEV/SULEV regulation?**

As applicable to the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) contained in your letter:

Eligible BMW B46/N26 engine vehicles that are currently registered in the State of California (CA), or another State that has fully adopted the State of California (CA) PZEV/SULEV regulation (CT, ME, MD, MA, NJ, NY, OR, RI, and VT), the standard fuel tank emission-related coverage is 15 years/150,000 miles under the terms of this regulation.

For the other eligible BMW vehicles that are registered in one of the remaining States, including DE, OR, PA and WA which did not fully adopt the CA PZEV/SULEV regulation and Puerto Rico, then this component-specific extended emission limited warranty coverage to 15 years/150,000 miles applies.

### **2. What is the specific issue with the fuel tank?**

The fuel tank has a temporary access opening at the top left which is used during the manufacturing process. After the corresponding installation procedures are completed, this opening is permanently closed and sealed with the installation of a circular plastic cover plate which is welded into place.

Over time, the weld for this plastic cover plate may become damaged. Should this occur, there is the possibility of fuel leakage.

Your vehicle will also store the corresponding fault codes that may also be generated, and the Malfunction Indicator Lamp (MIL) will illuminate.

### **3. What should I do if I notice a similar condition in my vehicle?**

Please contact an authorized BMW center in the United States (including Puerto Rico) to have your vehicle inspected, and as necessary, repaired.

### **4. How will my vehicle be repaired?**

If it is determined that due to a defect in materials or workmanship your vehicle’s fuel tank has the issue described above, the fuel tank will be replaced free of charge under the terms of this 15 year/150,000 mile extended emission limited warranty coverage.

### **Note**

For eligible vehicles that are beyond the standard 4 year/50,000 mileage New Vehicle Limited Warranty, this extended limited warranty does not cover any repairs that only address issues related to fuel level display, fuel transfer and/or supply.

