

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

18V-154

Manufacturer Name : BMW of North America, LLC

Submission Date : MAR 07, 2018

NHTSA Recall No. : 18V-154

Manufacturer Recall No. : NR



Manufacturer Information :

Manufacturer Name : BMW of North America, LLC

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Population :

Number of potentially involved : 17,008

Estimated percentage with defect : 1 %

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2018-2018 BMW X3 xDrive30i, X3 M40i

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : SUV

Power Train : GAS

Descriptive Information : Approximately 17,008 vehicles were produced with a rear spoiler that may not have been properly attached during vehicle assembly.

Basis for Recall Population Determination: Vehicle assembly records were reviewed to determine the start date of the implementation of an Automatic Fastening Confirmation System in vehicle production which occurred on February 24, 2018.

Recall Component Difference to Non-Recall Component: The issue only involves attachment of the rear spoiler to the vehicle

Production Dates : JUL 12, 2017 - FEB 23, 2018

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

Not sequential

Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : This recall involves the rear spoiler. Potentially affected vehicles may not have had the rear spoiler properly attached during vehicle assembly. Screws which attach the rear spoiler to the vehicle body may be missing.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : If the rear spoiler were to detach from a moving vehicle, it has the potential to become a hazard to other road users.

Description of the Cause : NR

Identification of Any Warning NR
that can Occur :

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name : NR

Address : NR

NR

Country : NR

Chronology :

On February 13, 2018, two incidents were reported in which the rear spoiler detached from a moving vehicle. Initial reviews pointed to the possibility of an inadequate fastening of the rear spoiler to the vehicle. Further analysis was initiated.

The rear spoiler on approximately 1,735 vehicles was inspected. Of those vehicles, 3 were found in which the screws which attach the rear spoiler to the vehicle were missing.

Driving tests involving different speeds and maneuvers were conducted which showed that in certain cases, the rear spoiler could become detached.

A review of vehicle assembly records was conducted to determine the number and production date range of potentially affected vehicles.

On February 28, 2018, BMW decided to conduct a voluntary recall.

BMW has not received any reports, nor is BMW otherwise aware, of any accidents or injuries related to this issue.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : Owners will be notified by First Class mail, and instructed to take their vehicle to an authorized BMW center to have the rear spoiler inspected and, if necessary, properly attached at no charge.

If this condition were to occur to a potentially affected vehicle prior to this recall, the remedy would be covered by the BMW New Vehicle Limited Warranty program. Therefore, reimbursement for a pre-notification remedy re Part 573.13 and Part 577.11 is not applicable.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : Recalled component: (name) / (description) / (part number); N/A as the issue involves attachment of the rear spoiler to the vehicle, not the rear spoiler itself.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : NR

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : Notification to dealers is planned to begin and end on March 7, 2018.
Notification to owners is planned to begin and end on May 1, 2018.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : MAR 07, 2018 - NR

Planned Owner Notification Date : MAY 01, 2018 - NR

* NR - Not Reported