

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

19V-096

Manufacturer Name : BMW of North America, LLC**Submission Date :** FEB 13, 2019**NHTSA Recall No. :** 19V-096**Manufacturer Recall No. :** NR**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : BMW of North America, LLC

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Population :

Number of potentially involved : 68

Estimated percentage with defect : 100 %

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2019-2019 BMW X5 xDrive40i, X5 xDrive50i

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : SUV

Power Train : GAS

Descriptive Information : Approximately 68 vehicles have been produced with the attachment bolts for the driver's seat and/or safety belt that may not have been tightened to specifications.

Basis for recall population determination: Vehicle assembly records were reviewed to determine vehicles in which the attachment bolts for the driver's seat and safety belt may not have been tightened to specifications. The information was based upon records from production tooling and quality systems which recorded bolt tightening torques during the assembly process. The records indicated that potentially affected VINs were produced from Oct 20, 2018 to Dec 15, 2018.

Recall component difference to non-recall component: Recall vehicles may not have had the attachment bolts for the driver seat and/or safety belt tightened to specifications.

Production Dates : OCT 20, 2018 - DEC 15, 2018

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

 Not sequential**Description of Defect :**

Description of the Defect : This safety recall involves the attachment bolts for the driver's seat and/or safety belt which, during vehicle assembly, may not have been tightened to specifications.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : If the bolts were not tightened to specifications, this could increase the risk of injury to the driver in an accident.

Description of the Cause : NR

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : A rattling noise may be noticeable from the area near the bottom of the seat.

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name : NR

Address : NR

NR

Country : NR

Chronology :

On January 16, 2019, during vehicle assembly, a rattling noise was noticed from the area near the attachment point of the driver's safety belt. Initial analysis suggested that the bolt used to secure the belt to the vehicle was inserted, but had not been tightened to specifications. All potentially affected vehicles were blocked at the plant.

Reviews of the bolt tightening data from production and quality systems, for all vehicles from Start of Production up to the vehicle block, were performed. During this review, it was also revealed that attachment bolts for the driver's seat may not have been tightened to specifications.

Production records were reviewed to determine the number and production range of potentially affected vehicles.

On February 6, 2019, 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.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : Attachment bolts for the driver's seat and safety belt will be inspected and, if necessary, tightened to specifications.

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. If this condition were to occur to a potentially affected vehicle prior to the 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 necessary.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : N/A as the issue involves bolt tightening torque, not a vehicle component / system.

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 February 13, 2019.

Notification to owners is planned to begin and end on April 5, 2019.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : FEB 13, 2019 - FEB 13, 2019

Planned Owner Notification Date : APR 05, 2019 - APR 05, 2019

* NR - Not Reported