

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

# 20V-379

**Manufacturer Name :** BMW of North America, LLC**Submission Date :** JUN 30, 2020**NHTSA Recall No. :** 20V-379**Manufacturer Recall No. :** NR**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : BMW of North America, LLC

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**Population :**

Number of potentially involved : 16

Estimated percentage with defect : 100 %

**Vehicle Information :**

Vehicle 1 : 2020-2021 BMW 740Li, 740Li xDrive, 750Li xDrive, M760Li xDrive, Alpina B7

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : 4-DOOR

Power Train : GAS

Descriptive Information : Approximately 16 vehicles may not fully conform to FMVSS 225 Section 6.1(b).

Basis for recall population determination: Vehicle assembly information and production system records were used to determine the specific dates of potentially affected vehicles.

Recall component difference to non-recall component: Vehicles were equipped with a top tether anchor at the rear middle seating position which is not accessible.

Production Dates : JUL 11, 2019 - MAR 16, 2020

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

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Description of the Noncompliance : This recall involves accessibility of the top tether anchor at the rear middle seating position. Although potentially affected vehicles are equipped with a top tether anchor at this position, these vehicles may not fully conform to FMVSS 225 Section 6.1(b) because the top tether anchor at this position is not readily accessible.

FMVSS 1 : 225 - Child restraint anchorage systems

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : If a child restraint system was placed on the vehicle's rear middle seat, and if the three-point safety belt was not utilized, this could increase the risk of injury in a crash.

Description of the Cause : NR

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : Owners will be instructed to utilize the outboard rear seating positions which are equipped with an accessible top tether anchor, or, the middle rear seating position and its three-point safety belt.

## Involved Components :

Component Name 1 : N/A; no part defective, vehicle assembly issue

Component Description : N/A; no part defective, vehicle assembly issue

Component Part Number : N/A; no part defective, vehicle assembly issue

## Supplier Identification :

### Component Manufacturer

Name : BMW AG

Address : NR

NR

Country : NR

## Chronology :

On June 9, 2020, BMW became aware of this issue from a vehicle assembly plant. At that time, a change was performed on a camera surveillance system which is used during vehicle assembly to detect if vehicles are appropriately equipped with top tether anchors. It was noticed that this system may not have been sending alerts if it had detected a vehicle mis-build.

A review was initiated and, based upon system records and maintenance information, it was determined that, although the system was capturing and storing images of vehicle mis-build configuration, the system may not have been sending mis-build alerts since July 11, 2019 when a software programming action was performed on the system. An intensive review of vehicle mis-build images was performed, and it was determined that 16 vehicles were assembled with a rear middle seating position that, while equipped with a top tether anchor, it was not accessible.

On June 23, 2020, it was determined that affected vehicles may not conform to FMVSS 225 Section 6.1(b). As a result, 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 : An FMVSS 225 top tether anchor cover will be installed at the rear middle seating position.

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 noticed on 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 necessary.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : Recall component: N/A; no parts are defective, this issue involved vehicle assembly.

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

## Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : Dealer notification is planned to begin and end on June 30, 2020.  
Owner notification is planned to begin and end on August 24, 2020.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : JUN 30, 2020 - JUN 30, 2020

Planned Owner Notification Date : AUG 24, 2020 - AUG 24, 2020

\* NR - Not Reported