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INFORMATION REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

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Assigned Recall No. 00V-048 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: February 15, 2000

Manufacturer: BMW of North America

Manufacturer Contact: Mr. Karl-Heinz Ziwick

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SUBJECT: 17,700 2000 BMW 323i, 328i, 528i, 528iT, 540i, 540iT, M5, 740i, 740iL, and 750iL model vehicles manufactured from September 11 through October 28, 1999. The brake lamps in these vehicles are controlled by a switch activated by the movement of the brake pedal. This switch could fail internally, causing it to remain either in the "brake lamps off" position or in the "brake lamps on" position. If this happens, the brake lamps either will not operate or will be continuously illuminated, regardless of brake pedal position.

This is an initial acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be forthcoming shortly. After our review of your report and associated documents, we may have additional comments or concerns.

We have reviewed your proposed owner notification letter and it meets the requirements of Part 577.

As stated in Part 573.6, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin during March 2000. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by April 30, 2000.

If you have any questions, please call:



Patricia Wallace, Recall Analyst on (202) 366-5232 or
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Mr. Karl-Heinz Ziwica
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Dear Mr. Ziwica:

We have reviewed BMW's Defect Information Report dated February 15, and subsequent information dated February 17, 2000, submitted in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports." This recall involves 17,700 BMW 2000 323i, 328i, 528i, 528iT, 540i, 540iT, M5, 740i, 740iL, and 750iL model vehicles manufactured from September 11 through October 28, 1999. The brake lamps in these vehicles are controlled by a switch activated by the movement of the brake pedal. This switch could fail internally, causing it to remain either in the "brake lamps off" position or in the "brake lamps on" position. If this happens, the brake lamps either will not operate or will be continuously illuminated, regardless of brake pedal position. **The assigned identification number for this recall campaign is 00V-048.**

BMW is responsible for the remedy of these vehicles from this date forward, regardless of vehicle age, mileage, or ownership.

Quarterly Status Reports

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If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Pat Wallace at (202) 366-5232 or fax at (202) 366-7882.

Sincerely,

/s/

Jonathan D. White, Chief
Recall Analysis Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Safety Assurance