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Mr. Karl-Heinz Ziwica  
General Manager, Environmental Engineering  
BMW of North America, Inc.  
BMW Plaza  
Montvale, NJ 07645-1866

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00V-289

Dear Mr. Ziwica:

We have reviewed BMW of North America, Inc.'s (BMW) Defect Information Report dated September 22, 2000, submitted in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports." This recall involves 1,636 BMW 2000 R1200C motorcycles manufactured from September 1999 through June 2000. The seat backrest can be adjusted to two positions, horizontal or vertical. In the horizontal position, the backrest acts as a seat cushion for a rear passenger. In the vertical position, it is used as a backrest for the driver. It is possible for the leaf spring mounting bracket, if overloaded with the backrest in the vertical position, to crack or break. If the bracket were to break, the backrest would detach from its mount. The assigned identification number for this recall campaign is 00V-289.

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

**Quarterly Status Reports**

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 was expected to begin during October 2000. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due in this office by January 30, 2001.

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

Sincerely,



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

**INITIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF DEFECT INFORMATION  
REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. 00V-289 by the  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

SEP 27 2000

Part 573 Report Date: September 22, 2000

MANUFACTURER: BMW of North America, Inc.

MANUFACTURER CONTACT: Mr. Karl-Heinz Ziwick, General Manager  
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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 owner notification letter and it meets the requirements of Part 577.

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