

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

Assigned Recall No. 00V-264 by the  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

SEP 13 2000

Part 573 Report Date: **September 8, 2000**

**MANUFACTURER: BMW of North America, Inc.**

**MANUFACTURER CONTACT: Mr. Karl-Heinz Ziwlca, General Manager  
Environmental Engineering**

**FAX: (201) 782-0764**

**SUBJECT: 2,368 BMW 1998-2000 K 1200 RS motorcycles manufactured from February 1997 through August 1999. A spring-loaded thermostatic element in the oil thermostat housing is held in place by a cover that is retained by a snap ring. The snap ring may not have been properly installed during production. During vehicle operation, the snap ring could unseat, allowing the cover to loosen or detach, resulting in loss of the entire oil volume. Engine damage could occur if the engine were not immediately switched off. In addition, oil could travel along the engine cover and ultimately contact the rear tire.**

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.

Notes: Please change the NHTSA toll-free number to **1-888-327-4236** and remove the Washington, DC telephone number. The DC number is no longer a working number.

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 by the mid-October 2000. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due January 30, 2001.

If you have any questions, please call:

Patricia Wallace, Recall Analyst on (202) 366-5232 or  
Jonathan White, Chief on (202) 366-5226  
or Facsimile to (202) 366-7882  
Recall Analysis Division

DEC 28 2000

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

NSA-11paw  
00V-264

Dear Mr. Ziwica:

We have reviewed BMW of North America, Inc.'s (BMW) Defect Information Report dated September 8, 2000, submitted in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports." This recall involves 2,368 BMW 1998-2000 K 1200 RS motorcycles manufactured from February 1997 through August 1999. A spring-loaded thermostatic element in the oil thermostat housing is held in place by a cover that is retained by a snap ring. The snap ring may not have been properly installed during production. During vehicle operation, the snap ring could unseat, allowing the cover to loosen or detach, resulting in loss of the entire oil volume. Engine damage could occur if the engine were not immediately switched off. In addition, oil could travel along the engine cover and ultimately contact the rear tire. The assigned identification number for this recall campaign is 00V-264.

**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 mid-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