

Safety Recall Campaign 05V-504
BMW 2005/2006 5-Series, 6-Series, X5 4.8is & 2006 7-Series
Automatic Transmission Parking Lock System

Q1. Which models are affected by this recall?

Affected models are certain Model Year 2005-06 5- and 6-Series, X5 4.8is and Model Year 2006 and 7-Series produced between August 1, 2005 and September 30, 2005. (The production date (month/year) can be read on the certification label, which is located on the inside of the door pillar on the driver's side).

Q2. Why are vehicles produced during this time period the only ones affected?

BMW has determined that vehicles produced in this time period may not have had the automatic transmission assembled using a part (guide plate) that was produced according to specifications.

Q3. How many vehicles are affected?

Approximately 239 vehicles in the US are affected.

Q4. What is the specific problem?

Automatic transmissions for vehicles produced during this time frame may have been assembled with a specific part (guide plate) that was not produced according to specifications.

Q5. What can happen as a result of this problem?

If a transmission was assembled using a non-specification guide plate, the parking lock system may not engage after the transmission is placed in the park "P" position. If the vehicle was parked on an incline, and the parking brake was not engaged, this could result in a vehicle rollaway condition.

Q6. Can I determine if my vehicle has this problem?

No. The problem can only be identified by a BMW certified technician.

Q7. What corrective measures will be taken?

The specific transmission part (guide plate) will be replaced on all affected vehicles. Please note that the transmission does NOT have to be removed for this repair.

Q8. How did BMW become aware of the problem?

BMW became aware of this issue through our quality control processes in combination with our automotive suppliers.

Q9. Can customers continue to drive their vehicles?

Yes, but we recommend that affected customers, who will receive a letter asking them to schedule an appointment with their Authorized BMW Center, do so as soon as possible.