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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
400 - 7th Street S. W.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Attention: VIN Coordinator

Gentlemen:

This letter is in reference to FMVSS 115, S 6.3.

Enclosed please find the updated information necessary to decipher the characters contained in the vehicle identification number for the 1987 U.S. BMW 325i, 325is, 325i convertible, L6, M6, and 1988 U.S. BMW M3, M5, and 735i models.

Very truly yours,

BMW OF NORTH AMERICA, INC.

Karl-Heinz Ziwick, Manager  
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Attachments

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Table for 325i Convertible, MY 1987

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>CODE</u>	<u>DATA ENCODED</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
1	W	MANUFACTURER:	BMW-AG, Munich/West Germany
2	B	MAKE:	BMW
3	A	TYPE:	Passenger Car
4	B	LINE:	3
5	B	SERIES:	325i Convertible
6	1 or 2	BODY TYPE:	2-Door Convertible Coupe
7	3	ENGINE TYPE:	168 BHP, 152 cu.in., 6-Cyl. Gasoline Engine
8	0	RESTRAINT SYSTEM TYPE:	Mfr.: BMW-AG; Make BMW Manual Seat Belts
9		CHECK DIGIT	To be assigned by manufacturer
10	H	MODEL YEAR	1987
11	1 8	PLANT OF MANUFACTURE	Dingolfing Regensburg
12		SEQUENTIAL PRODUCTION NUMBER	To be assigned by manufacturer
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Table for 325i, MY 1987

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>CODE</u>	<u>DATA ENCODED</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
1	W	MANUFACTURER:	BMW-AG, Munich/West Germany
2	B	MAKE:	BMW
3	A	TYPE:	Passenger Car
4	A	LINE:	3
5	D	SERIES:	325i
6	1 or 2	BODY TYPE:	4-Door Sedan
7	3	ENGINE TYPE:	168 BHP, 152 cu.in., 6-Cyl. Gasoline Engine
8	0	RESTRAINT SYSTEM TYPE:	Mfr.: BMW-AG; Make BMW Manual Seat Belts
9		CHECK DIGIT	To be assigned by manufacturer
10	H	MODEL YEAR	1987
11	2 8	PLANT OF MANUFACTURE	Dingolfing Regensburg
12		SEQUENTIAL PRODUCTION NUMBER	To be assigned by manufacturer
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Table for 325is, MY 1987

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>CODE</u>	<u>DATA ENCODED</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
1	W	MANUFACTURER:	BMW-AG, Munich/West Germany
2	B	MAKE:	BMW
3	A	TYPE:	Passenger Car
4	A	LINE:	3
5	A	SERIES:	325is
6	1 or 2	BODY TYPE:	2-Door Coupe
7	3	ENGINE TYPE:	168 BHP, 152 cu. in., 6-Cyl. Gasoline Engine
8	0	RESTRAINT SYSTEM TYPE:	Mfr.: BMW-AG; Make BMW Manual Seat Belts
9		CHECK DIGIT	To be assigned by manufacturer
10	H	MODEL YEAR	1987
11	2 8	PLANT OF MANUFACTURE	Dingolfing Regensburg
12		SEQUENTIAL PRODUCTION NUMBER	To be assigned by manufacturer
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Table for M3, MY 1988

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>CODE</u>	<u>DATA ENCODED</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
1	W	MANUFACTURER:	BMW MOTORSPORT GmbH Munich/West Germany
2	B	MAKE:	BMW
3	S	TYPE:	Passenger Car
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4	A	LINE:	3
5	K	SERIES:	M3
6	0	BODY TYPE:	2-Door Coupe
7	3	ENGINE TYPE:	192 BHP, 140 cu. in., Gasoline Engine
8	0	RESTRAINT SYSTEM TYPE:	Mfr.: BMW-MOTORSPORT GmbH; Make BMW Manual Seat Belts
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9		CHECK DIGIT	To be assigned by manufacturer
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10	J	MODEL YEAR	1988
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11	2	PLANT OF MANUFACTURE	Munich
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12		SEQUENTIAL	To be assigned by manufacturer
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Table for M5, MY 1988

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>CODE</u>	<u>DATA ENCODED</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
1	W	MANUFACTURER:	BMW MOTORSPORT GmbH Munich, West Germany
2	B	MAKE:	BMW
3	S	TYPE:	Passenger Car
4	D	LINE:	5
5	C	SERIES:	M5
6	9	BODY TYPE:	4-Door Sedan
7	3	ENGINE TYPE:	256 BHP, 210 cu. in., 6-Cyl. Gasoline Engine
8	0	RESTRAINT SYSTEM TYPE:	Mfr.: BMW MOTORSPORT GmbH; Make BMW Manual Seat Belts
9		CHECK DIGIT	To be assigned by manufacturer
10	J	MODEL YEAR	1988
11	2	PLANT OF MANUFACTURE	Munich
12		SEQUENTIAL	To be assigned by manufacturer
13		PRODUCTION	
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Table for L6, MY 1987

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>CODE</u>	<u>DATA ENCODED</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
1	W	MANUFACTURER:	BMW-AG, Munich/West Germany
2	B	MAKE:	BMW
3	A	TYPE:	Passenger Car
4	E	LINE:	6
5	C	SERIES:	L6
6	8	BODY TYPE:	2-Door Coupe
7	4	ENGINE TYPE:	182 BHP, 209 cu. in., 6-Cyl. Gasoline Engine
8	0	RESTRAINT SYSTEM TYPE:	Mfr.: BMW-AG; Make BMW Manual Seat Belts
9		CHECK DIGIT	To be assigned by manufacturer
10	H	MODEL YEAR	1987
11	0	PLANT OF MANUFACTURE	Dingolfing
12		SEQUENTIAL PRODUCTION NUMBER	To be assigned by manufacturer
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Table for M6, MY 1987

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>CODE</u>	<u>DATA ENCODED</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
1	W	MANUFACTURER:	BMW-AG, Munich/West Germany
2	B	MAKE:	BMW
3	A	TYPE:	Passenger Car
4	E	LINE:	6
5	E	SERIES:	M6
6	1	BODY TYPE:	2-Door Coupe
7	4	ENGINE TYPE:	256 BHP, 210 cu.in., 6-Cyl. Gasoline Engine
8	0	RESTRAINT SYSTEM TYPE:	Mfr.: BMW-AG, Make: BMW Manual Seat Belts
9		CHECK DIGIT	To be assigned by manufacturer
10	H	MODEL YEAR	1987
11	2	PLANT OF MANUFACTURE	Dingolfing
12		SEQUENTIAL PRODUCTION NUMBER	To be assigned by manufacturer
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Table for 735i, MY 1988

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>CODE</u>	<u>DATA ENCODED</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
1	W	MANUFACTURER:	BMW-AG, Munich/West Germany
2	B	MAKE:	BMW
3	A	TYPE:	Passenger Car
4	G	LINE:	7
5	B	SERIES:	735i
6	3 or 4	BODY TYPE:	4-Door Sedan
7	3	ENGINE TYPE:	208 BHP, 209 cu. in., 6-Cyl. Gasoline Engine
8	1	RESTRAINT SYSTEM TYPE:	Mfr.: BMW-AG; Make BMW Manual Seat Belts with Supplemental Restraint System (SRS)
9		CHECK DIGIT	To be assigned by manufacturer
10	J	MODEL YEAR	1988
11	1 or 3	PLANT OF MANUFACTURE	Dingolfing
12		SEQUENTIAL PRODUCTION NUMBER	To be assigned by manufacturer
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Table for 325i, MY 1987

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>CODE</u>	<u>DATA ENCODED</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
1	W	MANUFACTURER:	BMW-AG, Munich/West Germany
2	B	MAKE:	BMW
3	A	TYPE:	Passenger Car
4	A	LINE:	3
5	D	SERIES:	325i
6	1 or 2	BODY TYPE:	4-Door Sedan
7	3	ENGINE TYPE:	168 BHP, 152 cu.in., 6-Cyl. Gasoline Engine
8	0	RESTRAINT SYSTEM TYPE:	Mfr.: BMW-AG; Make BMW Manual Seat Belts
9		CHECK DIGIT	To be assigned by manufacturer
10	H	MODEL YEAR	1987
11	2 8	PLANT OF MANUFACTURE	Dingolfing Regensburg
12		SEQUENTIAL PRODUCTION NUMBER	To be assigned by manufacturer
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Table for 325is, MY 1987

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>CODE</u>	<u>DATA ENCODED</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
1	W	MANUFACTURER:	BMW-AG, Munich/West Germany
2	B	MAKE:	BMW
3	A	TYPE:	Passenger Car
4	A	LINE:	3
5	A	SERIES:	325is
6	1 or 2	BODY TYPE:	2-Door Coupe
7	3	ENGINE TYPE:	168 BHP, 152 cu. in., 6-Cyl. Gasoline Engine
8	0	RESTRAINT SYSTEM TYPE:	Mfr.: BMW-AG; Make BMW Manual Seat Belts
9		CHECK DIGIT	To be assigned by manufacturer
10	H	MODEL YEAR	1987
11	2 8	PLANT OF MANUFACTURE	Dingolfing Regensburg
12		SEQUENTIAL	To be assigned by manufacturer
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Table for 325i Convertible, MY 1987

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>CODE</u>	<u>DATA ENCODED</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
1	W	MANUFACTURER:	BMW-AG, Munich/West Germany
2	B	MAKE:	BMW
3	A	TYPE:	Passenger Car
4	B	LINE:	3
5	B	SERIES:	325i Convertible
6	1 or 2	BODY TYPE:	2-Door Convertible Coupe
7	3	ENGINE TYPE:	168 BHP, 152 cu.in., 6-Cyl. Gasoline Engine
8	0	RESTRAINT SYSTEM TYPE:	Mfr.: BMW-AG; Make BMW Manual Seat Belts
9		CHECK DIGIT	To be assigned by manufacturer
10	H	MODEL YEAR	1987
11	1 8	PLANT OF MANUFACTURE	Dingolfing Regensburg
12		SEQUENTIAL	To be assigned by manufacturer
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Table for M3, MY 1988

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>CODE</u>	<u>DATA ENCODED</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
1	W	MANUFACTURER:	BMW MOTORSPORT GmbH Munich/West Germany
2	B	MAKE:	BMW
3	S	TYPE:	Passenger Car
4	A	LINE:	3
5	K	SERIES:	M3
6	0	BODY TYPE:	2-Door Coupe
7	3	ENGINE TYPE:	192 BHP, 140 cu. in., Gasoline Engine
8	0	RESTRAINT SYSTEM TYPE:	Mfr.: BMW-MOTORSPORT GmbH; Make BMW Manual Seat Belts
9		CHECK DIGIT	To be assigned by manufacturer
10	J	MODEL YEAR	1988
11	2	PLANT OF MANUFACTURE	Munich
12		SEQUENTIAL PRODUCTION NUMBER	To be assigned by manufacturer
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Table for M5, MY 1988

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1	W	MANUFACTURER:	BMW MOTORSPORT GmbH Munich, West Germany
2	B	MAKE:	BMW
3	S	TYPE:	Passenger Car
4	D	LINE:	5
5	C	SERIES:	M5
6	9	BODY TYPE:	4-Door Sedan
7	3	ENGINE TYPE:	256 BHP, 210 cu. in., 6-Cyl. Gasoline Engine
8	0	RESTRAINT SYSTEM TYPE:	Mfr.: BMW MOTORSPORT GmbH; Make BMW Manual Seat Belts
9		CHECK DIGIT	To be assigned by manufacturer
10	J	MODEL YEAR	1988
11	2	PLANT OF MANUFACTURE	Munich
12		SEQUENTIAL PRODUCTION NUMBER	To be assigned by manufacturer
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Table for L6, MY 1987

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1	W	MANUFACTURER:	BMW-AG, Munich/West Germany
2	B	MAKE:	BMW
3	A	TYPE:	Passenger Car
4	E	LINE:	6
5	C	SERIES:	L6
6	8	BODY TYPE:	2-Door Coupe
7	4	ENGINE TYPE:	182 BHP, 209 cu. in., 6-Cyl. Gasoline Engine
8	0	RESTRAINT SYSTEM TYPE:	Mfr.: BMW-AG; Make BMW Manual Seat Belts
9		CHECK DIGIT	To be assigned by manufacturer
10	H	MODEL YEAR	1987
11	0	PLANT OF MANUFACTURE	Dingolfing
12		SEQUENTIAL PRODUCTION NUMBER	To be assigned by manufacturer
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Table for M6, MY 1987

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1	W	MANUFACTURER:	BMW-AG, Munich/West Germany
2	B	MAKE:	BMW
3	A	TYPE:	Passenger Car
4	E	LINE:	6
5	E	SERIES:	M6
6	1	BODY TYPE:	2-Door Coupe
7	4	ENGINE TYPE:	256 BHP, 210 cu.in., 6-Cyl. Gasoline Engine
8	0	RESTRAINT SYSTEM TYPE:	Mfr.: BMW-AG, Make: BMW Manual Seat Belts
9		CHECK DIGIT	To be assigned by manufacturer
10	H	MODEL YEAR	1987
11	2	PLANT OF MANUFACTURE	Dingolfing
12		SEQUENTIAL PRODUCTION NUMBER	To be assigned by manufacturer
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Table for 735i, MY 1988

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>CODE</u>	<u>DATA ENCODED</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
1	W	MANUFACTURER:	BMW-AG, Munich/West Germany
2	B	MAKE:	BMW
3	A	TYPE:	Passenger Car
4	G	LINE:	7
5	B	SERIES:	735i
6	3 or 4	BODY TYPE:	4-Door Sedan
7	3	ENGINE TYPE:	208 BHP, 209 cu. in., 6-Cyl. Gasoline Engine
8	1	RESTRAINT SYSTEM TYPE:	Mfr.: BMW-AG; Make BMW Manual Seat Belts with Supplemental Restraint System (SRS)
9		CHECK DIGIT	To be assigned by manufacturer
10	J	MODEL YEAR	1988
11	1 or 3	PLANT OF MANUFACTURE	Dingolfing
12		SEQUENTIAL PRODUCTION NUMBER	To be assigned by manufacturer
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