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Attention: VIN Coordinator
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Re: Update - Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) Decipherments for 2011Model Year
BMW 1 Series, 3 Series, 5 Series, 7 Series, Z4, X3, X5, X6,

Dear Sir/Madam,

This letter is in reference to Part 565. Please find enclosed a table of information necessary to decipher the characters contained in the Vehicle Identification Numbers (VINs) of all 2011 model year U.S. BMW models:

128i 2-door Convertible
128i 2-door Convertible SULEV
128i 2-door Coupe
128i 2-door Coupe SULEV
135i 2-door Convertible
135i 2-door Coupe
328i 2-door Convertible
328i 2-door Convertible SULEV
328i 2-door Coupe
328i 2-door Coupe SULEV
328i 4-door Sedan
328i 4-door Sedan SULEV
328i 4-door Sedan SA
328i 4-door Sedan SA SULEV
328i xDrive 2-door Coupe
328i xDrive 2-door Coupe SULEV
328i xDrive 4-door Sedan
328i xDrive 4-door Sedan SULEV
328i 4-door Sports Wagon
328i xDrive 4-door Sports Wagon
335i 2-door Convertible
335is 2-door Convertible HP
335i 2-door Coupe
335is 2-door Coupe HP
335i 4-door Sedan
335i 4-door Sedan SA
335d 4-door Sedan
335i xDrive 2-door Coupe
335i xDrive 4-door Sedan
M3 2-door Convertible
M3 2-door Coupe
M3 4-door Sedan
528i 4-door Sedan
535i 4-door Sedan
535i 4-door GT Sedan
535i xDrive 4-door Sedan
535i xDrive 4-door GT Sedan
550i 4-door Sedan
550i 4-door GT Sedan
550i xDrive 4-door Sedan
550i xDrive 4-door GT Sedan
740i 4-door Sedan
740Li 4-door Sedan
750i 4-door Sedan (incl. ALPINA B7)
750xi 4-door Sedan (incl. ALPINA B7)
750Li 4-door Sedan (incl. ALPINA B7)
750Lxi 4-door Sedan (incl. ALPINA B7)
750i 4-door Active Hybrid Sedan
750Li 4-door Active Hybrid Sedan
760Li 4-door Sedan
Z4 sDrive 3.0i 2-door Roadster
Z4 sDrive 3.5i 2-door Roadster
Z4 sDrive 3.5is 2-door HP Roadster
X3 xDrive 2.8i 4-door Sports Activity Vehicle
X3 xDrive 3.5i 4-door Sports Activity Vehicle
X5 xDrive 3.5i 4-door Sports Activity Vehicle
X5 xDrive 3.5i Premium 4-door Sports Activity Vehicle
X5 xDrive 3.5i Sport Activity 4-door Sports Activity Vehicle
X5xDrive 3.5d 4-door Sports Activity Vehicle
X5 xDrive 5.0i 4-door Sports Activity Vehicle
X5 M 4-door Sports Activity Vehicle
X6 xDrive 3.5i 4-door Multi Purpose Vehicle
X6 xDrive 5.0i 4-door Multi Purpose Vehicle
X6 M 4-door Multi Purpose Vehicle
X6 Active Hybrid 4-door Multi Purpose

Sincerely,

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Enclosure (1)

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BMW Model Year 2011 Decipherment of VINs in Accordance with Part 565

Vehicle	Manufacturer Identifier			Line, Series, Body Type, Engine Type, Restraint System			GVWR for MPVs	Check Digit	Model Year	Plant of Mfacture	Sequential Production Number
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12 - 17
128i Convertible	W	B	A	U	L	7	C	5	-	B	-	To be assigned by manufacturer
128i Convertible SULEV	W	B	A	U	N	1	C	5	-	B	-	
128i Coupe	W	B	A	U	P	7	C	5	-	B	-	
128i Coupe SULEV	W	B	A	U	P	9	C	5	-	B	-	
135i Convertible	W	B	A	U	N	7	C	5	-	B	-	
135i Coupe	W	B	A	U	C	9	C	5	-	B	-	
328i Convertible	W	B	A	D	W	3	C	5	-	B	-	
328i Convertible SULEV	W	B	A	D	W	7	C	5	-	B	-	
328i Coupe	W	B	A	K	E	3	C	5	-	B	-	
328i Coupe SULEV	W	B	A	K	E	5	C	5	-	B	-	
328i Sedan	W	B	A	P	H	7	C	5	-	B	-	
328i Sedan SULEV	W	B	A	P	H	5	C	5	-	B	-	
328i Sedan SA	W	B	A	P	H	7	G	5	-	B	-	
328i Sedan SA SULEV	W	B	A	P	H	5	G	5	-	B	-	
328i xDrive Coupe	W	B	A	K	F	3	C	5	-	B	-	
328i xDrive Coupe SULEV	W	B	A	K	F	5	C	5	-	B	-	
328i xDrive Sedan	W	B	A	P	K	7	C	5	-	B	-	
328i xDrive Sedan SULEV	W	B	A	P	K	5	C	5	-	B	-	
328i Sports Wagon	W	B	A	U	T	9	C	5	-	B	-	
328i xDrive Sports Wagon	W	B	A	U	U	3	C	5	-	B	-	
335i Convertible	W	B	A	D	X	7	C	5	-	B	-	
335is Convertible HP	W	B	A	D	X	1	C	5	-	B	-	
335i Coupe	W	B	A	K	G	7	C	5	-	B	-	
335is Coupe HP	W	B	A	K	G	1	C	5	-	B		
335i Sedan	W	B	A	P	M	5	C	5	-	B	-	
335i Sedan SA	W	B	A	P	M	5	G	5	-	B	-	
335d Sedan	W	B	A	P	N	7	C	5	-	B	-	
335i xDrive Coupe	W	B	A	K	F	9	C	5	-	B	-	
335i xDrive Sedan	W	B	A	P	L	5	C	5	-	B	-	
M3 Convertible	W	B	S	D	X	9	C	5	-	B	-	
M3 Coupe	W	B	S	K	G	9	C	5	-	B	-	
M3 Sedan	W	B	S	P	M	9	C	5	-	B	-	
528i Sedan	W	B	A	F	R	1	C	5	-	B	-	
535i Sedan	W	B	A	F	R	7	C	5	-	B	-	
535i GT Sedan	W	B	A	S	N	2	C	5	-	B	-	
535i xDrive Sedan	W	B	A	F	U	7	C	5	-	B	-	
535i xDrive GT Sedan	W	B	A	S	P	2	C	5	-	B	-	
550i Sedan	W	B	A	F	R	9	C	5	-	B	-	
550i GT Sedan	W	B	A	S	N	4	C	5	-	B	-	
550i xDrive Sedan	W	B	A	F	U	9	C	5	-	B	-	
550i xDriveGT Sedan	W	B	A	S	P	4	C	5	-	B	-	
740i Sedan	W	B	A	K	A	4	C	5	-	B	-	
740Li Sedan	W	B	A	K	B	4	C	5	-	B	-	
750i Sedan (incl. ALPINA B7)	W	B	A	K	A	8	C	5	-	B	-	
750xi Sedan (incl. ALPINA B7)	W	B	A	K	C	6	C	5	-	B	-	
750Li Sedan (incl. ALPINA B7)	W	B	A	K	B	8	C	5	-	B	-	
750Lxi Sedan (incl. ALPINA B7)	W	B	A	K	C	8	C	5	-	B	-	
750i Active Hybrid	W	B	A	K	X	6	C	5	-	B	-	
750Li Active Hybrid	W	B	A	K	X	8	C	5	-	B	-	
760Li Sedan	W	B	A	K	B	0	C	5	-	B	-	
Z4 sDrive30i	W	B	A	L	M	5	C	5	-	B	-	
Z4 sDrive35i	W	B	A	L	M	7	C	5	-	B	-	
Z4 sDrive35is HP	W	B	A	L	M	1	C	5	-	B	-	
X3 xDrive28i	5	U	X	W	X	5	C	5	-	B	-	
X3 xDrive35i	5	U	X	W	X	7	C	5	-	B	-	
X5 xDrive35i	5	U	X	Z	V	4	C	5	-	B	-	
X5 xDrive35i Premium	5	U	X	Z	V	4	C	5	-	B	-	
X5 xDrive35i Sport Activity	5	U	X	Z	V	4	C	5	-	B	-	
X5 xDrive35d	5	U	X	Z	W	0	C	5	-	B	-	
X5 xDrive50i	5	U	X	Z	V	8	C	5	-	B	-	
X5 M	5	Y	M	G	Y	0	C	5	-	B	-	
X6 xDrive35i	5	U	X	F	G	2	C	5	-	B	-	
X6 xDrive50i	5	U	X	F	G	8	C	5	-	B	-	
X6 M	5	Y	M	G	Z	0	C	5	-	B	-	
X6 ActiveHybrid	5	U	X	F	H	0	C	5	-	B	-	

Explanation of Positions 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

Line	Series	Body Type	Engine information: Engine Type	Power (BHP)	Displ. (cu.in. / liter)	Restraints and Locations: Manual SB	Pretensioners	Frontal AB	Side AB	Head IR	Knee IR
1 - BMW Pass. Car	128i	2-Dr Convertible	6-Cyl. Gasoline	230	182.8 / 3.0	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3
1 - BMW Pass. Car	128i SULEV	2-Dr Convertible	6-Cyl. Gasoline	230	182.9 / 3.0	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3
1 - BMW Pass. Car	128i	2-Dr Coupe	6-Cyl. Gasoline	230	182.8 / 3.0	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3,4,6	None
1 - BMW Pass. Car	128i SULEV	2-Dr Coupe	6-Cyl. Gasoline	230	182.9 / 3.0	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3,4,6	None
1 - BMW Pass. Car	135i	2-Dr Convertible	6-Cyl. Gasoline	300	181.8 / 3.0	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3	None
1 - BMW Pass. Car	135i	2-Dr Coupe	6-Cyl. Gasoline	300	181.8 / 3.0	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3,4,6	None
3 - BMW Pass. Car	328i	2-Dr Convertible	6-Cyl. Gasoline	230	182.8 / 3.0	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3
3 - BMW Pass. Car	328i SULEV	2-Dr Convertible	6-Cyl. Gasoline	230	182.9 / 3.0	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3
3 - BMW Pass. Car	328i	2-Dr Coupe	6-Cyl. Gasoline	230	182.8 / 3.0	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3,4,6	None
3 - BMW Pass. Car	328i SULEV	2-Dr Coupe	6-Cyl. Gasoline	230	182.9 / 3.0	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3,4,6	None
3 - BMW Pass. Car	328i	4-Dr Sedan	6-Cyl. Gasoline	230	182.8 / 3.0	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3,4,6	None
3 - BMW Pass. Car	328i SULEV	4-Dr Sedan	6-Cyl. Gasoline	230	182.9 / 3.0	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3,4,6	None
3 - BMW Pass. Car	328i SA	4-Dr Sedan	6-Cyl. Gasoline	230	182.8 / 3.0	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3,4,6	None
3 - BMW Pass. Car	328i SA SULEV	4-Dr Sedan	6-Cyl. Gasoline	230	182.9 / 3.0	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3,4,6	None
3 - BMW Pass. Car	328i xDrive	2-Dr Coupe	6-Cyl. Gasoline	230	182.8 / 3.0	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3,4,6	None
3 - BMW Pass. Car	328xDrive SULEV	2-Dr Coupe	6-Cyl. Gasoline	230	182.9 / 3.0	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3,4,6	None
3 - BMW Pass. Car	328i xDrive	4-Dr Sedan	6-Cyl. Gasoline	230	182.8 / 3.0	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3,4,6	None
3 - BMW Pass. Car	328i xDrive SULEV	4-Dr Sedan	6-Cyl. Gasoline	230	182.9 / 3.0	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3,4,6	None
3 - BMW Pass. Car	328i Sports Wagon	4-Dr Wagon	6-Cyl. Gasoline	230	182.8 / 3.0	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3,4,6	None
3 - BMW Pass. Car	328i xDrive Sports Wagon	4-Dr Wagon	6-Cyl. Gasoline	230	182.8 / 3.0	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3,4,6	None
3 - BMW Pass. Car	335i	2-Dr Convertible	6-Cyl. Gasoline	300	181.8 / 3.0	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3
3 - BMW Pass. Car	335is HP	2-Dr Convertible	6-Cyl. Gasoline	320	181.8 / 3.0	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3
3 - BMW Pass. Car	335i	2-Dr Coupe	6-Cyl. Gasoline	300	181.8 / 3.0	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3,4,6	None
3 - BMW Pass. Car	335is HP	2-Dr Coupe	6-Cyl. Gasoline	320	181.8 / 3.0	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3,4,6	None
3 - BMW Pass. Car	335i	4-Dr Sedan	6-Cyl. Gasoline	300	181.8 / 3.0	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3,4,6	None
3 - BMW Pass. Car	335i SA	4-Dr Sedan	6-Cyl. Gasoline	300	181.8 / 3.0	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3,4,6	None
3 - BMW Pass. Car	335d	4-Dr Sedan	6-Cyl. Diesel	265	182.6 / 3.0	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3,4,6	None
3 - BMW Pass. Car	335i xDrive	2-Dr Coupe	6-Cyl. Gasoline	300	181.8 / 3.0	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3,4,6	None
3 - BMW Pass. Car	335i xDrive	4-Dr Sedan	6-Cyl. Gasoline	300	181.8 / 3.0	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3,4,6	None
3 - BMW Pass. Car	M3	2-Dr Convertible	8-Cyl. Gasoline	414	244.1 / 4.0	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3
3 - BMW Pass. Car	M3	2-Dr Coupe	8-Cyl. Gasoline	414	244.1 / 4.0	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3,4,6	None
3 - BMW Pass. Car	M3	4-Dr Sedan	8-Cyl. Gasoline	414	244.1 / 4.0	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3,4,6	None
5 - BMW Pass. Car	528i	4-Dr Sedan	6-Cyl. Gasoline	230	182.8 / 3.0	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3,4,6	1,3
5 - BMW Pass. Car	535i	4-Dr Sedan	6-Cyl. Gasoline	300	181.8 / 3.0	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3,4,6	1,3
5 - BMW Pass. Car	535i GT	4-Dr Sedan	6-Cyl. Gasoline	300	181.8 / 3.0	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3,4,6	1,3
5 - BMW Pass. Car	535i xDrive	4-Dr Sedan	6-Cyl. Gasoline	300	181.8 / 3.0	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3,4,6	1,3
5 - BMW Pass. Car	535i xDrive GT	4-Dr Sedan	6-Cyl. Gasoline	300	181.8 / 3.0	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3,4,6	1,3
5 - BMW Pass. Car	550i	4-Dr Sedan	8-Cyl. Gasoline	400	268.2 / 4.4	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3,4,6	1,3
5 - BMW Pass. Car	550i GT	4-Dr Sedan	8-Cyl. Gasoline	400	268.2 / 4.4	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3,4,6	1,3
5 - BMW Pass. Car	550i xDrive	4-Dr Sedan	10-Cyl. Gasoline	500	305.1 / 5.0	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3,4,6	1,3
5 - BMW Pass. Car	550i xDrive GT	4-Dr Sedan	10-Cyl. Gasoline	500	305.1 / 5.0	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3,4,6	1,3
7 - BMW Pass. Car	740i	4-Dr Sedan	6-Cyl. Gasoline	315	181.8 / 3.0	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3,4,6	1,3
7 - BMW Pass. Car	740Li	4-Dr Sedan	6-Cyl. Gasoline	315	181.8 / 3.0	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3,4,6	1,3
7 - BMW Pass. Car	750i	4-Dr Sedan	8-Cyl. Gasoline	400	268.2 / 4.4	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3,4,6	1,3
7 - BMW Pass. Car	750xi	4-Dr Sedan	8-Cyl. Gasoline	400	268.2 / 4.4	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3,4,6	1,3
7 - BMW Pass. Car	750Li	4-Dr Sedan	8-Cyl. Gasoline	400	268.2 / 4.4	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3,4,6	1,3
7 - BMW Pass. Car	750Lxi	4-Dr Sedan	8-Cyl. Gasoline	400	268.2 / 4.4	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3,4,6	1,3
7 - BMW Pass. Car	750i ActiveHybrid	4-Dr Sedan	8-Cyl. Gasoline	440	268.2 / 4.4	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3,4,6	1,3
7 - BMW Pass. Car	750Li ActiveHybrid	4-Dr Sedan	8-Cyl. Gasoline	440	268.2 / 4.4	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3,4,6	1,3
7 - BMW Pass. Car	760Li	4-Dr Sedan	12-Cyl. Gasoline	535	364.4 / 6.0	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3,4,6	1,3
Z4 - BMW Pass. Car	Z4 sDrive30i	2-Dr Roadster	6-Cyl. Gasoline	255	182.8 / 3.0	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3
Z4 - BMW Pass. Car	Z4 sDrive35i	2-Dr Roadster	6-Cyl. Gasoline	300	181.8 / 3.0	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3
Z4 - BMW Pass. Car	Z4 sDrive35i	2-Dr Roadster	6-Cyl. Gasoline	335	181.8 / 3.0	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3
X3 - BMW MPV	X3 xDrive28i	4-Dr MPV	6-Cyl. Gasoline	240	182.8 / 3.0	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3,4,6	None
X3 - BMW MPV	X3 xDrive35i	4-Dr MPV	6-Cyl. Gasoline	300	181.8 / 3.0	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3,4,6	None
X5 - BMW MPV	X5 xDrive35i	4-Dr MPV	6-Cyl. Gasoline	300	181.8 / 3.0	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3,4,6	None
X5 - BMW MPV	X5 xDrive35i	4-Dr MPV	6-Cyl. Gasoline	300	181.8 / 3.0	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3,4,6	None
X5 - BMW MPV	X5 xDrive35i	4-Dr MPV	6-Cyl. Gasoline	300	181.8 / 3.0	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3,4,6	None
X5 - BMW MPV	X5 xDrive35d	4-Dr MPV	6-Cyl. Diesel	265	182.6 / 3.0	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3,4,6	None
X5 - BMW MPV	X5 xDrive50i	4-Dr MPV	8-Cyl. Gasoline	400	268.2 / 4.4	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3,4,6	None
X5 - BMW MPV	X5 M	4-Dr MPV	8-Cyl. Gasoline	555	268.2 / 4.4	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3,4,6	None
X6 - BMW MPV	X6 xDrive35i	4-Dr MPV	6-Cyl. Gasoline	300	181.8 / 3.0	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3,4,6	None
X6 - BMW MPV	X6 xDrive50i	4-Dr MPV	8-Cyl. Gasoline	400	268.2/ 4.4	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3,4,6	None
X6 - BMW MPV	X6 M	4-Dr MPV	8-Cyl. Gasoline	555	268.2/ 4.4	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3,4,6	None
X6 - BMW MPV	X6 ActiveHybrid	4-Dr MPV	8-Cyl. Gasoline	400	268.2/ 4.4	All positions	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3,4,6	None

Explanation of Positions 1-3 (World Manufacturer Identifier)

	Manufacturer	Make	Type
WBA	BMW AG, Munich, Germany	BMW	Passenger Car
WBS	BMW M GmbH, Munich, Germany	BMW	Passenger Car
WBX	BMW AG, Munich, Germany	BMW	MPV
5UX	BMW Manufact. Corp., Spartanburg, SC, USA	BMW	MPV
4US	BMW Manufact. Corp., Spartanburg, SC, USA	BMW	Passenger Car
5UM	BMW Manufact. Corp., Spartanburg, SC, USA	BMW	Passenger Car

Explanation of Position 11 (Plant of Manufacture)

A, F, K	Munich	GERMANY
E, J, P	Regensburg	GERMANY
B, C, D, G	Dingolfing	GERMANY
L	Greer, South Carolina	USA
N	Pretoria	SOUTH AFRICA
W	Graz	AUSTRIA
V	Leipzig	GERMANY

Explanation of Restaints and Locations

1 = Driver
3 = Front Passenger
4 = Rear Outboard Drvier-side
5 = Center Rear
6 = Rear Outboard Passenger-side
7 = 3rd Row Outboard Drvier-side
8 = 3rd Row Outboard Passenger-side
SB = Safety Belt
AB = Airbag
IR = Inflatable Restraint

Explanation of Position 8 for MPV GVWR

MPVs Only	4	Class D - Greater than 2268 kg to 2722 kg (5001-6000 lbs)
	5	Class E - Greater than 2722 kg to 3175 kg (6001-7000 lbs)