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WARNING NOTICE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

WORLDWIDE RECALL OF 744,234 BMW VEHICLES OVER ISSUES WITH THE STARTER MOTOR.

1. The COMESA Competition and Consumer Commission (the “Commission”) has become aware of a global recall affecting several BMW vehicle models due to a potential fire hazard linked to the engine starter motor. According to the recall notice, abrasion-related deposits may accumulate in the RWT starter relay, leading to increased contact resistance. This could result in a short circuit, thereby increasing the risk of fire.
2. The recall, which impacts 744,234 vehicles worldwide, was announced by the German Federal Motor Transport Authority on 20 July 2026 under Reference No. 16790R.
3. Below is a description of the affected vehicles:

	Make	BMW
	Models:	2 Series, 3 Series, 4 Series, 5 Series, 6 Series, 7 Series, X3, X4, X5, X6, X7, Z4, i3
	Model year:	2020 – 2026
	Production:	31 July 2020 – 26 February 2026
	Number of vehicles:	744,234
	Manufacturer's internal codes:	0012790600 0012780600 0012770600

4. More information on the above recall is available on the link below:
<https://car-recalls.eu/bmw-recalls-744000-cars-starter-fire-kba/>
5. Consumers are advised to verify whether their vehicles are affected by entering the full 17-digit Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) in the recall checker available under the links below:
- <https://vehiclerecall.bmwgroup.com/index.html?brand=bmw&language=en>
 - <https://www.kba-online.de/rrdb/buerger/#/>
6. Owners of affected vehicles are advised to visit their nearest authorised BMW workshop, to have the engine starter motor replaced.
7. The Commission is aware that consumers in several COMESA Member States import the affected models from different parts of the world, and as a result, some of the recalled vehicles may be present within the COMESA region.
8. Pursuant to Regulation 66 of the COMESA Competition and Consumer Protection Regulations, 2025, the Commission is issuing this notice to inform consumers across all COMESA Member States of the potential risks associated with the recalled vehicles. Consumers who own affected vehicles are encouraged to contact or visit their nearest authorised BMW workshop to arrange for an inspection and any necessary corrective action.
9. Further, pursuant to Regulation 59, the Commission is engaging with the manufacturer to ensure the successful recall of the product from the Common Market and will continue to monitor the market to ensure that affected consumers are informed and provided with the necessary redress.
10. Should you require more information or clarification on the matter, you may contact the undersigned:



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