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U.S. Department of Transportation  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
400 - 7th Street S.W.  
Washington, DC 20590  
Attn.: VIN Coordinator

Gentlemen:

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

Enclosed please find the required information necessary to decipher the characters contained in the vehicle identification number for the 1986 U.S. BMW 325, 325e, 325eS, 528e, 535i, 635CSi, 735i models.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. H. Ziwicka', is written over the typed name.

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DECIPHERMENT OF BMW VIN'S ACCORDING TO FMVSS 115

Table for 325, 325eS, MY 1986

<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	B	SERIES:	325, 325eS
6	5 or 6	BODY TYPE:	2-Door Sedan
7	4	ENGINE TYPE:	121 BHP, 164 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	G	MODEL YEAR	1986
11	8 0,1,2,3,4, 5,6,7 or 9	PLANT OF MANUFACTURE	Munich Dingolfing
12		SEQUENTIAL	To be
13		PRODUCTION	assigned
14		NUMBER	by manufacturer
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Table for 325, 325e, MY 1986

<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	E	SERIES:	325, 325e
6	5 or 6	BODY TYPE:	4-Door Sedan
7	4	ENGINE TYPE:	121 BHP, 164 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	G	MODEL YEAR	1986
11	8 0,1,2,3,4, 5,6,7 or 9	PLANT OF MANUFACTURE	Munich Dingolfing
12		SEQUENTIAL	To be
13		PRODUCTION	assigned
14		NUMBER	by manufacturer
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Table for 524td, MY 1986

<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	D	LINE:	5
5	B	SERIES:	524td
6	2	BODY TYPE:	4-door Sedan
7	4	ENGINE TYPE:	114 BHP, 149 cu.in., 6-Cyl. Diesel Engine
8	0	RESTRAINT SYSTEM TYPE:	Mfr.: BMW-AG; Make BMW Manual Seat Belts
9		CHECK DIGIT	To be assigned by manufacturer
10	G	MODEL YEAR	1986
11	0,1,2,3, 4,5,6 7 or 9	PLANT OF MANUFACTURE	Dingolfing
12		SEQUENTIAL	To be
13		PRODUCTION	assigned
14		NUMBER	by manufacturer
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Table for 528e, MY 1986

<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	D	LINE:	5
5	K	SERIES:	528e
6	7 or 8	BODY TYPE:	4-Door Sedan
7	3	ENGINE TYPE:	121 BHP, 164 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	G	MODEL YEAR	1986
11	1,2,3, 4,5,6 7 or 9	PLANT OF MANUFACTURE	Dingolfing
12		SEQUENTIAL	To be
13		PRODUCTION	assigned
14		NUMBER	by manufacturer
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Table for 535i, MY 1986

<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	D	LINE:	5
5	C	SERIES:	535i
6	7 or 8	BODY TYPE:	4-Door Sedan
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	G	MODEL YEAR	1986
11	1,2,3, 4,5,6 7 or 9	PLANT OF MANUFACTURE	Dingolfing
12		SEQUENTIAL	To be
13		PRODUCTION	assigned
14		NUMBER	by manufacturer
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Table for 635 CSi, MY 1986

<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:	635CSi
6	7 or 8	BODY TYPE:	2-Door Coupe
7	4	ENGINE TYPE:	182 BHP, 209 cu.in., 6-Cyl. Gasoline Engine
8	0	Mfr.:	BMW-AG, Make: BMW
		RESTRAINT SYSTEM TYPE:	Manual Seat Belts
9		CHECK DIGIT	To be assigned by manufacturer
10	G	MODEL YEAR	1986
11	1,2,3, 4,5,6 7 or 9	PLANT OF MANUFACTURE	Dingolfing
12		SEQUENTIAL	To be
13		PRODUCTION	assigned
14		NUMBER	by manufacturer
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Table for 735i, MY 1986

<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	F	LINE:	7
5	H or G	SERIES:	735i
6	7, 8 or 2	BODY TYPE:	4-Door Sedan
7	4	ENGINE TYPE:	182-BHP, 209 cu.in., 6-Cyl. Gasoline Engine
8	0 or 1	RESTRAINT SYSTEM TYPE:	Mfr., BMW-AG, Make: BMW Manual Seat Belts Manual Seat Belts with Supplementary Restraint System
9		CHECK DIGIT	To be assigned by manufacturer
10	G	MODEL YEAR	1986
11	1,2,3, 4,5,6 7 or 9	PLANT OF MANUFACTURE	Dingolfing
12		SEQUENTIAL	To be
13		PRODUCTION	assigned
14		NUMBER	by manufacturer
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