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Dear Sir/Madam:

This letter is in reference to FMVSS 115 and Part 565. Please find enclosed the information necessary to decipher the characters contained in the Vehicle Identification Numbers (VINs) of the following 1999 U.S. BMW models:

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|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 318ti 2-door Hatchback             | Z3 coupe 2.8 2-door Hatchback |
| 323i 4-door Sedan                  | M roadster 2-door Convertible |
| 323is 2-door Coupe                 | M coupe 2-door Hatchback      |
| 323iC 2-door Convertible           | 528i 4-door Sedan             |
| 328i 4-door Sedan                  | 528i Touring 4-door Wagon     |
| 328is 2-door Coupe                 | 540i 4-door Sedan             |
| 328iC 2-door Convertible           | 540i Protection 4-door Sedan  |
| M3 Coupe 2-door Coupe              | 540i Touring 4-door Wagon     |
| M3 Convertible 2-door Convertible  | 740i 4-door Sedan             |
| Z3 roadster 2.3 2-door Convertible | 740iL 4-door Sedan            |
| Z3 roadster 2.8 2-door Convertible | 750iL 4-door Sedan            |

Sincerely,

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# Decipherment of BMW VIN's According to FMVSS 115 and Part 565

## Table for 318ti Coupe - 1999 Model Year

WBA CG73 3 - X A 000000

WORLD MANUFACTURER IDENTIFIER

WBA = BMW-AG  
Munich, GERMANY  
Passenger Car

VEHICLE DESCRIPTION SECTION

CG73 Line: 3  
or Series: 318ti  
CG83 Body Type: 2-Door Hatchback  
Engine: 138 BHP  
115.7 cu. in. (1.895 liter)  
4-Cylinder  
Gasoline Engine  
Mfr: BMW-AG

RESTRAINT SYSTEM

3 = Manual Safety Belts with Driver and Passenger  
Depowered Supplemental Restraint System (SRS)

CHECK DIGIT

To be assigned by Manufacturer.

MODEL YEAR

X = 1999

PLANT OF MANUFACTURE

A, K = Munich, GERMANY

SEQUENTIAL PRODUCTION NUMBER

To be assigned by Manufacturer.



# Decipherment of BMW VIN's According to FMVSS 115 and Part 565

## Table for 323i Sedan - 1999 Model Year

WBA AM33 3 - X F 000000

WORLD MANUFACTURER IDENTIFIER

WBA = BMW-AG  
Munich, GERMANY  
Passenger Car

VEHICLE DESCRIPTION SECTION

AM33 Line: 3  
or Series: 323i  
AM43 Body Type: 4-Door Sedan  
Engine: 170 BHP  
152.2 cu. in. (2.494 liter)  
6-Cylinder  
Gasoline Engine  
Mfr: BMW-AG

RESTRAINT SYSTEM

3 = Manual Safety Belts with Driver and Passenger  
Depowered Supplemental Restraint System (SRS)

CHECK DIGIT

To be assigned by Manufacturer.

MODEL YEAR

X = 1999

PLANT OF MANUFACTURE

F, K = Munich, GERMANY

SEQUENTIAL PRODUCTION NUMBER

To be assigned by Manufacturer.



# Decipherment of BMW VIN's According to FMVSS 115 and Part 565

## Table for 323is Coupe - 1999 Model Year

WBA BF73 3 - X E 000000

WORLD MANUFACTURER IDENTIFIER

WBA = BMW-AG  
Munich, GERMANY  
Passenger Car

VEHICLE DESCRIPTION SECTION

BF73 Line: 3  
or Series: 323is  
BF83 Body Type: 2-Door Coupe  
Engine: 170 BHP  
152.2 cu. in. (2.494 liter)  
6-Cylinder  
Gasoline Engine  
Mfr: BMW-AG

RESTRAINT SYSTEM

3 = Manual Safety Belts with Driver and Passenger  
Depowered Supplemental Restraint System (SRS)

CHECK DIGIT

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MODEL YEAR

X = 1999

PLANT OF MANUFACTURE

E = Regensburg, GERMANY

SEQUENTIAL PRODUCTION NUMBER

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# Decipherment of BMW VIN's According to FMVSS 115 and Part 565

## Table for 323iC Convertible - 1999 Model Year

WBA BJ73 3 - X E 000000

WORLD MANUFACTURER IDENTIFIER

WBA = BMW-AG  
Munich, GERMANY  
Passenger Car

VEHICLE DESCRIPTION SECTION

BJ73 Line: 3  
or Series: 323iC  
BJ83 Body Type: 2-Door Convertible  
Engine: 170 BHP  
152.2 cu. in. (2.494 liter)  
6-Cylinder  
Gasoline Engine  
Mfr: BMW-AG

RESTRAINT SYSTEM

3 = Manual Safety Belts with Driver and Passenger  
Depowered Supplemental Restraint System (SRS)

CHECK DIGIT

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MODEL YEAR

X = 1999

PLANT OF MANUFACTURE

E = Regensburg, GERMANY

SEQUENTIAL PRODUCTION NUMBER

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## Decipherment of BMW VIN's According to FMVSS 115 and Part 565

Table for 328i Sedan - 1999 Model Year

WBA AM53 3 - X E 000000

WORLD MANUFACTURER IDENTIFIER

WBA = BMW-AG  
Munich, GERMANY  
Passenger Car

VEHICLE DESCRIPTION SECTION

AM53 Line: 3  
or Series: 328i  
AM63 Body Type: 4-Door Sedan  
Engine: 193 BHP  
170.4 cu. in. (2.793 liter)  
6-Cylinder  
Gasoline Engine  
Mfr: BMW-AG

RESTRAINT SYSTEM

3 = Manual Safety Belts with Driver and Passenger  
Depowered Supplemental Restraint System (SRS)

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MODEL YEAR

X = 1999

PLANT OF MANUFACTURE

F, K = Munich, GERMANY

SEQUENTIAL PRODUCTION NUMBER

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## Decipherment of BMW VIN's According to FMVSS 115 and Part 565

### Table for 328is Coupe - 1999 Model Year

WBA BG13 3 - X E 000000

WORLD MANUFACTURER IDENTIFIER

WBA = BMW-AG  
Munich, GERMANY  
Passenger Car

VEHICLE DESCRIPTION SECTION

BG13 Line: 3  
or Series: 328is  
BG23 Body Type: 2-Door Coupe  
Engine: 190 BHP  
170.4 cu. in. (2.793 liter)  
6-Cylinder  
Gasoline Engine  
Mfr: BMW-AG

RESTRAINT SYSTEM

3 = Manual Safety Belts with Driver and Passenger  
Depowered Supplemental Restraint System (SRS)

CHECK DIGIT

To be assigned by Manufacturer.

MODEL YEAR

X = 1999

PLANT OF MANUFACTURE

E = Regensburg, GERMANY

SEQUENTIAL PRODUCTION NUMBER

To be assigned by Manufacturer.



## Decipherment of BMW VIN's According to FMVSS 115 and Part 565

### Table for 328iC Convertible - 1999 Model Year

WBA BK73 3 - X E 000000

WORLD MANUFACTURER IDENTIFIER

WBA = BMW-AG  
Munich, GERMANY  
Passenger Car

VEHICLE DESCRIPTION SECTION

BK73 Line: 3  
or Series: 328iC  
BK83 Body Type: 2-Door Convertible  
Engine: 190 BHP  
170.4 cu. in. (2.793 liter)  
6-Cylinder  
Gasoline Engine  
Mfr: BMW-AG

RESTRAINT SYSTEM

3 = Manual Safety Belts with Driver and Passenger  
Depowered Supplemental Restraint System (SRS)

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MODEL YEAR

X = 1999

PLANT OF MANUFACTURE

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SEQUENTIAL PRODUCTION NUMBER

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# Decipherment of BMW VIN's According to FMVSS 115 and Part 565

## Table for M3 Coupe - 1999 Model Year

WBS BG93 3 - X E 000000

WORLD MANUFACTURER IDENTIFIER

WBS = BMW M GmbH  
Munich, GERMANY  
Passenger Car

VEHICLE DESCRIPTION SECTION

BG93 Line: 3  
Series: M3  
Body Type: 2-Door Coupe  
Engine: 240 BHP  
192.3 cu. in. (3.152 liter)  
6-Cylinder  
Gasoline Engine  
Mfr: BMW M GmbH

RESTRAINT SYSTEM

3 = Manual Safety Belts with Driver and Passenger  
Depowered Supplemental Restraint System (SRS)

CHECK DIGIT

To be assigned by Manufacturer.

MODEL YEAR

X = 1999

PLANT OF MANUFACTURE

E = Regensburg, GERMANY

SEQUENTIAL PRODUCTION NUMBER

To be assigned by Manufacturer.



# Decipherment of BMW VIN's According to FMVSS 115 and Part 565

## Table for M3 Convertible - 1999 Model Year

WBS BK93 3 - X E 000000

WORLD MANUFACTURER IDENTIFIER

WBS = BMW M GmbH  
Munich, GERMANY  
Passenger Car

VEHICLE DESCRIPTION SECTION

BK93 Line: 3  
or Series: M3  
BK03 Body Type: 2-Door Convertible  
Engine: 240 BHP  
192.3 cu. in. (3.152 liter)  
6-Cylinder  
Gasoline Engine  
Mfr: BMW M GmbH

RESTRAINT SYSTEM

3 = Manual Safety Belts with Driver and Passenger  
Depowered Supplemental Restraint System (SRS)

CHECK DIGIT

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MODEL YEAR

X = 1999

PLANT OF MANUFACTURE

E = Regensburg, GERMANY

SEQUENTIAL PRODUCTION NUMBER

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## Decipherment of BMW VIN's According to FMVSS 115 and Part 565

### Table for Z3 roadster 2.3 - 1999 Model Year

4US CH93 3 - X L 000000

WORLD MANUFACTURER IDENTIFIER

4US = BMW MANUFACTURING CORP.  
Spartanburg, South Carolina, USA  
Passenger Car

VEHICLE DESCRIPTION SECTION

CH93 Line: Z3  
Series: Z3 roadster 2.3  
Body Type: 2-Door Convertible  
Engine: 168 BHP  
152.2 cu. in. (2.494 liter)  
6-Cylinder  
Gasoline Engine  
Mfr: BMW MANUFACTURING CORP.

RESTRAINT SYSTEM

3 = Manual Safety Belts with Driver and Passenger  
Depowered Supplemental Restraint System (SRS)

CHECK DIGIT

To be assigned by Manufacturer.

MODEL YEAR

X = 1999

PLANT OF MANUFACTURE

L = Greer, South Carolina, USA

SEQUENTIAL PRODUCTION NUMBER

To be assigned by Manufacturer.



# Decipherment of BMW VIN's According to FMVSS 115 and Part 565

## Table for Z3 roadster 2.8 - 1999 Model Year

4US CH33 3 - X L 000000

WORLD MANUFACTURER IDENTIFIER

4US = BMW MANUFACTURING CORP.  
Spartanburg, South Carolina, USA  
Passenger Car

VEHICLE DESCRIPTION SECTION

CH33 Line: Z3  
Series: Z3 roadster 2.8  
Body Type: 2-Door Convertible  
Engine: 190 BHP  
170.4 cu. in. (2.793 liter)  
6-Cylinder  
Gasoline Engine  
Mfr: BMW MANUFACTURING CORP.

RESTRAINT SYSTEM

3 = Manual Safety Belts with Driver and Passenger  
Depowered Supplemental Restraint System (SRS)

CHECK DIGIT

To be assigned by Manufacturer.

MODEL YEAR

X = 1999

PLANT OF MANUFACTURE

L = Greer, South Carolina, USA

SEQUENTIAL PRODUCTION NUMBER

To be assigned by Manufacturer.



## Decipherment of BMW VIN's According to FMVSS 115 and Part 565

### Table for Z3 coupe 2.8 - 1999 Model Year

4US CK53 3 - X L 000000

WORLD MANUFACTURER IDENTIFIER

4US = BMW MANUFACTURING CORP.  
Spartanburg, South Carolina, USA  
Passenger Car

VEHICLE DESCRIPTION SECTION

CK53    Line:        Z3  
         Series:     Z3 coupe 2.8  
         Body Type:  2-Door Hatchback  
         Engine:     190 BHP  
                      170.4 cu. in. (2.793 liter)  
                      6-Cylinder  
                      Gasoline Engine  
         Mfr:         BMW MANUFACTURING CORP.

RESTRAINT SYSTEM

3 = Manual Safety Belts with Driver and Passenger  
Depowered Supplemental Restraint System (SRS)

CHECK DIGIT

To be assigned by Manufacturer.

MODEL YEAR

X = 1999

PLANT OF MANUFACTURE

L = Greer, South Carolina, USA

SEQUENTIAL PRODUCTION NUMBER

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# Decipherment of BMW VIN's According to FMVSS 115 and Part 565

## Table for M roadster - 1999 Model Year

WBS CK93 3 - X L 000000

WORLD MANUFACTURER IDENTIFIER

WBS = BMW M GmbH  
Munich, GERMANY  
Passenger Car

VEHICLE DESCRIPTION SECTION

CK93 Line: Z3  
Series: M roadster  
Body Type: 2-Door Convertible  
Engine: 240 BHP  
192.3 cu. in. (3.152 liter)  
6-Cylinder  
Gasoline Engine  
Mfr: BMW M GmbH

RESTRAINT SYSTEM

3 = Manual Safety Belts with Driver and Passenger  
Depowered Supplemental Restraint System (SRS)

CHECK DIGIT

To be assigned by Manufacturer.

MODEL YEAR

X = 1999

PLANT OF MANUFACTURE

L = Greer, South Carolina, USA

SEQUENTIAL PRODUCTION NUMBER

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## Decipherment of BMW VIN's According to FMVSS 115 and Part 565

### Table for M coupe - 1999 Model Year

WBS CM93 3 - X L 000000

WORLD MANUFACTURER IDENTIFIER

WBS = BMW M GmbH  
Munich, GERMANY  
Passenger Car

VEHICLE DESCRIPTION SECTION

CM93 Line: Z3  
Series: M coupe  
Body Type: 2-Door Hatchback  
Engine: 240 BHP  
192.3 cu. in. (3.152 liter)  
6-Cylinder  
Gasoline Engine  
Mfr: BMW M GmbH

RESTRAINT SYSTEM

3 = Manual Safety Belts with Driver and Passenger  
Depowered Supplemental Restraint System (SRS)

CHECK DIGIT

To be assigned by Manufacturer.

MODEL YEAR

X = 1999

PLANT OF MANUFACTURE

L = Greer, South Carolina, USA

SEQUENTIAL PRODUCTION NUMBER

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## Decipherment of BMW VIN's According to FMVSS 115 and Part 565

Table for 528i Sedan - 1999 Model Year

WBA DM53 3 - X B 000000

WORLD MANUFACTURER IDENTIFIER

WBA = BMW-AG  
Munich, GERMANY  
Passenger Car

VEHICLE DESCRIPTION SECTION

DM53 Line: 5  
or Series: 528i  
DM63 Body Type: 4-Door Sedan  
Engine: 190 BHP  
170.4 cu. in. (2.793 liter)  
6-Cylinder  
Gasoline Engine  
Mfr: BMW-AG

RESTRAINT SYSTEM

3 = Manual Safety Belts with Driver and Passenger  
Depowered Supplemental Restraint System (SRS)

CHECK DIGIT

To be assigned by Manufacturer.

MODEL YEAR

X = 1999

PLANT OF MANUFACTURE

B = Dingolfing, GERMANY

SEQUENTIAL PRODUCTION NUMBER

To be assigned by Manufacturer.



# Decipherment of BMW VIN's According to FMVSS 115 and Part 565

## Table for 528i Touring - 1999 Model Year

WBA DP53 3 - X B 000000

WORLD MANUFACTURER IDENTIFIER

WBA = BMW-AG  
Munich, GERMANY  
Passenger Car

VEHICLE DESCRIPTION SECTION

DP53 Line: 5  
or Series: 540i Touring  
DP63 Body Type: 4-Door Wagon  
Engine: 190 BHP  
170.4 cu. in. (2.793 liter)  
6-Cylinder  
Gasoline Engine  
Mfr: BMW-AG

RESTRAINT SYSTEM

3 = Manual Safety Belts with Driver and Passenger  
Depowered Supplemental Restraint System (SRS)

CHECK DIGIT

To be assigned by Manufacturer.

MODEL YEAR

X = 1999

PLANT OF MANUFACTURE

B = Dingolfing, GERMANY

SEQUENTIAL PRODUCTION NUMBER

To be assigned by Manufacturer.



## Decipherment of BMW VIN's According to FMVSS 115 and Part 565

Table for 540i Sedan - 1999 Model Year

WBA DN53 3 - X B 000000

WORLD MANUFACTURER IDENTIFIER

WBA = BMW-AG  
Munich, GERMANY  
Passenger Car

VEHICLE DESCRIPTION SECTION

DN53 Line: 5  
or Series: 540i  
DN63 Body Type: 4-Door Sedan  
Engine: 282 BHP  
268.4 cu. in. (4.398 liter)  
8-Cylinder  
Gasoline Engine  
Mfr: BMW-AG

RESTRAINT SYSTEM

3 = Manual Safety Belts with Driver and Passenger  
Depowered Supplemental Restraint System (SRS)

CHECK DIGIT

To be assigned by Manufacturer.

MODEL YEAR

X = 1999

PLANT OF MANUFACTURE

B = Dingolfing, GERMANY

SEQUENTIAL PRODUCTION NUMBER

To be assigned by Manufacturer.



# Decipherment of BMW VIN's According to FMVSS 115 and Part 565

## Table for 540i Protection Sedan - 1999 Model Year

WBA DN83 3 - X B 000000

WORLD MANUFACTURER IDENTIFIER

WBA = BMW-AG  
Munich, GERMANY  
Passenger Car

VEHICLE DESCRIPTION SECTION

DN83 Line: 5  
Series: 540i  
Body Type: 4-Door Sedan  
Engine: 282 BHP  
268.4 cu. in. (4.398 liter)  
8-Cylinder  
Gasoline Engine  
Mfr: BMW-AG

RESTRAINT SYSTEM

3 = Manual Safety Belts with Driver and Passenger  
Depowered Supplemental Restraint System (SRS)

CHECK DIGIT

To be assigned by Manufacturer.

MODEL YEAR

X = 1999

PLANT OF MANUFACTURE

B = Dingolfing, GERMANY

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# Decipherment of BMW VIN's According to FMVSS 115 and Part 565

## Table for 540i Touring - 1999 Model Year

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<u>WORLD MANUFACTURER IDENTIFIER</u>		_____																
WBA = BMW-AG Munich, GERMANY Passenger Car																		
<u>VEHICLE DESCRIPTION SECTION</u>		_____																
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	Series:	540i Touring																
	Body Type:	4-Door Wagon																
	Engine:	282 BHP																
		268.4 cu. in. (4.398 liter)																
		8-Cylinder																
		Gasoline Engine																
	Mfr:	BMW-AG																
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# Decipherment of BMW VIN's According to FMVSS 115 and Part 565

## Table for 740i Sedan - 1999 Model Year

WBA GG83 3 - X D 000000

WORLD MANUFACTURER IDENTIFIER

WBA = BMW-AG  
Munich, GERMANY  
Passenger Car

VEHICLE DESCRIPTION SECTION

GG83 Line: 7  
Series: 740i  
Body Type: 4-Door Sedan  
Engine: 282 BHP  
268.4 cu. in. (4.398 liter)  
8-Cylinder  
Gasoline Engine  
Mfr: BMW-AG

RESTRAINT SYSTEM

3 = Manual Safety Belts with Driver and Passenger  
Depowered Supplemental Restraint System (SRS)

CHECK DIGIT

To be assigned by Manufacturer.

MODEL YEAR

X = 1999

PLANT OF MANUFACTURE

D = Dingolfing, GERMANY

SEQUENTIAL PRODUCTION NUMBER

To be assigned by Manufacturer.



## Decipherment of BMW VIN's According to FMVSS 115 and Part 565

Table for 740iL Sedan - 1999 Model Year

WBA GH83 3 - X D 000000

WORLD MANUFACTURER IDENTIFIER

WBA = BMW-AG  
Munich, GERMANY  
Passenger Car

VEHICLE DESCRIPTION SECTION

GH83 Line: 7  
Series: 740iL  
Body Type: 4-Door Sedan  
Engine: 282 BHP  
268.4 cu. in. (4.398 liter)  
8-Cylinder  
Gasoline Engine  
Mfr: BMW-AG

RESTRAINT SYSTEM

3 = Manual Safety Belts with Driver and Passenger  
Depowered Supplemental Restraint System (SRS)

CHECK DIGIT

To be assigned by Manufacturer.

MODEL YEAR

X = 1999

PLANT OF MANUFACTURE

D = Dingolfing, GERMANY

SEQUENTIAL PRODUCTION NUMBER

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# Decipherment of BMW VIN's According to FMVSS 115 and Part 565

## Table for 750iL Sedan - 1999 Model Year

WBA GJ03 3 - X D 000000

WORLD MANUFACTURER IDENTIFIER

WBA = BMW-AG  
Munich, GERMANY  
Passenger Car

VEHICLE DESCRIPTION SECTION

GJ03    Line:        7  
         Series:     750iL  
         Body Type:  4-Door Sedan  
         Engine:     326 BHP  
                      328.2 cu. in. (5.379 liter)  
                      12-Cylinder  
                      Gasoline Engine  
         Mfr:         BMW-AG

RESTRAINT SYSTEM

3 = Manual Safety Belts with Driver and Passenger  
Depowered Supplemental Restraint System (SRS)

CHECK DIGIT

To be assigned by Manufacturer.

MODEL YEAR

X = 1999

PLANT OF MANUFACTURE

D = Dingolfing, GERMANY

SEQUENTIAL PRODUCTION NUMBER

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