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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:

318ti 2-door Hatchback  
323i 4-door Sedan  
323is 2-door Coupe  
323iC 2-door Convertible  
328i 4-door Sedan  
328is 2-door Coupe  
328iC 2-door Convertible  
M3 Coupe 2-door Coupe  
M3 Convertible 2-door Convertible  
Z3 roadster 2.3 2-door Convertible  
Z3 roadster 2.8 2-door Convertible

Z3 coupe 2.8 2-door Hatchback  
M roadster 2-door Convertible  
M coupe 2-door Hatchback  
528i 4-door Sedan  
528i Touring 4-door Wagon  
540i 4-door Sedan  
540i Protection 4-door Sedan  
540i Touring 4-door Wagon  
740i 4-door Sedan  
740iL 4-door Sedan  
750iL 4-door Sedan

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



## 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)

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MODEL YEAR

X = 1999

PLANT OF MANUFACTURE

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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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X = 1999

PLANT OF MANUFACTURE

F, K = Munich, GERMANY

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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)

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MODEL YEAR

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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 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

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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

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## 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)

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MODEL YEAR

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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 - XL 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

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## 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

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MODEL YEAR

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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)

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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)

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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					
<u>WORLD MANUFACTURER IDENTIFIER</u>							
WBA = BMW-AG Munich, GERMANY Passenger Car							
<u>VEHICLE DESCRIPTION SECTION</u>							
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					
<u>RESTRAINT SYSTEM</u>							
3 = Manual Safety Belts with Driver and Passenger Depowered Supplemental Restraint System (SRS)							
<u>CHECK DIGIT</u>							
To be assigned by Manufacturer.							
<u>MODEL YEAR</u>							
X = 1999							
<u>PLANT OF MANUFACTURE</u>							
B = Dingolfing, GERMANY							
<u>SEQUENTIAL PRODUCTION NUMBER</u>							
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## Decipherment of BMW VIN's According to FMVSS 115 and Part 565

Table for 540i Touring - 1999 Model Year

WBA DR63 3 - X B 000000

WORLD MANUFACTURER IDENTIFIER

WBA = BMW-AG  
Munich, GERMANY  
Passenger Car

VEHICLE DESCRIPTION SECTION

DR63    Line:        5  
         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

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

B = Dingolfing, GERMANY

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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

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Depowered Supplemental Restraint System (SRS)

CHECK DIGIT

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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 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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