

## BMW Group New Zealand Vehicle Model Compliance Fact Sheet – Land Transport Rule: Frontal Impact 2001

The following information is intended as a guide to assist with determining which BMW Group models will and will not comply to the Land Transport Rule Frontal: Impact 2001. The vehicle models are listed on the left with an image of the vehicle on the right, which may be used to help identify the series.

Only right hand drive (RHD) BMW Group vehicles manufactured in Germany, South Africa, Great Britain and the United States of America comply with the Land Transport Rule: Frontal Impact 2001. In general terms these vehicles VIN numbers would start with WBA, WBS, WMW or ABM and is 17 digits long. In all cases refer to the models listed below to check compliance.

**The models listed for compliance to the Land Transport Rule: Frontal Impact 2001 applies to RHD (Right Hand Drive) vehicles only and in most cases LHD (Left Hand Drive) cars WILL NOT comply. To check compliance of LHD cars please see the [Importation of left hand drive \(LHD\) cars](#) section, and note 6), below.**

### Steering (driving) position

The steering (driving) position relates to the actual driving position of the BMW Group vehicle or model as either a right hand drive (RHD) or left hand drive (LHD) variant, as mentioned throughout this document, at the time of the vehicle production. In general, we have no knowledge or control over any alteration, modification, conversion or other process affecting the position of the steering (driving) position of any BMW Group vehicle or model, after it is produced. Therefore in all cases we only refer to the steering (driving) position of the vehicle or model, at the time of vehicle production.

### Importation of left hand drive (LHD) cars

In almost all cases, left hand drive (LHD) cars **WILL NOT COMPLY** with the Land Transport Rule Frontal: Impact 2001 and therefore should NOT be imported into New Zealand.

Due to the applicable European law regarding ECE/EEC frontal impact type approvals, in general, such approvals were not required until 2003 on for left hand drive (LHD) cars. For a list of non-complying left hand drive (LHD) models please refer to Note: 6) below.

**BMW Model**

**Frontal Impact Compliance - RHD**

1 Series E87

See notes below 5)



**BMW Model**

**Frontal Impact Compliance - RHD**

**3 Series E30**

***Entire model range does not comply  
See notes below 1), 2)***



**BMW Model**

**Frontal Impact Compliance - RHD**

3 Series E36

See notes below 2), 3), 4), 6)



**BMW Model**

**Frontal Impact Compliance - RHD**

3 Series E46

See notes below 2), 3), 4), 6)



**BMW Model**

**Frontal Impact Compliance - RHD**

3 Series E90

See notes below 5)



**BMW Model**

**Frontal Impact Compliance - RHD**

Z3

See notes below 2), 3), 4), 6)



**BMW Model**

**Frontal Impact Compliance - RHD**

E85 Series Z4

See notes below 5)



**BMW Model**

**Frontal Impact Compliance - RHD**

**5 Series E34**

***Entire model range does not comply  
See notes below 1), 2)***



**BMW Model**

**Frontal Impact Compliance - RHD**

5 Series E39

See notes below 2), 3), 4), 6)



**BMW Model**

**Frontal Impact Compliance - RHD**

5 Series E60

See notes below 5)



**BMW Model**

**Frontal Impact Compliance - RHD**

5 Series E61

See notes below 5)



**BMW Model**

**Frontal Impact Compliance - RHD**

**6 Series E24**

***Entire model range does not comply  
See notes below 1), 2)***



**BMW Model**

6 Series E63

**Frontal Impact Compliance - RHD**

See notes below 5)



**BMW Model**

6 Series E64

**Frontal Impact Compliance - RHD**

See notes below 5)





**BMW Model**

**7 Series E32**

**Frontal Impact Compliance - RHD**

***Entire model range does not comply  
See notes below 1), 2)***



**BMW Model**

**7 Series E38**

**Frontal Impact Compliance - RHD**

**See notes below 2), 3), 4), 6)**



<b><u>BMW Model</u></b>	<b><u>Frontal Impact Compliance - RHD</u></b>
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7 Series E65 + E66	See notes below 5)
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<b><u>BMW Model</u></b>	<b><u>Frontal Impact Compliance - RHD</u></b>
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8 Series E31	See notes below 2), 3), 4), 6)
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**BMW Model**

**Frontal Impact Compliance - RHD**

X3 Series E83

See notes below 5)



**BMW Model**

**Frontal Impact Compliance - RHD**

X5 Series E53

See notes below 2), 3), 4), 6)



**BMW Model**      **Frontal Impact Compliance - RHD**

MINI Series R50      See notes below 5)



**BMW Model**      **Frontal Impact Compliance - RHD**

MINI Series R53      See notes below 5)



<u>BMW Model</u>	<u>Frontal Impact Compliance - RHD</u>
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MINI Series R52	See notes below 5)
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<u>BMW Model</u>	<u>Effective Date From Production RHD</u>
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<b>Models produced up to 1990 are not shown but in all cases:</b>	<b><i>Entire model range does not comply See notes below 1), 2)</i></b>
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## NOTES:

- 1) E24, E30, E32, E34 and all older models produced before 1990 shown in **red** above will NOT comply with the Land Transport Rule Frontal: Impact 2001 and therefore should NOT be imported into New Zealand. As these models were already in production they were not tested to applicable standards and cannot be complied.
- 2) Only right hand drive (RHD) BMW Group vehicles with both drivers and passenger airbags, as listed above will comply with the Land Transport Rule: Frontal Impact 2001. Please note that the models shown in **red** above (E24, E30, E32, E34 and all older models produced before 1990 even if fitted with drivers and passenger airbags) will NOT comply with the Land Transport Rule: Frontal Impact 2001 and therefore should NOT be imported into New Zealand (see note 1).
- 3) Only right hand drive (RHD) BMW Group vehicles manufactured in Germany, South Africa, Great Britain and the United States of America comply with the Land Transport Rule: Frontal Impact 2001. In general terms these vehicles VIN numbers would start with WBA, WBS, WMW and ABM and is 17 digits long. For enquiries on all BMW Group vehicles manufactured outside these markets, or whose VIN numbers start with a letter combination not listed above, please contact BMW Group Technical department via fax (09) 573 6959 or phone (09) 573 6999.
- 4) In general, right hand drive (RHD) models did not start production with passenger airbags until 1994 and individual model series were introduced with passenger airbags at various times after this date, depending on specification levels and market requirements. In most cases, vehicles produced before 1994 will not comply with the Land Transport Rule: Frontal Impact 2001.
- 5) The entire model range of these series vehicles comply with the Land Transport Rule: Frontal Impact 2001, when manufactured as described in Note: 3) above.
- 6) The following BMW Group models manufactured as a left hand drive (LHD) variant **WILL NOT COMPLY** with the Land Transport Rule Frontal: Impact 2001 and therefore should NOT be imported into New Zealand.
  - All model series produced up to 1990
  - 3 series - E30
  - 3 series - E36
  - 3 series - E46 (except Model Year 2003 on and all E46 Convertibles from start of production)
  - Z1 series
  - Z3 series

- 5 series - E34
- 5 series - E39 (except Model Year 2003 on)
- 7 series - E32
- 7 series - E38
- 8 series - E31

## Summary

As outlined above in regards to the Land Transport Rule: Frontal Impact 2001

Most left hand drive (LHD) cars WILL NOT comply. Please refer to Note: 6.

Right hand drive (RHD) cars that WILL NOT comply are:

**E24, E30, E32, E34 and all older models produced before 1990 even if fitted with drivers and passenger airbags as well as any cars that do not meet the criteria in Notes: 2, 3 and 4.**

Cars that will comply provided that they are right hand drive (RHD) models, have been produced with both drivers and passenger's airbags, and meet the criteria in Notes: 2, 3 and 4 are:

E31, E36, Z3, E38, E39, E46.

Cars that will automatically comply provided that they are right hand drive (RHD) models and meet the criteria in Notes: 3 and 5 are:

**E53, E60, E61, E63, E64, E65, E66, E83, E85, E87, E90, R50, R52, R53 and future models.**

This information is correct as of April 2005. All future model introductions manufactured in Germany, South Africa, Great Britain and the United States of America comply with the Land Transport Rule: Frontal Impact 2001.