

**The Associations of Drivers against
Daytime Running Lights Worldwide**

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An open letter to whom it may concern, plus

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By recorded delivery

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Dear Mr. Haddrill,

The Case Against Lethal Vehicle Daytime Running Lights

We are sure that you would not wish ABI members to be associated with inflicting extra deaths and injuries upon the population of Europe.

However ABI via your Thatcham Research Laboratory are on record as advising Daytime Running Lights (DRL). When we wrote to your predecessor Mary Francis in 2003, Matthew Avery of Thatcham (having done no original research except review previous DRL studies) recommended that DRL should be used.

You will see from the appended letter to Mr. Verheugen and Mr. Gorzkowski that the DRL research relied upon by the EU was flawed (also see DaDRL's critiques at www.dadrlok.org.uk/DRLstudies.html).

In reality, DRL are causing deaths and injuries to the citizens of Europe and the USA. From incredulous comments received from MEP's, it is clear that the 2008 DRL law must be repealed. This law does not commence until 2011 but some manufacturers have already inflicted DRL upon the population.

Having legally made ABI aware of the lethal consequences of DRL, please may we leave it up to your social consciences as to whether ABI members desire recommend DRL or to take immediate action to advise their customers to delete DRL on all new and existing vehicles to prevent further carnage to less conspicuous vulnerable road users (e.g. pedestrians, cyclists and motorcyclists) in preference to attempting to protect vehicle drivers who are already cocooned in air bag cushioned, steel safety caged crumple zoned boxes.

If ABI wish to reduce road casualties, they should work to eliminate disabling nighttime headlight glare.

We look forward to your public response.

Yours sincerely,

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The Association of Drivers against Daytime Running Lights

The British Motorcyclists Federation

The Motorcycle Action Group

The Federation of European Motorcyclists Associations

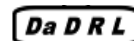
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