



The Association of Drivers against Daytime Running Lights and Blinded bi Xenon

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Dear Mr. Abbott,

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Blinding Vehicle Lights

Our association is concerned about the blinding effect on a drivers vision caused by Xenon High Intensity Discharge (Xenon-HID) headlights and excessively bright Daytime Running Lights (DRL) as fitted to BMW's which contravene UK vehicle lighting laws and the Highway Code:

Road Vehicle Lighting Regulations 1989

Table with 3 columns: Regulation number, Description, and Usage. Includes regulations 1, 11, Highway Code, and 114.

Xenon-HID lights cause disabling dazzle and discomfort: when a car traverses a legal 75mm speed hump or other road undulation the mandatory self levelling mechanism is inoperative thus causing blindness. DRL focussed directly into the eyes of other drivers at up to 1,200cd causes disabling dazzle and discomfort.

Contrary to the theoretical EU reports claiming reduced accidents, the reality is that blinding other drivers is killing vulnerable less conspicuous road users (even Sweden cannot show DRL have reduced accidents). There is a growing body of world expert ophthalmological and neurological opinion that proves that these lights can cause overload of the visual short term memory, capacitive dysfunction and inattention blindness - please see www.dadrl.org.uk/DRLstudies.html

Should a resultant accident occur, the driver, the dealer and company directors could be exposed to prosecution under "Obligation of Duty of Care" Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Act 2007

We are sure that BMW will state that its cars comply with all EU and UNECE global technical regulations; however we think you must agree that the actual laws of the land must take precedence.

We would be very interested to hear what action BMW propose to do to make their vehicles comply with the UK lighting laws that ban dazzle to protect the eyesight of drivers and the lives of vulnerable road users.

Yours sincerely,

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Supporting organisations

- Driving Instructors Association driving.org
The British Motorcyclists Federation bmf.co.uk
The Motorcycle Action Group mag-uk.org
The Federation of European Motorcyclists Associations fema-online.eu
Living Streets - The UK Pedestrians Association livingstreets.org.uk
Federation of European Pedestrians Associations pedestrians-europe.org
European Cyclists' Federation ecf.com
CTC, the national cyclists' organisation ctc.org.uk
The Ramblers Association ramblers.org.uk

