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## Drivers Against Daytime Running Lights – UK

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Dear Mr. Nash,

### Daytime Running Lights

Firstly, please may I thank you and Mr. Edwin-Jones for your previous courteous correspondence since 1999 on this subject. May I enclose some correspondence to and from Volvo and other major UK motor manufacturers and a copy of Perlot and Prower 2003 which may be of interest.

The same case against DRL's could also apply to Saab, however our research indicates that the Swedish Government compelled Saab to follow Volvo therefore our campaign in the UK is aimed primarily at Volvo in the UK and GM in the USA.

It was pleasing to find that Saab's do not have automatic DRL but we are concerned that some of your drivers do misguidedly use them. Maybe the evidence in Perlot & Prower may help with an official discouragement in the UK.

Yours faithfully,

**Roy Milnes UK Co-ordinator DADRL Drivers Against Daytime Running Lights**  
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**31<sup>st</sup> May 1999**

**Dear Mr. Jones**

**Daytime Running Lights**

I enclose some correspondence to Volvo and other major UK motor manufacturers which may be of interest.

The same case against DRL's could also apply to Saab however our research indicates that the Swedish Government compelled Saab to follow Volvo therefore our campaign in the UK is aimed primarily at Volvo. We also perceive that Saab owners are keen drivers whereas Volvo users simply want to barge from A -B.

This is a opportunity for Saab UK to take the initiative and stop using daytime headlights which cause aggravation to other drivers to gain an advantage over Volvo.

Perhaps you would be good enough to let us have your views on this subject.

**Yours sincerely,**

**Roy Milnes**

Reply

9<sup>th</sup> June 1999

Dear Mr Milnes

Thank you for your letter of 31st May regarding the issue of daylight running lights.

As I'm sure you are aware, daylight headlamp running does not apply to new Saab cars imported for sale in the UK market. This has been the case for at least 10 years and, as far as I am aware, there are no plans to re-introduce this feature.

Whilst members of Drivers Against Daytime Running Lights clearly feel there are considerable disadvantages to using headlights in this way, I also know there are many people who advocate the practice on the grounds of actually improving road safety.

Whatever the rights and wrongs, this is an issue about which my colleagues at Saab Automobile in Sweden are better informed and eminently more qualified to express a view. I am, therefore, pleased to pass on your documentation for their information.

Thank you very much for drawing this important issue to my attention. There is no doubt we all share the common aim of seeking to improve road safety and I can assure you this has always been, and always will be, Saab's greatest priority.

With best wishes for safe and enjoyable motoring

Yours sincerely

Will Edwyn-Jones

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