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Dear Mr. Kerr,

Volvo Cars - a Danger at any Speed? Daytime Running Lights

Since 1998 (letters to G. Keaney MD), DaDRL have requested Volvo not to use Daytime Running Lights because they put vulnerable road users at risk. Yesterday, The Times reported that road accidents to children had increased and the Austrian press announced that the Austrian Government intend to ban DRL.

We have widespread international support for our anti-DRL campaign, this response is typical:

"So do we have to equip school children with headlamps and car batteries in their satchels? Roger Harrobin BBC R4"

The DRL experiments have failed in Austria and Bulgaria - accidents increased when DRL were introduced. (see <http://dadrl.hit.bg>) "EPIGUS" report compiled by ophthalmological experts submitted to Austria's Federal Ministry of Transport, Innovation & Technology <http://www.bmvit.gv.at/verkehr/strasse/sicherheit/fahrenlicht.html>

We believe DRL are a safety negative measure promulgated by motor manufacturers as a gimmick to sell safety at the expense of pedestrians, cyclists and motor-cyclists lives. Reports using flawed methodology have been issued, but the EC (& Volvo) are unable to provide real-world statistics that DRL increase safety.

The human eye is a complex structure, the effects of glare on a driver's ability to depict hazards and causing overload of their perceptive and cognition processes i.e. visual short term memory is only just becoming recognised by the authorities.

We believe for a manufacturer to introduce a so called "safety measure" which causes injuries and deaths to vulnerable road users is a violation of their Obligation of Protection, Equality Principle, and Human Rights.

With support expressed from Tony Blair, Stephen Ladyman plus members of our association against DRL, please may we ask how much longer Volvo are going to unnecessarily pollute the environment and put the lives of pedestrians, cyclists, motor-cyclists and other drivers at risk ?

**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

Living Streets – The UK Pedestrians Association

Federation of European Pedestrians Associations

European Cyclists' Federation

Cyclists Touring Club

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

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