



U.S. Department of Transportation
**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215SM
14V-425

Subject: Transmission Shift To Neutral

Dear Mr. Eaglesfield:

This letter serves to acknowledge Aston Martin Lagonda of North America's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

ASTON MARTIN/DB9/2014
ASTON MARTIN/RAPIDE S/2014

Mfr's Report Date: July 14, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V-425

Components:

POWER TRAIN:AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION

Potential Number of Units Affected: 440

Problem Description:

Aston Martin Lagonda of North America (Aston Martin) is recalling certain model year 2014 DB9 and Rapide S vehicles manufactured June 2013 to July 2014. Due to a faulty circuit board, the transmissions in the affected vehicles may inadvertently shift to neutral without input from the driver.

Consequence:

If the transmission shifts to neutral, the driver will not be able to maintain speed or move the vehicle out of traffic, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Aston Martin will notify owners, and dealers will replace the affected circuit boards, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in September 2014. Owners may contact Aston Martin customer service at 1-888-923-9988. Aston Martin's number for this recall is RA-07-0018. Note: If the vehicle exhibits this problem, owners are advised to turn off the ignition and then restart the car which may allow the car to be driven out of harm's way.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.



We have received Aston Martin's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Sarah Mcshane who may be reached by phone at 202-366-7401, or by email at sarah.mcshane@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement