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Your Ref: 11V-510

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> Nov 2011

Chief  
Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
Washington  
D.C. 20590

**Subject: Part 573 Recall Notice #11V-510 – Lotus Cars Limited Follow-Up Report**

This information is submitted in accordance with the requirements of Title 49 Part 573 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Lotus Cars Limited would like to advise the Administrator of further information that has become available relating to Recall Notice #11V-510, including a revision to the number of affected vehicles and the list of VINs.

In addition, please remove Mr M. Lever as the official contact for this issue. A revised contacts list is detailed at Annexe A.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ian Cawdron".

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Annexes:

- A. Defect Information Report
- B. Response to consumer inquiries regarding the NHTSA Recall of 2005 – 2006 Elise & Exige models for potential oil line leaks (USA)
- C. Affected VINs



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## **Defect Information Report**

### 573.6(c)(1) **Manufacturers Name**

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### 573.6(c)(2)(i) **Identification of Vehicles**

Make: Lotus  
Line: Elise/Exige  
Model Year: 2005 - 2007  
Month/Year of  
Manufacture: 1 June 2004 to 30 November 2006  
Affected VIN: See Annexe C

### 573.6(c)(3) **Number of Vehicles Potentially Containing the Defect**

5047 vehicles in the United States are affected by this recall:

2005MY Elise	3255
2006MY Elise	1086
2006MY Exige	340
2007MY Elise	172
2007MY Exige	194

### 573.6(c)(4) **Percentage of Vehicles Actually Containing the Defect**

The percentage of vehicles in the United States that are subject to this Defect is 75%.



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573.6(c)(6) **Chronology of Principal Events**

Information to be submitted as soon as possible.

573.6(c)(8)(i) **Proposed Remedial Program**

Subject to parts availability, notification dates are as follows:

Dealer notification: Information to be submitted as soon as possible.

Owner notification: Information to be submitted as soon as possible.

573.6(c)(10) **Representative Copy of all Notices, Bulletins etc**

Copy of dealer notification attached at Annexe B.

573.6(c)(11) **Manufacturers Campaign Number**

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## **Response to consumer inquiries regarding the NHTSA Recall of 2005 – 2006 Elise & Exige models for potential oil line leaks (USA)**

Lotus has identified a potential issue with regard to certain model year 2005, 2006 and some 2007 Lotus Elise and Exige vehicles. The issue involves oil cooler hose leaks in USA specification vehicles manufactured before October 2006, when the part supplier changed its manufacturing process.

Even though we believe that the issue affects only a small minority of vehicles, Lotus takes the safety of its owners as its highest priority and has therefore announced a voluntary recall of USA Elise and Exige models manufactured between 1 June 2004 and 30 November 2006 as a precautionary measure. While a leaking oil cooler hose could potentially pose a safety concern, Lotus is not aware at this time of any major incidents that have resulted from this condition.

Lotus is currently investigating whether this issue affects markets other than the USA. The results of this investigation combined with consultation with the relevant regulatory bodies where necessary will determine if any further precautionary measures are required by Lotus.

We ask you to appreciate the highly sensitive nature of this situation and as such, if you receive any enquiries from the media relating to this matter please forward them immediately to Liz Brooks, Group Communications – [lbrooks@lotuscars.com](mailto:lbrooks@lotuscars.com) , +44 7718 793 852.

Any customer enquiries should be forwarded in the first instance to Ron Mann, Customer Services and Warranty Manager, Lotus cars USA Inc – [rmann@lotuscars.com](mailto:rmann@lotuscars.com), (770) 476 6564.