

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF NONCOMPLIANCE
INFORMATION REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. **04V-001** by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: **December 22, 2003** ✓Date Faxed/E-Mailed: **January 5, 2004**

MANUFACTURER: **Lotus Cars USA, Inc.**

MANUFACTURER CONTACT: **Mr. Arnold A. Johnson - CEO**

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SUBJECT: 660 Lotus 1997-2003 Esprit vehicles manufactured from January 1, 1997 through November 28, 2003, fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 208, "Occupant Crash Protection." Certain air bag warning labels are required on both sun visors and the above vehicles failed to have the required labels affixed to the driver's side sun visor.

This is an acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be written only if we have additional comments or concerns.

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

We have reviewed your draft owner notification letter and it meets the requirements of Part 577. However, the Hotline number is incorrect and the Washington, DC area phone number is no longer in service. The correct toll free number is 1-888-DASH-2-DOT (1-888-327-4236). Please correct your letter before mailing.

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. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin during January 2004. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by April 30, 2004.

If you have any questions, please call:



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