



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

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AFTER SALES OPERATIONS
ASTON MARTIN LAGONDA OF NORTH AMERICA
9920 IRVINE CENTER DRIVE
IRVINE CA 92618

NVS-215dgl
10V-449

SUBJECT: FRONT BOTTOM SUSPENSION ARM CAM-BOLTS

DEAR MR. BACKER:

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 campaign which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the vehicles 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/DB9/2007-2008
ASTON MARTIN/DBS/2007-2008
ASTON MARTIN/V8 VANTAGE/2007-2008

Mfg's Report Date: September 23, 2010

NHTSA Campaign Number: 10V-449

Components: SUSPENSION: FRONT: CONTROL ARM: LOWER ARM

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,090

Summary:

ASTON MARTIN IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2007-2008 DB9 COUPE, DB9 VOLANTE, V8 VANTAGE COUPE, V8 VANTAGE ROADSTER, AND DBS COUPE VEHICLES. THE FRONT BOTTOM SUSPENSION ARM CAM BOLT COULD CRACK ALONG ITS SHANK ALLOWING THE LOWER CONTROL ARM TO MOVE.

Consequence:

MOVEMENT OF THE LOWER CONTROL ARM WILL INFLUENCE THE DRIVER'S CONTROL OF THE STEERING OF THE VEHICLE INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE FRONT SUSPENSION LOWER CONTROL ARM CAM BOLTS. THIS SERVICE WILL BE PERFORMED FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 18, 2010. OWNERS MAY CONTACT ASTON MARTIN CUSTOMER SERVICE AT 1-888-923-9988.

Notes:

OWNERS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the minimum requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

We have reviewed your proposed owner notification letter and it does not meet all the requirements of Part 577.

Second paragraph first sentence please change the word "determined" to "decided."

A description of the safety risk that meets the minimum requirements of 49 CFR 577.5(f) must be included (i.e., "Movement of the lower control arm will influence the driver's control of the steering of the vehicle increasing the risk of a crash").

A sentence on lease vehicles, i.e., "Federal regulations require that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days."


Please revise your owner letters to include the following updated NHTSA hotline information and current address: "...the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590; or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>."

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 close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Delia Lopez who may be reached by phone at 202-366-9525, or by email at Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you toward a successful completion of this recall campaign.

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
Acting Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement

cc: Scott Morgan