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Gentlemen:

I drive a 2010 Honda Insight, which like almost if not all modern cars has pitifully woeful, useless, highly stylized torpedo head lights which barely illuminate the road ahead, UV fog over their polycarbonate mask, and serve only to signal to other drivers of an oncoming vehicle. As bad as that is, worse, is the lack of **cornering lights** on contemporary cars, with the possible exception of certain BMW models.

Having previously owned and driven a 1984 Nissan Altima (deluxe) with cornering lights, and standard glass \$10 dual sealed beam headlights, I can testify that car was infinitely safer to drive on unlit, un-striped, dark country roads, often alerting me to a ditch while navigating a turn. In the 1980's such lights were common on premium GM Cadillacs, Buicks, Lincoln Town Cars and Mercury Marqui's, to name just a few.

It was suggested that such lights could cause undue distraction or glare for oncoming cars, which seems implausible at best, since the lenses and the positioning on the fascia or lower side fender panel could surely control this to a significant degree. Instead, form displaced function.

In my opinion, **cornering lights** were as valuable an accessory as power steering or cruise control, perhaps costing the manufacturers an additional \$20 to include, yet they were subtly abandoned, and any attempt to fashion after market add-on's scathingly forbidden. I do not recall a single whimper in any of the blatantly promotional car magazines, such as R&T, C&D, MT, Automobile, Autoweek, or even (blush!) Consumer Reports regarding the abandoning of this feature..

Instead we have a proliferation of raucous and often startling exhaust pipe add on's that render mufflers superfluous. What does NHTSA have to say? I believe **cornering lights reduced risk** of accidents at night, and should be reintroduced as an option on all cars.

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