

Wayne, NJ

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U.S. Department of Transportation  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
Office of Defects Investigation (NVS-210)  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
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Washington D.C. 20590

Dear Sir/Madam,

I'm writing to your specific department at the advice of an agent at the main NHTSA customer service telephone line, whom I spoke to today to complain about issue described below.

Last night I had the misfortune of stopping behind a vehicle while in line at a traffic light. The vehicle was a very late-model, possibly a 2021 year model, Cadillac Escalade. The tail lights on this vehicle were intensely bright; I tried to shield my eyes with my hands to avoid "sun spots", but without success. I consider the after-images of those tail lights to be very hazardous to be driving behind, and I remain baffled as to how this production vehicle was possibly legal to be on the public roadways.

Some other of my observations:

- 1.) The vehicle's regular tail lights (without its brake lights applied) were way too bright; by comparison they were orders of magnitude brighter than other late model vehicles in the vicinity which did have their brake lights applied.
- 2.) The vehicle's brake lights were so bright as to be physically painful to look at, and left "sun spot" type after images in my eyes.
- 3.) The vehicle did not appear to have aftermarket tail lights/brake lights installed.
- 4.) It was fully dark out, although there was a full moon (or nearly so).
- 5.) The weather was clear and dry.
- 6.) My windshield was recently cleaned, inside and out, and was streak-free and fog-free.
- 7.) I don't have any vision problems, and am in good health.

Thank you for your attention in this matter. My hope is that my complaint will be investigated, and added to other similar complaints by others for this vehicle.

Sincerely,

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