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February 11, 1998

Mr. Kenneth N. Weinstein  
Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
Room 5321, NSA-01  
400 Seventh Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

98V-030 (11)

Re: Automobili LAMBORGHINI S.p.A. - Defect Information Report

Dear Mr. Weinstein:

I am writing, on behalf of Automobili LAMBORGHINI S.p.A. (LAMBORGHINI), to inform you that LAMBORGHINI has determined the existence of a Safety Related Defect in the Automatic Window Retraction System of up to forty-four 1996 and 1997 LAMBORGHINI Diablo Roadster vehicles. As required by 49 C.F.R. Part 573.5, enclosed please find a copy of the Defect Information Report on this matter.

The Owner Notification Letter is currently under preparation and, as required by 49 C.F.R. Part 573.5(c)(10), a copy of the proposed letter will be forwarded to you before the mailing begins.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Jay Grossman  
Designated Agent  
Automobili LAMBORGHINI, S.p.A.

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**DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT**

Submitted by :

Automobili **LAMBORGHINI**, S.p.A.  
Via Modena, 12  
40019 Sant'Agata Bolognese (BO)  
ITALY

February 11, 1998

**DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT**

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. Section 573.5, Automobili LAMBORGHINI S.p.A. hereby submits the following Defect Information Report concerning LAMBORGHINI's 1996 and 1997 Diablo Roadster models :

1. Name of Manufacturer and Designated Agent :

Manufacturer

Automobili LAMBORGHINI S.p.A.  
via Modena 12  
40019 Sant'Agata Bolognese (BO)  
Italy

Designated Agent

Michael Jay Grossman  
27 Jayson Ave  
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2. Identification of Vehicles Involved in Recall :

The vehicles involved in this recall are :

Make: LAMBORGHINI  
Line: Diablo Roadster  
Model Year: 1996 and 1997  
Manufactured in: April 1996 to September 1996

Component Manufacturer

Component: Micro Switch  
Name: BURGESS (SIRPLES)  
Address: Via della Pace  
41-46/a Milano  
Italy  
Telephone #: 02 98242262

Component: Door Latch  
Name: Robert BOSCH  
Address: Via M.A. Colonna  
35 Milano  
Italy  
Telephone #: 02 3696426

Testing and investigation has confirmed that a defect in the design and installation of the Automatic Window Retraction System exists in some of the early production Diablo Roadster models. Each of these 44 early production vehicles are being recalled even though we expect that only approximately 55 % of these vehicles may contain this defect. The Diablo Coupe and Diablo VT Coupe have a completely different Door and Window System and are not, therefore, being included in this Recall Campaign.

3. Number of Vehicles :

The number of vehicles potentially containing the defect is 44.

4. Percentage of Vehicles :

The percentage of vehicles believed to actually contain the defect is approximately 55%.

5. Description of Defect :

In order for the vehicle doors to open and allow the occupants to exit (or enter) the vehicle, the window must retract at least 20 – 25mm when either the inside or outside door handle is activated so that the hard rubber weather seal is cleared, allowing the door to swing upward.

When the door handle is activated an electronic signal is processed thru a Micro Switch to the Inside Door Latch and to the window motor. If the transmission of this signal is interrupted by either a failure of the Micro Switch and/or an improper connection to the Inside Door Latch, the window will NOT automatically retract and the door will NOT open normally. However, there are alternate methods for retracting the window, such as the separate manual hand-crank supplied with the vehicle in the storage area behind the seat.

Through Investigation and Testing we have determined that in some of the vehicles referenced above, the Micro Switch circuitry has failed because the connection to the Inside Door Latch was not properly made during initial assembly. We believe that the failures are generated by this improper connection of the Micro Switch to the Inside Door Latch during assembly. Therefore, only vehicles with an improper connection need to be repaired.

We will inspect all vehicles within the above referenced production range to find those with an improper connection and replace the Micro Switch and Inside Door Latch on those vehicles with the modified components that have proven to be much easier to assemble and install correctly.

Vehicles produced after those subject to this Recall have already been fitted with the modified components.

- For reference, please see attached Sketches A, B, and C.

6. Chronology of Events :

- 9/96 Initial report of an incident with a customer complaining of a "lock-out" problem.
- 11/96-8/97 A few additional customer problems concerning the reliability of the window retraction system are reported. During this period, three Micro switch / Door Latch assemblies are replaced
- 9/97 A vehicle is examined in detail by a Factory Technician who reports back to the Factory Service Department.
- 10/97 Another Micro Switch / Door Latch assembly is replaced.
- 10/97 LAMBORGHINI management requests a comprehensive study be undertaken to determine the cause of this unusual problem.
- 11/97 Inter-Departmental meetings are held as studies are conducted to examine all possible scenarios.
- Problem seems to be narrowed to the probable assembly of the Micro Switch and Door Latch System.
- Discussions are begun with US legal and regulatory counsel to determine if there is a need and basis for a safety related defect determination.
- Research and Development Department submits its findings to top management
- 2/98 Director meetings are held and a final recommendation is sent to the President.
- 2/2/98 Information is begun to be assembled for the preparation of the Defect Information Report as well as the Dealer and Owner Notification letters.
- 2/6/98 Despite the provision of a manual crank to lower the window in the case of an emergency, LAMBORGHINI wishes to minimize the possibility that a failure may occur. Therefore, LAMBORGHINI's President makes the final decision that there is a Safety Related Defect and to initiate a full Recall Campaign.

NO ACCIDENTS AND NO INJURIES HAVE BEEN REPORTED TO DATE.

7. Manufacturers Program :

Notification of an Official Safety Recall Campaign is sent to the owners of the affected vehicles. The owners are requested to bring their vehicle to the most convenient LAMBORGHINI Dealer for :

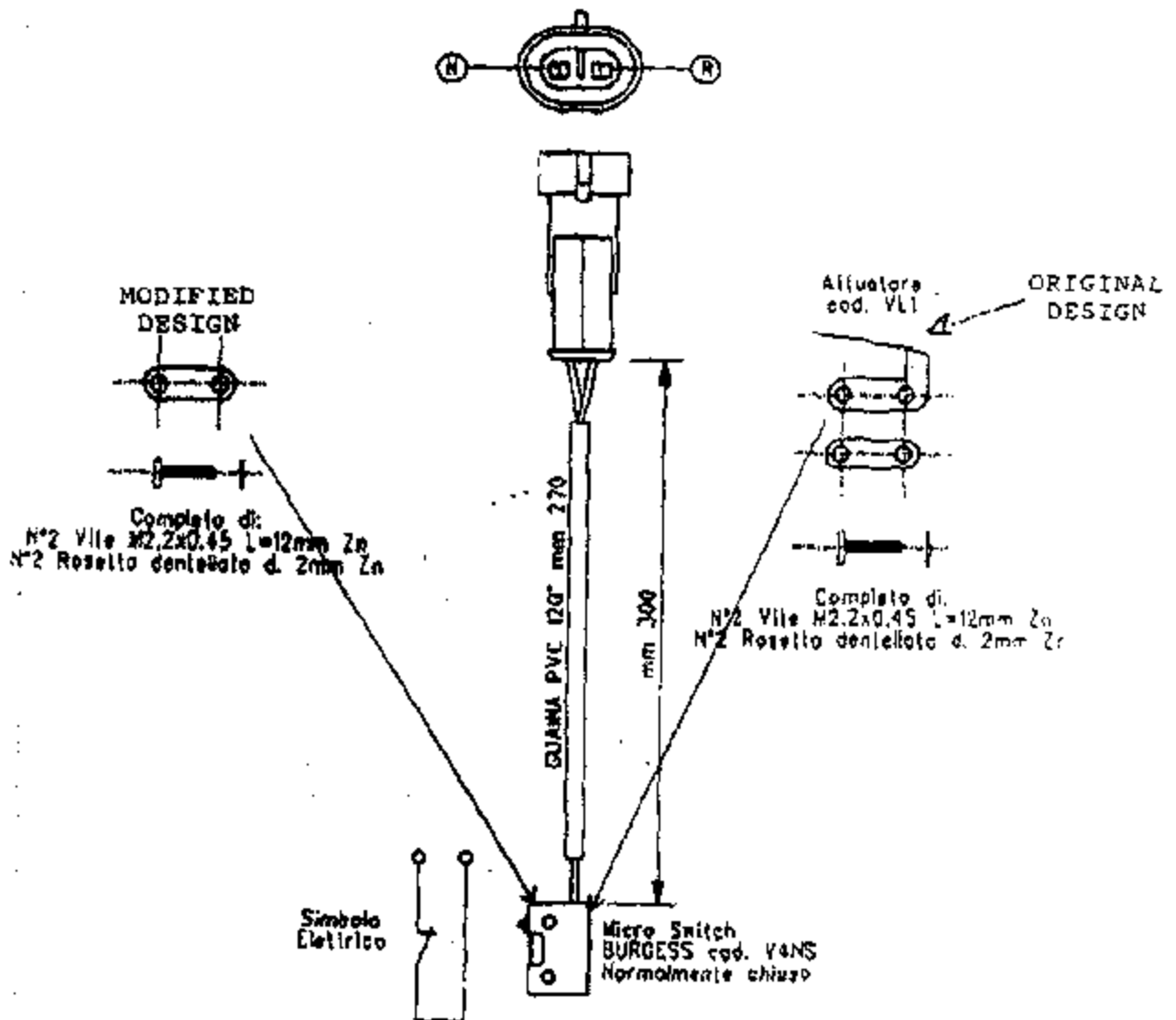
- a. An inspection of each automatic window retraction system on the vehicle to determine if it is defective.
- b. If both systems on the vehicle are non-defective, the vehicle will be labeled "Completed - Recall Campaign No.98 V XXX" and returned to the owner.
- c. If either one and/or both of the vehicles systems are defective :
  - (i) The defective system(s) will be replaced, free of charge with the new, modified version of the micro switch and latch assembly.
  - (ii) The vehicle will be labeled "Completed-Recall Campaign No 98 V XXX" and returned to the owner.

8. Notices, Bulletins and Other Communications :

At this time, no notices, bulletins or other communications have been sent to dealers or purchasers. However, copies of those notices and bulletins currently under preparation will be forwarded to you upon their completion and prior to their distribution

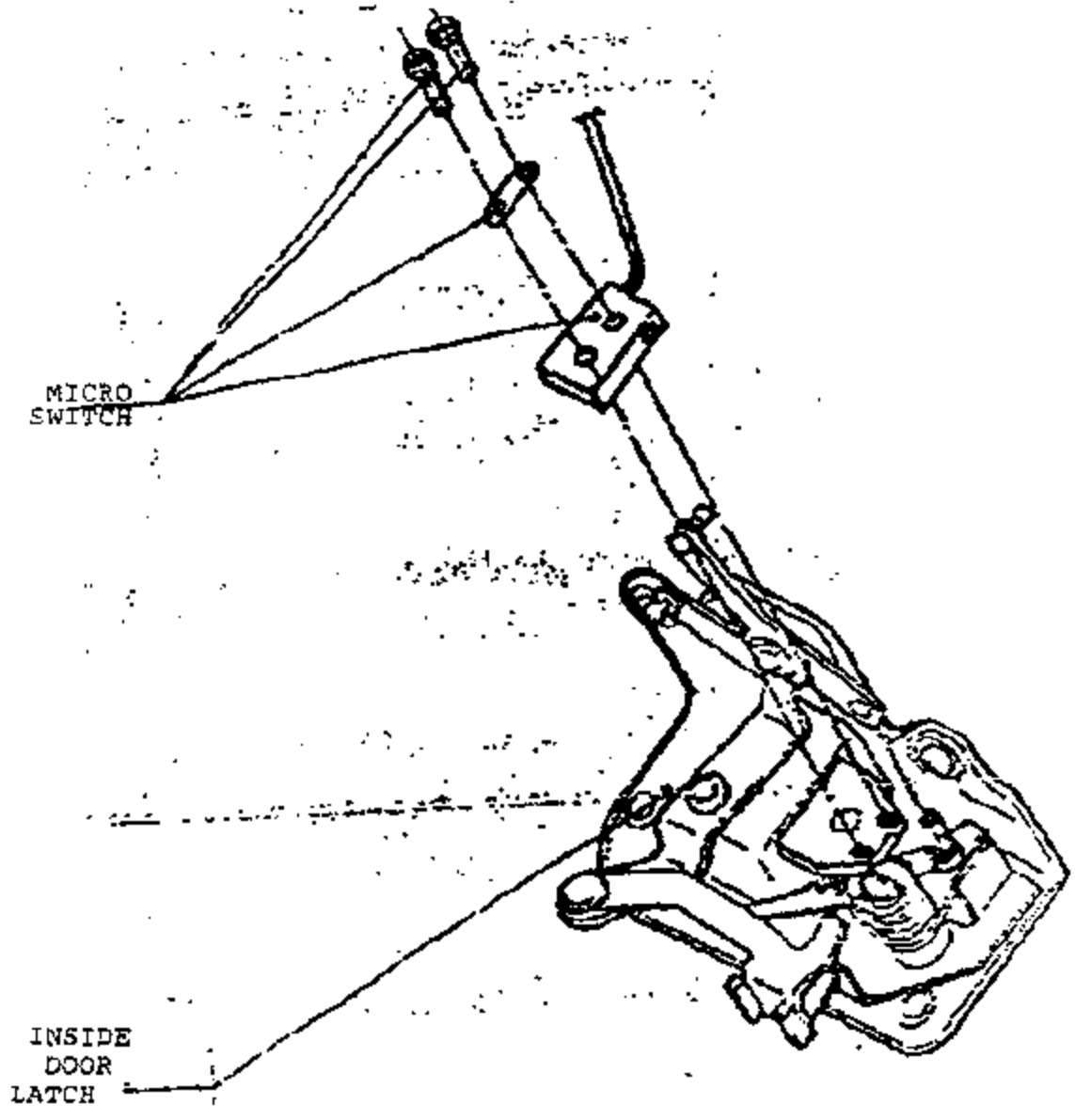
SKETCH A

MICRO SWITCH ASSEMBLY - #2



SKETCH B

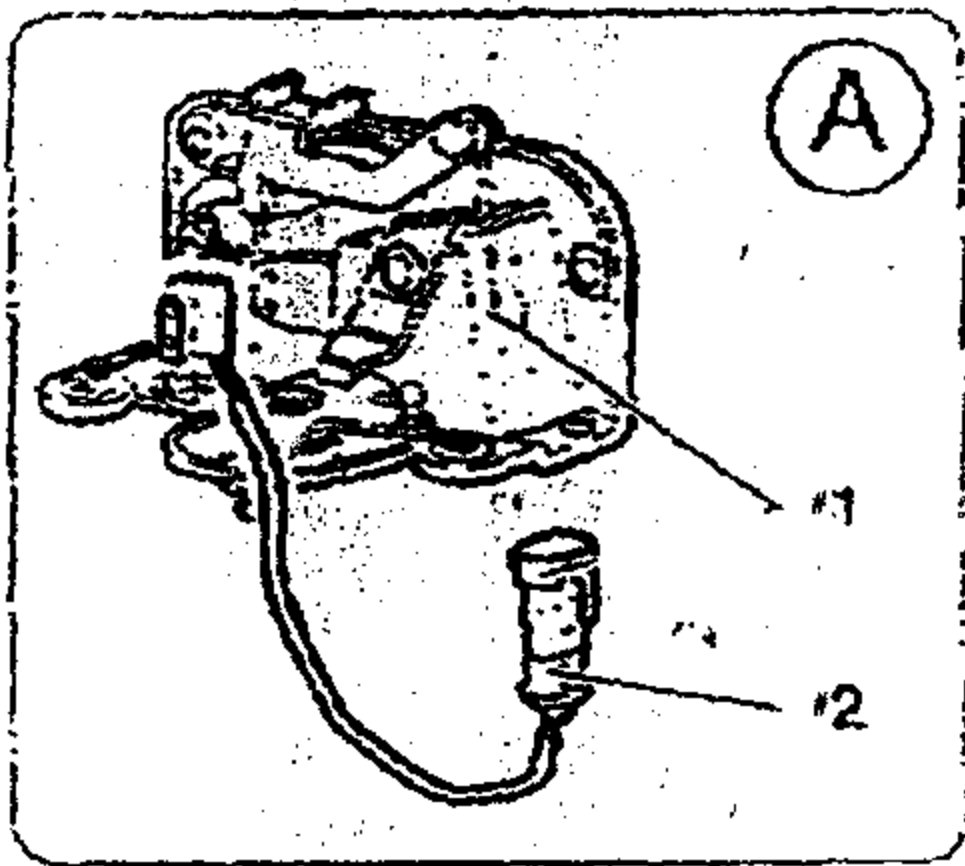
INSIDE DOOR LATCH ASSEMBLY #1





SKETCH C

BOTH COMPONENTS ASSEMBLED VIEW





March 30, 1998

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Re: Automobili **LAMBORGHINI** S.p.A. - Recall Campaign No. 98 V 030  
Dealer Notification Bulletin &  
Final Owner Notification Letter

Dear Mr. Weinstein :

Further to my letters of February 11, 1998, February 13, 1998 and as required by 49 CFR Part 573.8, enclosed please find a copy of the Dealer Notification Bulletin and the Final Owner Notification Letter.

We thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Jay Grossman  
Designated Agent  
Automobili **LAMBORGHINI**, S.p.A.

Enclosures



**Exclusive**  
U.S. DISTRIBUTOR FOR AUTOMOBILI LAMBORGHINI

2441-B South Pullman Street Santa Ana, California 92705 714-261-8872

**TO:** ALL LAMBORGHINI DEALERS  
**FROM:** EXCLUSIVE  
**SUBJECT:** LAMBORGHINI SAFETY RECALL CAMPAIGN NO. 98 V 030  
**DATE:** 03/26/98  
**VEHICLE:** 1996 & 1997 LAMBORGHINI ROADSTERS - AUTOMATIC WINDOW RETRACTION SYSTEM

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**ATTENTION - DEALER PRINCIPAL**

**THIS NOTICE IS SENT TO YOU IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS  
OF THE NATIONAL TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY ACT.**

Automobili LAMBORGHINI, S.p.A. (LAMBORGHINI) has determined that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in some of the 1996 and early production 1997 Diablo Roadster models. The defect may cause the automatic window retraction system, that allows the vehicle door or doors to open, to remain in the closed position. If this occurs, you will not be able to exit (or enter) the vehicle without extreme and/or unusual efforts.

The owner letter (attached) advises the owner of Emergency measures to be taken if either the driver or passenger are unable to exit the vehicle due to this problem. The owner is being directed to contact the local Authorized LAMBORGHINI Dealer for an appointment to have the vehicle inspected and, if needed, repaired with the new, modified components.

If, after inspection, it is determined that an owner's vehicle is in need of this modification, Dealers are to follow the attached procedures and instructions carefully.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**CORRECT ANY VEHICLES IN STOCK BEFORE DELIVERY!**

Federal law requires dealers to complete any outstanding safety recall service **BEFORE** any vehicle is delivered to the buyer or lessee. Violation of this requirement by a dealer could result in a civil penalty of up to \$1000.00 per vehicle.

**ALL LAMBORGHINI SERVICE PERSONNEL SHOULD READ AND INITIAL!**

**PROMPTLY CORRECT:**

Eligible vehicles on the enclosed list.

**DEALER-OWNER CONTACT:**

Immediately contact any owner whose name appears on the list. Give owner a copy of the Owner Letter.

**RECALL COORDINATOR CONTACT:**

Please contact the Recall Coordinator at Exclusive, for answers to all questions or for any assistance regarding aspects of this Recall Campaign.

**EXCLUSIVE CONTACT:**

Advise the Exclusive Recall Coordinator if:

An owner can not be contacted.

An owner can not make a service date.

**LABOR ALLOWANCES:**

Labor time allowed for replacement of the door lock and microswitch will be 3.5 hours per door for R&R  
Inspection only 1.5 hours per door.

**PARTS ORDERING:**

Immediately after contact from the owner for an appointment, fax a copy of a warranty repair order for the updated door locks and microswitches. Please print in bold letters "URGENT RECALL ORDER" ON THE TOP OF THE WARRANTY REPAIR ORDER. Also print (appointment date) on the top of the warranty repair order.

**PARTS ALLOWANCE:**

The standard 20% parts allowance will be paid.

**SHIPPING CHARGES:**

All shipping charges will be incurred by Exclusive. Note: Dealer Parts Department Personnel, please mark the Vin # of the vehicle and the current mileage on each part returned.

**CLAIM SUBMISSION:**

Please refer to attached warranty repair order examples. Exclusive must have a completed warranty claim on file for each vehicle that this recall is performed on. Please submit your warranty claim as quickly as possible ensuring that it is complete and that all necessary documentation is attached.

**CUSTOMER VERIFICATION FORM:**

In order to receive payment for your warranty claim for this recall, (you must have a complete customer verification form attached).

**SHOULD YOU ENCOUNTER ANY PROBLEMS OR HAVE ANY QUESTIONS,  
PLEASE CONTACT THE RECALL COORDINATOR IMMEDIATELY!**

CUSTOMER VERIFICATION FORM

Vehicle Identification Number \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Dealer (Please Print Dealership Name) \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that the above described vehicle has been repaired to conform with the guidelines of Recall Number 98 V 030. I have conferred with the owner and he has elected to not bring the vehicle in for an inspection. Therefore I am sending the owner this form to sign and the "Recall 98 V 030 Complete" label. I have instructed the owner where on the vehicle to place the label and that after the label has been placed on the vehicle, the owner is to sign this form and return immediately to

Service Manager (Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Service Manager (Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner (Please Print Your Name)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby state that I am the owner of the above described vehicle. I confirm that my vehicle has been repaired in accordance with Recall Number 98 V 030 and that I have placed the "Recall 98 V 030 Complete" label in the specified area on my vehicle as directed by my Servicing Lamborghini Dealer for a check as I am satisfied that my vehicle has been repaired properly by my Servicing Lamborghini Dealer. I certify that I will mail this form back to \_\_\_\_\_ immediately.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner (Signature)

## LAMBORGHINI

### INSPECTION/REPLACEMENT PROCEDURE FOR THE WINDOW RETRACTION/DOOR LOCK ASSEMBLY ON 96&97 ROADSTERS

- 010 Check for the correct, proper open/close function of each door;
- 020 With the door shut, close the glass completely with the window switch;
- 030 Open the door and remove the battery "disconnect" handle;
- 040 Remove the "Woofers" speaker and disconnect the wiring system;
- 050 Remove the cap covering the screw in the front side of the door closing handle ;
- 060 Remove the light assembly in the rear side of the door closing handle;
- 070 Remove the screws for the small panel in the rear side of the door closing handle;
- 080 Take off the small panel in the rear side of the door closing handle;
- 090 Remove the door closing handle mounting screws (1 in the front side, 2 in the rear side) and remove the door closing handle;
- 100 Remove the door panel mounting screws and the panel itself together with the internal door opening handle;
- 110 Remove the protective cover inside the door;
- 120 Check the "type" of lock fitted and proceed as follows:

A) in case of a "new type" lock (see drawing "A") and a positive result of the check

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made in step 010 - follow the instructions given in steps 310 to 420;

B) in case of a "new type" lock (see drawing "A") and a negative result of the check made in step 010 - follow the instructions given in steps 290 to 420;

C) in case of an "old type" lock (see drawing "A") - follow the instructions given in steps 130 to 420

- 130 Remove the rod connecting the central door lock motor to the lock;
- 140 Remove the clips connecting the lock to the door opening button and to the door closing lever.
- 150 Remove the door opening cable from the lock;
- 160 Remove the door opening lever;
- 170 Remove the external reinforcement for the door lock assembly;
- 180 Remove the retaining screws for the lower door lock cover, and the cover;
- 190 Disconnect the door wiring harness from the microswitch assembly at the connector
- 200 Remove the mounting screws for the door lock and its closing lever;
- 210 Remove the door lock assembly and its closing lever;
- 220 Remove the clamp holding the lock microswitch onto the door closing lever;
- 230 Compare the old lock assembly with the New lock assembly (which includes a New microswitch), adjust the lever positions on the New assembly to match those of the old assembly, thereby allowing an installation with the lever connections at the proper position;
- 240 Install the new lock assembly with the closing lever, lower gasket and external reinforcement onto the door. Accurately adjust the external reinforcement position with specific shims to avoid any damage to the paint. Apply a medium thread locking product (Loctite 242 or Arexons System 52A42) to the mounting screws.
- 250 Attach the connections between the lock assembly, the closing lever and the opening button;

- 260 Install the door opening lever;
- 270 Install the door opening cable onto the lock assembly;
- 280 Install the rod connecting the central door lock motor to the lock;
- 290 Make the necessary adjustments to the lever assembly, the door opening cable and central door lock motor connecting rod to ensure that the entire assembly functions properly and correctly. Attach microswitch wire connector to door wiring harness.
- 300 Install the battery "disconnect" handle and check for the correct, proper function of the door, including the automatic window retraction system (install the door opening handle from the interior in order to avoid any interference with the door when closing it);
- 310 Grease the closing lever assembly with "Berulub FR 16 Bechem";
- 320 Re-check the lever assemblies for proper movements and recondition the "wax" coat in the metal plate junction inside the door;
- 330 Install the inside door protective cover (replace it if has been damaged in the removal step) and place the speaker wiring and the door opening wire in position for the installation of the interior door panel.
- 340 Install the interior door panel with appropriate mounting screws and the door opening handle;
- 350 Install the door closing handle with appropriate mounting screws;
- 360 Fit the cap covering the screw in the front side of the door closing handle ;
- 370 Position and install the small panel in the rear side of the door closing handle;
- 380 Install the light assembly in the rear side of the door;
- 390 Install the "Woofers" speaker in the panel and connect the wiring system;
- 400 Install the lower cover (only when the lock has been replaced);
- 410 Check all the functions of the entire door/window/lock system, make any alignment and/or adjustments that might be necessary;
- 420 Apply the sticker of "inspection" when inspection and/or repair has been completed, apply the sticker near VIN on driver's side door. Check the appropriate box(es) on sticker.

**APPLY THE STICKER – "COMPLETED-RECALL 98 V 030"**

Completed-Recall 98 V 030

Inspection Completed

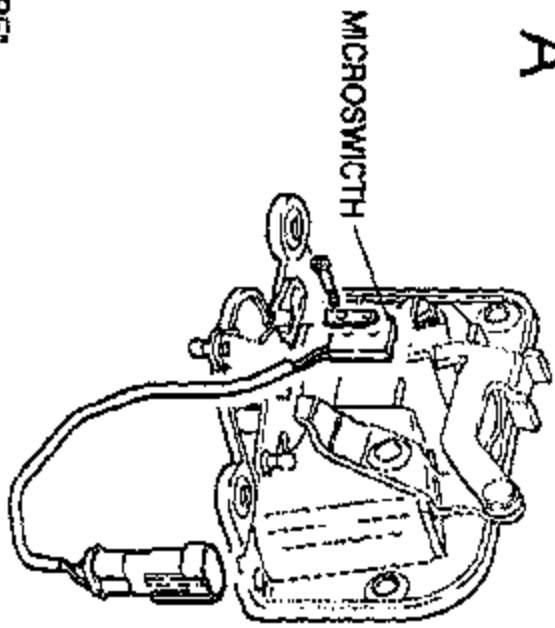
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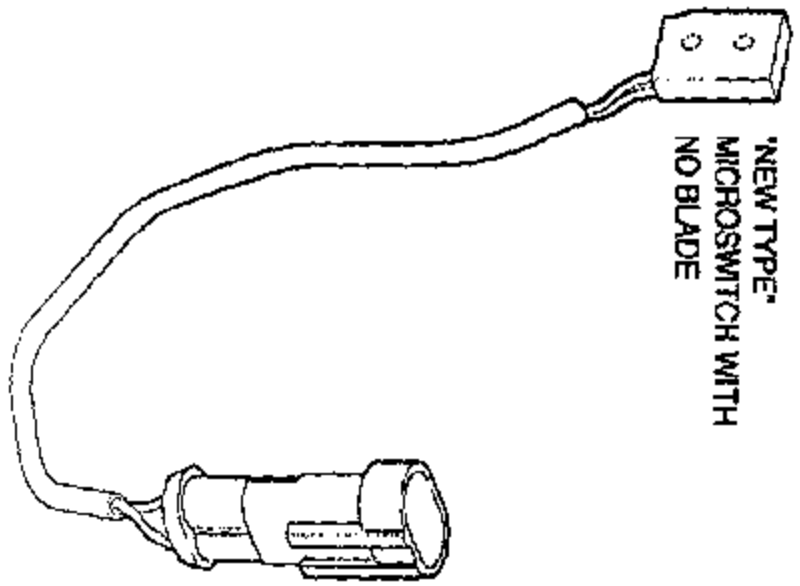
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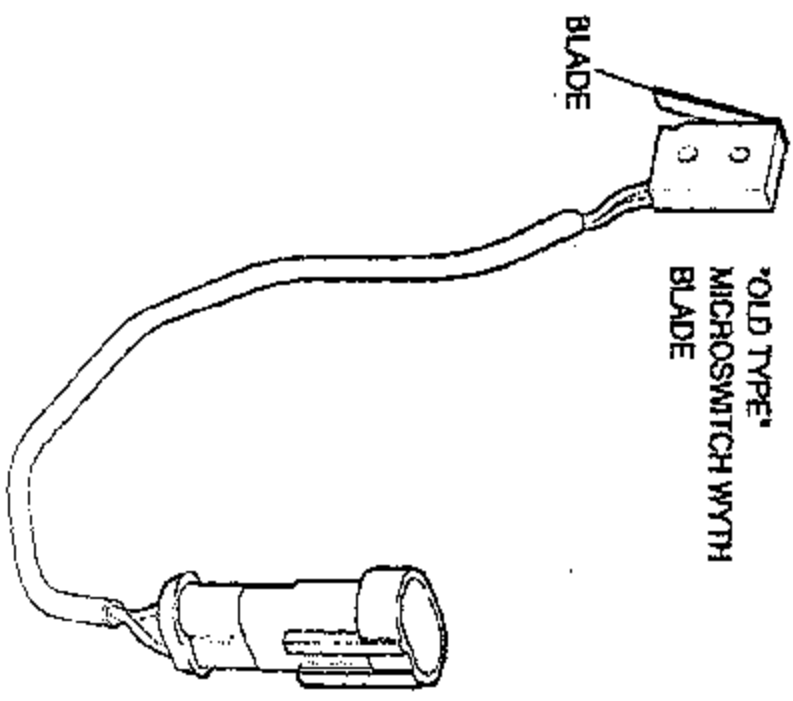


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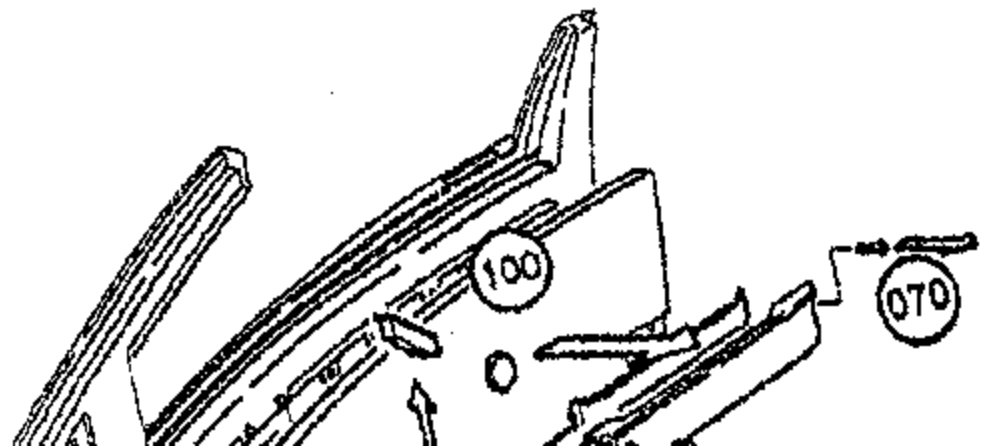
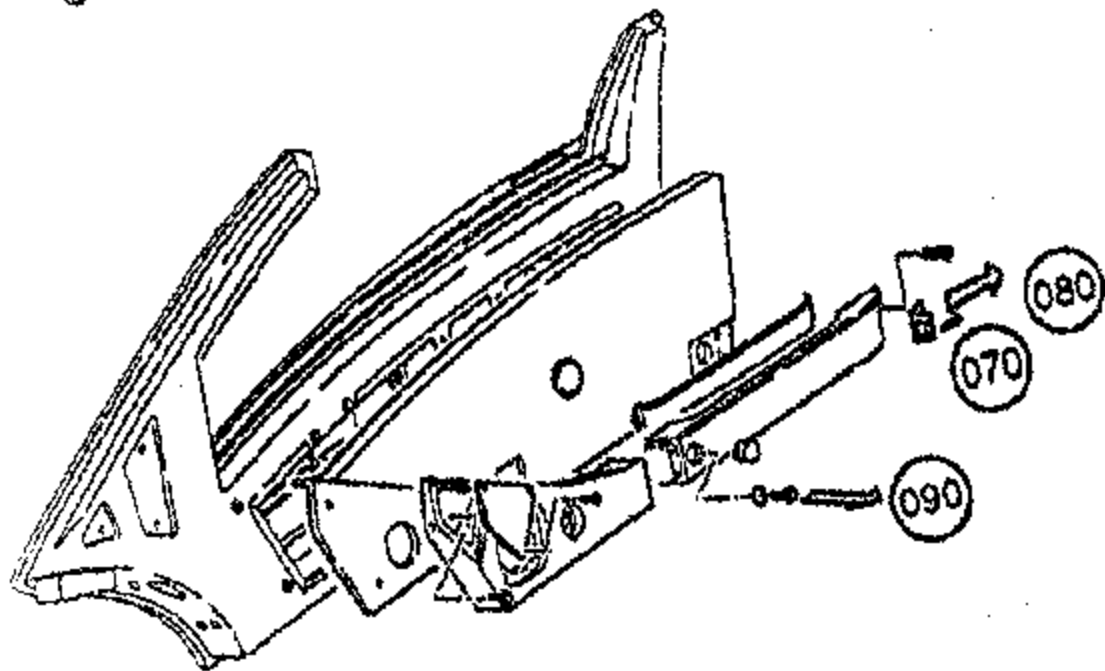
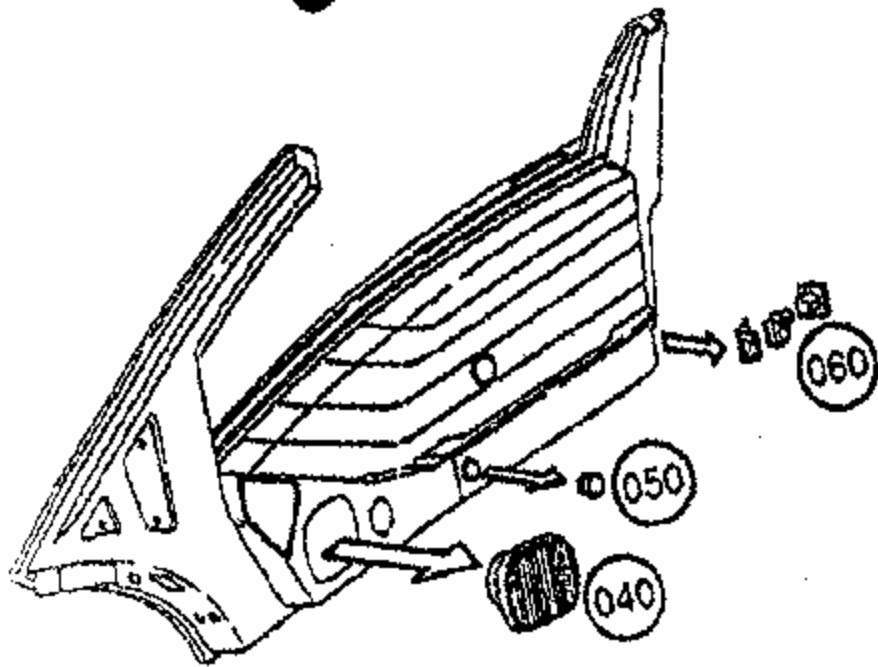


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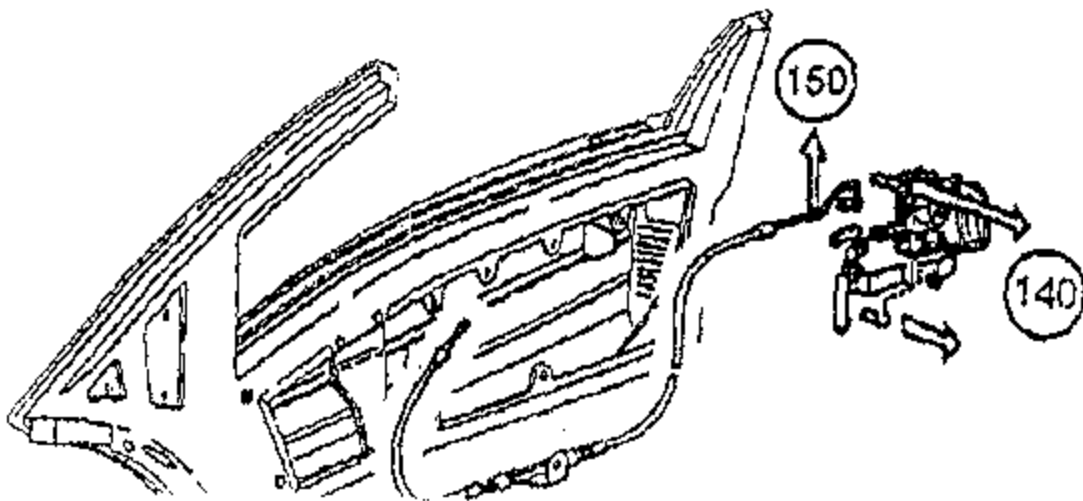
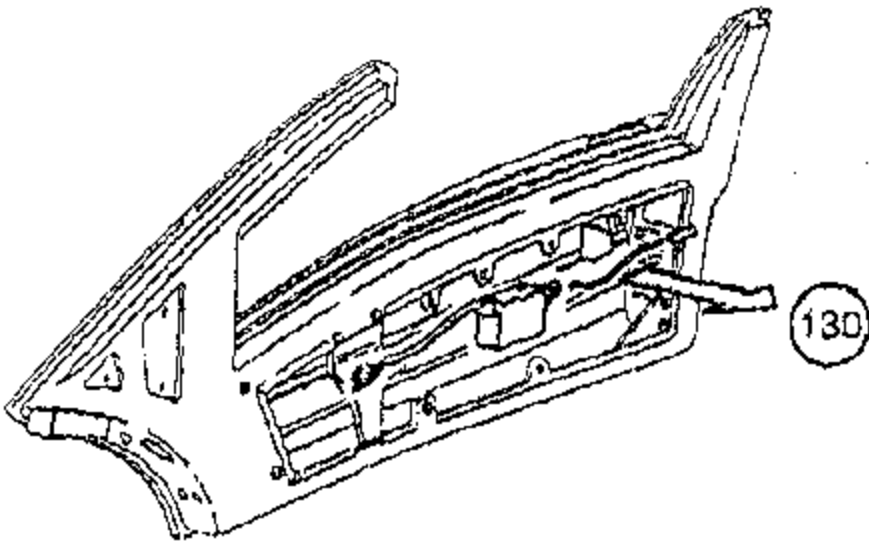
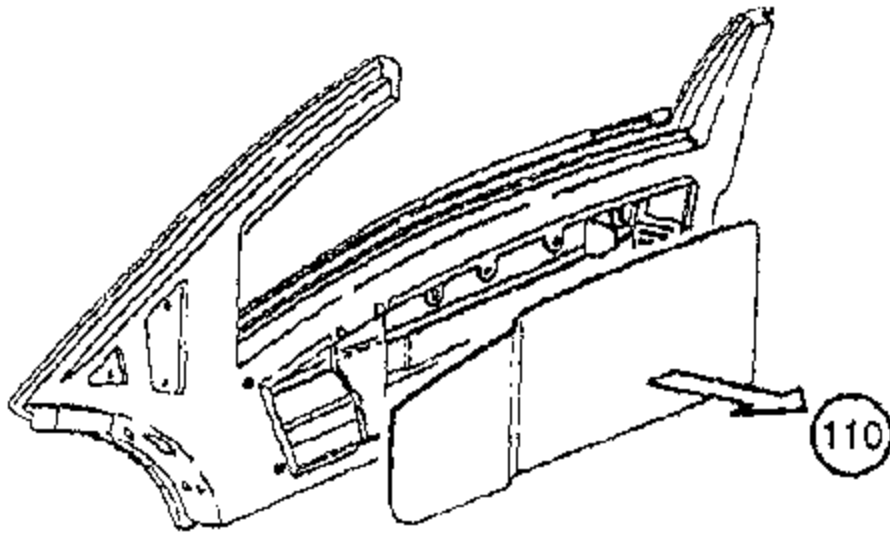
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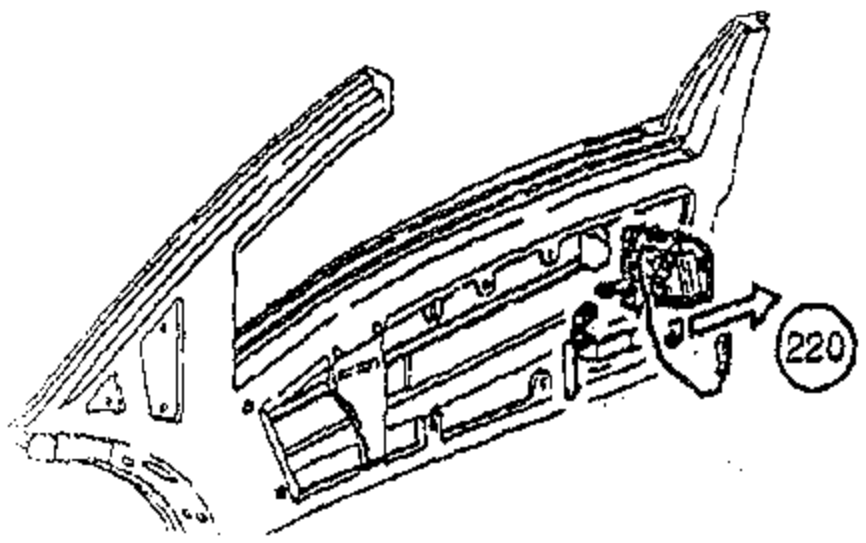
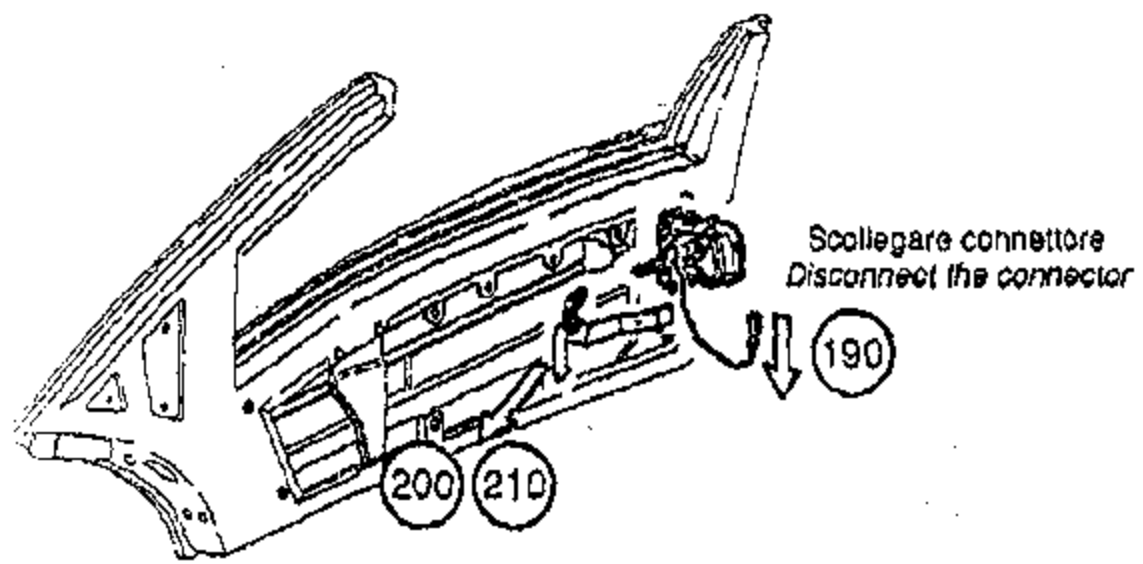
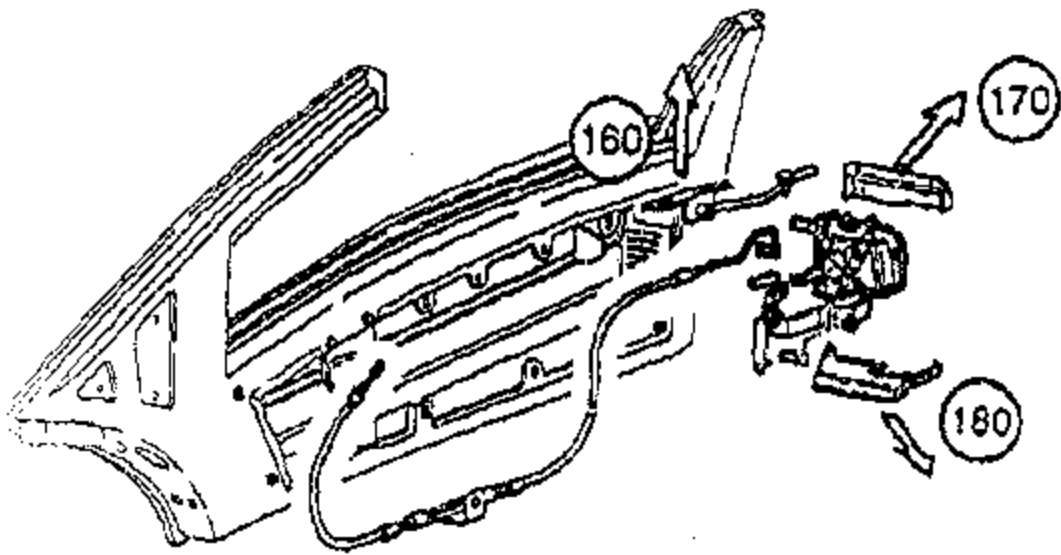


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ELIGIBLE LIST FOR RECALL CAMPAIGN

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**LAMBORGHINI**  
Owner Notification Letter  
03/26/98

VIN # - \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**LAMBORGHINI**  
**SAFETY RECALL CAMPAIGN**  
**No. 98 V 030**

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Automobili LAMBORGHINI S.p.A. (LAMBORGHINI) has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in some of the 1996 and early production 1997 Diablo Roadster models. The defect may cause the automatic window retraction system, that allows the vehicle door or doors to open, to remain in the closed position. If this occurs, you will not be able to exit (or enter) the vehicle without extreme and/or unusual efforts.

**IF THIS SITUATION WOULD EXIST, YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO EXIT YOUR VEHICLE  
- IF A VEHICLE CRASH OR FIRE SHOULD ALSO OCCUR!**

**YOU MAY STILL BE ABLE TO EXIT THE VEHICLE BY ONE OR MORE OF THE  
FOLLOWING METHODS:**

- 1 - Use the *Emergency Handle* supplied with the vehicle to override the automatic window retraction system and lower the window enough to permit the door handle to open the door. (Study the owners Manual Supplement supplied with the Roadster model to understand this operation in detail.)

**OR**

- 2 - With both hands, **STRONGLY** push the top edge of the window glass outward until it clears its top rubber molding enough to allow the door handle to open the door.

OR

- 3 - Release the 4 levers that secure the Roadster top to the vehicle and **STRONGLY** push the top away from the vehicle, allowing enough room for you to climb out. (Study the top releasing procedure in the Owners Manual Supplement supplied with your Roadster model.)

LAMBORGHINI will remedy this Defect **FREE OF CHARGE** by replacing, if necessary, the automatic window retraction micro switch and corresponding door latch assembly. These replacement components should now be available at your nearest LAMBORGHINI dealer. Please call immediately to make an appointment for an Inspection at the LAMBORGHINI dealer most convenient for you to determine if replacement of one or both of these systems is necessary.

**UNTIL YOUR VEHICLE IS INSPECTED - WE SUGGEST THAT YOU DRIVE WITH BOTH WINDOWS OPEN AT LEAST 25mm(1 inch).**

LAMBORGHINI's program to remedy this defect consists of :

- a. An Inspection of each automatic window retraction system on your vehicle to determine if it is defective.
- b. If both systems on your vehicle are non-defective, the vehicle will be labeled "Completed - Recall Campaign No. 98 V 030" and returned to you.
- c. If either one or both of your vehicle's systems are defective :
  - (i) The defective system(s) will be replaced, free of charge with the new, modified version of the micro switch and latch assembly.
  - (ii) The vehicle will be labeled "Completed - Recall Campaign No. 98 V 030" and returned to you.
- d. If, for any reason, you cannot conveniently arrange to bring your vehicle to a LAMBORGHINI dealer, please call Exclusive at 1-714-261-8872 (ask for the Recall Coordinator), and we will try to make special arrangements to have your vehicle inspected.

If your vehicle requires only an inspection, it should take approximately 4 hours. If your vehicle requires the replacement of the automatic window retraction system components, it could take 1 or 2 business days to complete and a Rental Car will be provided free of charge, if requested.

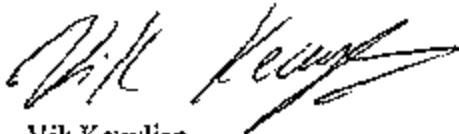
If you have any difficulty and/or complaint that cannot be resolved by the Recall Coordinator or if Exclusive or the dealer has failed or is unable to remedy the defect without charge within 60 days after the vehicle has been delivered to the dealer for inspection, you may submit a written complaint to the Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Room 5321, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590, or call the toll-free Auto Safety Hot Line at 1-800-424-9393 (Washington, D.C. area residents may call 202-366-0123).



If you are the Lessor [\*1] of the vehicle, it is your obligation under Federal law to provide the lessee of the vehicle to which this notification letter refers with a copy of this letter. You must also maintain a record which identifies the lessee to whom you sent a copy of this letter, the date you sent the letter, and the Vehicle Identification Number of the vehicle that you have leased to that lessee and to which this notification applies.

We regret any inconvenience this Recall Campaign might cause you, but we urge you to take advantage of this opportunity to have your vehicle inspected and, if necessary, repaired so that you may continue to enjoy your LAMBORGHINI vehicle.

Sincerely,



Vik Kouylian  
President  
Exclusive

[\*1] "Lessor" means a person or entity that is the owner, as reflected on the vehicle's title, of any five or more leased vehicles, as of the date of notification by the manufacturer of the existence of a safety related defect in one or more of the leased motor vehicles.

VERACOM

The following is a list of owner names and addresses of the effected vehicles that your dealership is reported to have sold or have in inventory:

VLA12607  
Robert Felton  
60 Spear  
San Francisco, CA 94105

VLA12610  
Eduardo Cardoso  
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**SAFETY RECALL NOTICE**



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**LAMBORGHINI**  
Owner Notification Letter  
03/26/98

VIN # - ZA9RU37P6VLA12636

Mr. Latrell Sprewell  
27097 Greenhaven  
Hayward, CA 94542

**LAMBORGHINI**  
**SAFETY RECALL CAMPAIGN**  
**No. 98 V 030**

Dear Mr. Sprewell,

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Automobili LAMBORGHINI S.p.A. (LAMBORGHINI) has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in some of the 1996 and early production 1997 Diablo Roadster models. The defect may cause the automatic window retraction system, that allows the vehicle door or doors to open, to remain in the closed position. If this occurs, you will not be able to exit (or enter) the vehicle without extreme and/or unusual efforts.

**IF THIS SITUATION WOULD EXIST, YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO EXIT YOUR VEHICLE  
- IF A VEHICLE CRASH OR FIRE SHOULD ALSO OCCUR!**

**YOU MAY STILL BE ABLE TO EXIT THE VEHICLE BY ONE OR MORE OF THE  
FOLLOWING METHODS:**

- 1 - Use the Emergency Handle supplied with the vehicle to override the automatic window retraction system and lower the window enough to permit the door handle to open the door. (Study the owners Manual Supplement supplied with the Roadster model to understand this operation in detail.)

**OR**

- 2 - With both hands, **STRONGLY** push the top edge of the window glass outward until it clears its top rubber molding enough to allow the door handle to open the door.

OR

- 3 - Release the 4 levers that secure the Roadster top to the vehicle and **STRONGLY** push the top away from the vehicle, allowing enough room for you to climb out. (Study the top releasing procedure in the Owners Manual Supplement supplied with your Roadster model.)

LAMBORGHINI will remedy this Defect **FREE OF CHARGE** by replacing, if necessary, the automatic window retraction micro switch and corresponding door latch assembly. These replacement components should now be available at your nearest LAMBORGHINI dealer. Please call immediately to make an appointment for an inspection at the LAMBORGHINI dealer most convenient for you to determine if replacement of one or both of these systems is necessary.

**UNTIL YOUR VEHICLE IS INSPECTED - WE SUGGEST THAT YOU DRIVE WITH BOTH WINDOWS OPEN AT LEAST 25mm(1 inch).**

LAMBORGHINI's program to remedy this defect consists of:

- a. An inspection of each automatic window retraction system on your vehicle to determine if it is defective.
- b. If both systems on your vehicle are non-defective, the vehicle will be labeled "Completed - Recall Campaign No. 98 V 030" and returned to you.
- c. If either one or both of your vehicle's systems are defective:
  - (i) The defective system(s) will be replaced, free of charge with the new, modified version of the micro switch and latch assembly.
  - (ii) The vehicle will be labeled "Completed - Recall Campaign No. 98 V 030" and returned to you.
- d. If, for any reason, you cannot conveniently arrange to bring your vehicle to a LAMBORGHINI dealer, please call Exclusive at 1-714-261-8872 (ask for the Recall Coordinator), and we will try to make special arrangements to have your vehicle inspected.

If your vehicle requires only an inspection, it should take approximately 4 hours. If your vehicle requires the replacement of the automatic window retraction system components, it could take 1 or 2 business days to complete and a Rental Car will be provided free of charge, if requested.

If you have any difficulty and/or complaint that cannot be resolved by the Recall Coordinator or if Exclusive or the dealer has failed or is unable to remedy the defect without charge within 60 days after the vehicle has been delivered to the dealer for inspection, you may submit a written complaint to the Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Room 5321, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590, or call the toll-free Auto Safety Hot Line at 1-800-424-9393 (Washington, D.C. area residents may call 202-366-0123).

If you are the Lessor [\*1] of the vehicle, it is your obligation under Federal law to provide the lessee of the vehicle to which this notification letter refers with a copy of this letter. You must also maintain a record which identifies the lessee to whom you sent a copy of this letter, the date you sent the letter, and the Vehicle Identification Number of the vehicle that you have leased to that lessee and to which this notification applies.

We regret any inconvenience this Recall Campaign might cause you, but we urge you to take advantage of this opportunity to have your vehicle inspected and, if necessary, repaired so that you may continue to enjoy your LAMBORGHINI vehicle.

Sincerely,



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President  
Exclusive

[\*1] "Lessor" means a person or entity that is the owner, as reflected on the vehicle's title, of any five or more leased vehicles, as of the date of notification by the manufacturer of the existence of a safety related defect in one or more of the leased motor vehicles.



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400 Seventh St., S.W.  
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Mr. Michael Jay Grossman  
Designated Agent  
Automobile LAMBORGHINI, S.p.A.  
27 Jayson Avenue  
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98V-030

Dear Mr. Grossman:

This acknowledges receipt of the Defect Information Report dated February 11 and subsequent information dated February 13, 1998, submitted in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports." This recall involves 44 Automobile LAMBORGHINI, S.p.A. (LAMBORGHINI) 1996 through 1997 Diablo Roadster vehicles manufactured from April to September 1996. The automatic window retractor system remains in the closed position. A vehicle occupant would not be able to exit (or enter) the vehicle without extreme and/or unusual efforts. The assigned recall identification number for this recall is 98V-030.

LAMBORGHINI is responsible for the remedy of these vehicles from this date forward, regardless of vehicle age, mileage, or ownership. You should know that the agency provides a listing of safety recalls to the media at the end of each month. This recall will be a part of that listing.

#### QUARTERLY STATUS REPORTS

As stated in Part 573.6, 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 phone message of March 24, to Mrs. Pat Wallace of my staff, owner notification is expected to begin during the second quarter of 1998.* Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by July 30, 1998. In the case where the recall appears to be completed, quarterly reporting is required until your company is notified otherwise by this office. The following chart provides due dates for each of the six quarterly reports.

<u>QUARTER</u>	<u>QUARTER BEGINS</u>	<u>QUARTER ENDS</u>	<u>DUE DATE</u>
1st Quarter	April 1, 1998	June 30, 1998	July 30, 1998
2nd Quarter	July 1, 1998	September 30, 1998	October 30, 1998
3rd Quarter	October 1, 1998	December 31, 1998	January 30, 1999
4th Quarter	January 1, 1999	March 31, 1999	April 30, 1999
5th Quarter	April 1, 1999	June 30, 1999	July 30, 1999
6th Quarter	July 1, 1999	September 30, 1999	October 30, 1999



If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Pat Wallace at (202) 366-5232 or fax at (202) 366-7882.

Sincerely,

Jonathan D. White, Chief  
Recall Analysis Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Safety Assurance