



CARS

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Chief  
Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
Washington  
D.C. 20590

Dear Sir

**Subject: Recall Notice #11V-541 - Lotus Cars Limited Follow-Up Report**

This information is submitted in accordance with the requirements of Title 49 Part 573 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Lotus Cars Limited (Lotus) would like to advise the Administrator of further information concerning recall #11V-541 (Annexe A refers). In particular, the number of affected vehicles has been revised to account for cars that are held in dealer stock and those that have been rectified under Lotus Technical Service Bulletin # 2011/23.

If there any questions relating to this issue, please contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ian Cawdron".

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Annexes:

- A. Non-Compliance Information Report
- B. Affected VINs
- C. Dealer Notification



**Non-Compliance Information Report**

573.6(c)(1) **Manufacturers Name**

Full Corporate Name: Lotus Cars Limited

Designated Agent: Mr Arnold Johnson, Lotus Cars USA Inc

573.6(c)(2)(i) **Identification of Vehicles**

Make: Lotus

Line: Elise

Model Year: 2011

Month/Year of  
Manufacture: June 2010 to February 2011

Affected VIN: See Annexe B

573.6(c)(3) **Number of Vehicles Potentially Containing the Non-Compliance**

78 vehicles in the United States are affected by this recall. A further 18 vehicles have already been re-worked under Lotus Technical Service Bulletin 2011/23.

573.6(c)(4) **Percentage of Vehicles Actually Containing the Non-Compliance**

The percentage of vehicles in the United States that are subject to this non-compliance is 1.2%.

573.6(c)(5) **Description of Non-Compliance**

At the time of production a limited number of 2011 MY Federal Elise's were fitted with turn signal modules which were not compatible with the revised front headlight configuration which includes the integral front LED turn signal units.

The incompatible module may, under certain conditions cause all the LED turn signal lamps to flash at an erratic frequency when the hazard warning switch is depressed. In addition, in the event that either a front or rear turn signal lamp fails to illuminate or does not flash at the correct frequency when operated, the remaining functioning signal lamps on that vehicles side as well as the instrument turn tell tale



lamp will not flash at an increased rate as intended. Therefore it is possible that the driver will not be visually alerted to the fact that one or more of the vehicles turn signal lamps is not operating correctly.

Consequently, the affected vehicles are not considered to be fully compliant with FMVSS 108.

573.6(c)(7) **Non-Compliance Test Results**

Not applicable.

573.6(c)(8)(i) **Proposed Remedial Program**

Replacement of turn signal ballast modules (where fitted). Lotus will also reimburse any USA owner or purchaser of a vehicle on the VIN list who previously incurred costs to obtain a remedy for the problem addressed by this recall within a reasonable time in advance of the Lotus notification of owners, purchasers and dealers. Lotus will reimburse for all such customer paid work (other than caused by accident or abuse) carried out on affected vehicles prior to the recall.

Lotus plans to notify all owners of affected vehicles and will instruct these owners to arrange an appointment with an authorised USA dealer. The dealers will repair if necessary at no cost to customers. Lotus will notify dealers to remove any affected components from their spare parts stock.

Subject to parts availability, notification dates are as follows:

Dealer notification: 21 Dec 11.

Owner notification: 20 Dec 11.

573.6(c)(10) **Representative Copy of all Notices, Bulletins etc**

See Annexe C.

573.6(c)(11) **Manufacturers Campaign Number**

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