



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

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Washington, DC 20590

December 13, 2012

Mr. Lance Tunick  
Designated Agent  
Automobili Lamborghini  
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Herndon, VA 20171

NVS-215KS  
12V-561

**Subject:** Headlamp Aiming/FMVSS 108

Dear Mr. Tunick:

This letter serves to acknowledge Automobili Lamborghini's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) 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:**

LAMBORGHINI/AVENTADOR/2012

**Mfr's Report Date:** December 4, 2012

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 12V-561

**Components:**

EXTERIOR LIGHTING:HEADLIGHTS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 144

**Problem Description:**

Lamborghini is recalling certain model year 2012 Aventador vehicles manufactured July 15, 2011, through April 20, 2012 for failing to conform to the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 108, "Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment." The affected vehicles may have headlights that can be aimed horizontally but not vertically.

**Consequence:**

An incorrect headlamp aim could reduce the drivers visibility and possibly blind oncoming traffic. Either condition may increase the risk of crash.

**Remedy:**

Lamborghini will notify owners, and dealers will enable the vertical aiming and disable the horizontal aiming of the headlights, free of charge. The safety recall is expected to begin on December 17, 2012. Owners may contact Lamborghini at 1-866-681-6276.

**Notes:**

Lamborghini's recall campaign number is LB834-R.09.12. Customers may 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>.

In its report, Lamborghini said "Headlamp aiming is performed at the end of Lamborghini production line (in the plant), and in almost all cases the aiming is performed at Lamborghini dealerships by qualified personnel. For those reasons the aiming system non-compliance here should not present a safety issue." To the extent this statement means that the failure to comply with FMVSS No. 108 does not have a safety consequence, we disagree and note that Lamborghini has not filed a petition pursuant to 49 CFR Part 556 to that effect. Lamborghini is reminded that it may not suggest in its notifications to purchasers or owners that this noncompliance does not exist in a vehicle or does not have a safety consequence.

We have received Lamborghini's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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 the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at [kelly.schuler@dot.gov](mailto:kelly.schuler@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto:rmd.odi@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian".

Jennifer Timian  
Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement