



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Philip Eaglesfield
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Aston Martin The Americas
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NEF-150JK
17V-795

Subject: Battery Cable may Short Circuit

Dear Mr. Eaglesfield:

This letter serves to acknowledge Aston Martin The Americas'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:

ASTON MARTIN/DB9/2005-2009
ASTON MARTIN/DBS/2005-2009

Mfr's Report Date: December 11, 2017

NHTSA Campaign Number: 17V-795

Components:

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:BATTERY:CABLES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,953

Problem Description:

Aston Martin The Americas (Aston Martin) is recalling certain 2005-2009 DB9, and DBS vehicles. The battery supply cable on these vehicles may become damaged when the driver seat is positioned in the full rearward location.

Consequence:

If the battery cable is damaged and then grounded, the short circuit can increase the risk of a fire.

Remedy:

Aston Martin will notify owners, and dealers will inspect the battery supply cable for damage, and install a routing block to keep the battery supply cable from being compressed by the seat, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin February 1, 2018. Owners may contact Aston Martin customer service at 1-888-923-9988. Aston Martin's number for this recall is RA-18-0026.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

We have received Aston Martin'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 clarify the scoping of this recall. You are recalling 2005-2009 models, but you say in your report that "The battery feed cable has been relocated in production on all vehicles from 04 November 2015." If that is the case, then why not also recall 2010-2015 models?

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

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 Jennifer Kruger who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-2461, or by email at jennifer.kruger@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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