



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Bill Donnelly
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Aston Martin Lagonda of North America
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Irvine, CA 92618

NVS-215KS
14V-010

Subject: Accelerator Pedal Arm May Break

Dear Mr. Donnelly:

This letter serves to acknowledge Aston Martin Lagonda of North America'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/DB9/2008-2014
ASTON MARTIN/DBS/2009-2012
ASTON MARTIN/RAPIDE/2010-2012
ASTON MARTIN/RAPIDE S/2014
ASTON MARTIN/V12 VANTAGE COUPE/2011-2012
ASTON MARTIN/V8 VANTAGE/2008-2014
ASTON MARTIN/V8 VANTAGE S/2011-2014
ASTON MARTIN/VIRAGE/2012

Mfr's Report Date: January 15, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V-010

Components:

VEHICLE SPEED CONTROL:ACCELERATOR PEDAL

Potential Number of Units Affected: 5,001

Problem Description:

Aston Martin Lagonda of North America (Aston Martin) is recalling certain model year 2008-2014 DB9 and V8 Vantage, 2009-2012 DBS, 2010-2012 Rapide, 2014 Rapide S, 2011-2012 V12 Vantage, 2011-2014 V8 Vantage S and 2012 Virage vehicles. Due to a manufacturing error, the accelerator pedal arm may break.

Consequence:

If the accelerator pedal arm breaks, the engine will return to idle and the driver will be unable to maintain or increase engine speed, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Aston Martin will notify owners, and dealers will replace the accelerator pedal assemblies. The manufacturer anticipates beginning the recall campaign on, or about, February 7, 2014. Owners may contact Aston Martin customer service by calling 1-888-923-9988.

Aston Martin's recall number is RA-03-0017. **IMPORTANT:** This recall supersedes recall 13V-228. Any vehicle that has been remedied under the previous recall needs to have the current remedy applied.

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 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.

On August 20, 2013, NHTSA announced new changes to the requirements governing safety recalls. Some of these requirements are already in effect. Please ensure your company will be in compliance with each requirement on, or before, its respective effective date. For a summary of the requirements and their effective dates please click on the "New!" link at <http://www.safercar.gov/Vehicle+Manufacturers>.

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 or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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