



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

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Washington, DC 20590

October 26, 2011

MR. MATHEW LEVER  
SOLICITOR  
LOTUS CARS USA, INC.  
2236 NORTHMONT PKWY  
DULUTH, GA 30096

NVS-215dgl  
11V-510

Subject: OIL COOLER LINE DETACHMENT

Dear MR. LEVER:

This letter serves to acknowledge Lotus Cars USA, Inc.'s (Lotus) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall campaign which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the vehicles 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:**

LOTUS/ELISE/2005-2006  
LOTUS/EXIGE/2005-2006

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 11V-510

**Mfg's Report Date:** October 14, 2011

**Components:** ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING  
ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING: COOLING SYSTEM: HOSE

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 5,037

**Summary:**

LOTUS IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2005-2006 ELISE AND EXIGE VEHICLES MANUFACTURED FROM JUNE 1, 2004, THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2006. THE OIL COOLER LINE MAY BECOME DETACHED FROM ITS FITTING.

**Consequence:**

A DETACHED OIL LINE COULD SPRAY OIL ON A TIRE, INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH, OR IT COULD SPRAY OIL THROUGHOUT THE ENGINE COMPARTMENT INCREASING THE RISK OF A FIRE.

**Remedy:**

LOTUS WILL NOTIFY OWNERS, AND DEALERS WILL REPAIR THE VEHICLES AS NECESSARY FREE OF CHARGE. THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED AN OWNER NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE. OWNERS MAY CONTACT LOTUS AT 1-800-245-6887.

**Notes:**

OWNERS MAY ALSO 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](http://www.safercar.gov).

Manufacturers are required by 49 CFR 573.6(c)(8)(i) to provide the agency with a plan stating how they will reimburse owners for prenotification remedies. This plan can be provided in a general format and referred to in future Defect/Noncompliance Information Reports or a new plan can be submitted with each recall.

This recall was the subject of a Preliminary Evaluation, PE11-022, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter in which the campaign was initiated. Thereafter, quarterly reports will be due on or before 30 days after close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Delia Lopez who may be reached by phone at 1-202-366-9525, or by email at [Delia.lopez@dot.gov](mailto:Delia.lopez@dot.gov), or through the office email at [RMD.ODI@dot.gov](mailto:RMD.ODI@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you toward a successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Willard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Ric Willard  
Acting Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement