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**From:** Taylor Vinson  
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**Subject:** Re: Dimming running lights

On Friday, August 7, NHTSA is publishing a proposed rule on daytime running lamp brightness. I am printing out your email so that it can be placed in the appropriate public docket that is being established to receive comments.

>>> mclaught@visi.com 08/04 10:04 AM >>>

Sorry to send this to you but I could not find the spot on your site to send this to.

If you could forward it to the correct people I would appreciate it.

I read on CNN's web site that the NHTSA was accepting comments about dimming the maximum brightness of daytime running lamps. I definitely agree with the proposal. There have been several times during the day when a car with the daytime running lights have been coming at me, at it seems especially bad when the car is coming from an angle, and the glare from the lights has made me have to look away from the car, or have to hold up my hand to block the glare.

This has happened too many times and on one or too occasions has resulted in situations that could have been very serious. I would appreciate that if you would limit the brightness of these lights.

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DOCKET SECTION

**From:** SRubacky@silknet.com  
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**Date:** Tue, Aug 4, 1998 10:24 AM  
**Subject:** how do I comment on this issue

From reading CNN.com, I understand the NHTSA is taking comments from the public about glare from daytime running lights. How/where would I express my views on this subject from an event of glare from daytime running lights that happend to me?

I hope this comment **finds** it's way to the right people. CNN today posted a story telling of complaints you received about glare from daytime running lights. As a retired police officer I know how many people will complain just to feel important. Any change of ANYTHING will cause some people to complain. But you **MUST** know that. The value of bright daytime running lights should be kept in perspective. The amount of light that any auto bulb gives off compared to the SUN must be kept in perspective. I have run with a headlight on my motorcycles since 1968. People would constantly shout at me that my headlight was on. (they had to shout because I also wore a helmet not because the bike was loud) Now, nearly everyone rides **MCs** with their lights on. (of course most are made that way) One time we had a complaint of a arc-welder causing glare to a motorist. The complainant felt the glare was radiation, even though he had to look well to his right instead of watching where he was going. In any case, the CNN story mentioned that most complaints come from old people. I have also found that old people are the most appreciative of daytime lights, especially at dusk, because their vision is not as sensitive to light because of such afflictions as glaucoma. They are better able to see approaching cars. PLEASE, LEAVE 'EM BRIGHT. Fred Ficarra