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I have been wanting to let someone know my opinions on daytime running lights (drl) for some time. I have seen people driving at night with only drls on. They are so brite that people do not turn on their normal lights. This is dangerous because they have no back or side lighting. Another reason drls are a safety hazard is because people in 4x4 SUV's who tailgate normal height cars, their lights cause a distraction in your mirrors. Any distraction at 65 mph is dangerous in my opinion. The third reason I do not have a high opinion of drls is that there is mix of cars on the roads, that is some cars have drls while others do not. This to me is a crazy mix that can never be resolved! Why drls were allowed without a study was shortsighted. If drivers cannot see an oncoming car without drl's they should not be driving. I am of the opinion that this "mix" will cause accidents with drivers of marginal eyesight. How this could be measured or quantified is beyond me. The fourth reason why drls should be abolished is motorcycle riders. Motorcycles by design have a small frontal area that makes it hard for oncoming traffic to judge their closing rate. By adding drls to bikes in the 1980s it gave them the oppurnity to be seen to offset their small frontal area. How many more bikers have we scraped off the asphalt and how many more will we because of the drl mix of traffic? Can this be measured? These above factors are reason to rethink and revise the drls and perhaps abolish 'daytime running lights'.

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