



Vehicle & Operator Services Agency

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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

I refer to your e-mail of 11th February 2009 requesting information relating to ABS failures.

I have been in contact with my colleagues in our Vehicle Safety Branch who investigate such matters when they are brought to the attention of the Vehicle and Operator Services Agency (VOSA). They have provided the following information:-

Since 1988 (which is as far back as our records go) we have received

52 reports on cars alleging safety defects regarding antilock brake systems;
8 reports on Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGV) 0alleging safety defects regarding antilock brake systems;
7 reports on Public Service Vehicles (PSV) alleging safety defects regarding antilock brake systems;
2 reports on Special Purpose Vehicles (SPV) alleging safety defects regarding antilock brake systems;
4 reports on Motorcycles alleging safety defects regarding antilock brake systems.

Of all the reports above, two were received on the same model of car. This resulted in a safety recall being carried out by the manufacturer.

No reports have been received by the agency relating to Teves antilock brake systems. We have received four reports on Wabco antilock brake systems but these all relate to HGV/PSV's, not cars.

Again, since 1998, we have received 2 reports of alleged safety defect regarding Land Rover and antilock brake systems. Neither investigation concluded that there

was an issue to be addressed under the terms of the Code of Practice on Safety Defects

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Yours sincerely

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