

ATLANTA, GA, September 20, 2013 **/24-7PressRelease/** -- According to the law firm of Montlick & Associates, complaints about vehicle recalls are abounding. In a new press statement, the firm reviews a new government regulation that could make the auto shopping experience easier than ever before, while also boosting the effectiveness of safety recalls. The firm points to a recent [report](#) from USA Today, which notes that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has made it mandatory for automakers' public websites to allow searches for active recalls, using the vehicle's VIN identification. The new federal rule mandates that this information be updated every week, at a minimum.

As USA Today notes, this new rule may be reasonable, and in fact, it is something that many auto manufacturers have done for years. With that said, this is the first industry-wide regulation to standardize and simplify online recall searches. It also applied to manufacturers of motorcycles.

"There are many causes of auto accidents and collisions, and the potential for driving a defective automobile is of great concern," comments David R. Montlick, founder of Montlick & Associates. At Montlick & Associates, complaints are reviewed from motorists who have been involved in horrifying accidents, and as part of that the firm considers the possibility of a flaw in the design or the manufacture of a vehicle. "We applaud efforts like these, to keep auto consumers safer on the roads and to alert them when there is a potential problem with a vehicle," says Montlick.

According to USA Today, auto manufacturers have a full year to begin implementing this new search feature, but many car companies already seem eager to move forward.

Meanwhile, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says that about 70 percent of all recalled vehicles end up getting fixed, but this leaves a significant number that do not--either because the owner does not bother, or because the owner is simply unaware of the recall. This new search feature is meant to address the latter issue.

Says USA Today, "Automakers won't have to list recalled vehicles that have been brought in for the repairs, just those that haven't. If a vehicle isn't listed in a VIN search, it either hasn't been recalled, or was recalled and fixed."

"Not only is this vital for those who are currently driving an automobile, but it also makes a

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difference for those seeking to purchase a used vehicle," Montlick comments. "Used car shoppers can check to make sure that their intended vehicle was not recalled but left unrepaired."

"A NHTSA website eventually will link to the car company recall search features, hoping to broaden the number of people using the tool," USA Today offers.

ABOUT:

At Montlick & Associates, complaints by people injured in auto accidents are common, and the firm has been helping injured people get the compensation they deserve since 1984. Montlick & Associates is an experienced legal firm that handles a wide variety of cases and complaints associated with personal injury, including car, truck and auto accidents, drunk driving accidents, pedestrian accidents, motorcycle accidents, bus accidents, SUV accidents, brain and head injuries, workers' compensation, premises liability, job injuries, nursing home abuse, falls, social security disability, animal bites, products liability and medical malpractice.

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