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Indicators - positioning could save lives

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Research carried out by the **School of Psychology at the University of Wales** suggests that the positioning of indicator lights on a car can affect reaction times and determine the extent to which other road users are aware of a car's direction. It is thought that indicators that are inside of the headlights are more difficult to read than those placed outside, a style feature that could have potentially serious ramifications.

"Designers obviously want to create good looking cars, but this should not be done at the expense of compromising safety," said **researcher Andrew Bayliss**.

"The position of lights on the car should be guided by safety considerations, not aesthetics."

For the full story go to: <http://news.intranetics.co.uk/articles/3373.html>

The PPP comments Frequently we see new vehicle designs that compromise safety and durability for style. We would say '*Indicators – some positioning will cost lives*'