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of Transportation
**National Highway
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Administration**

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NVS-215kjs
14V-350

Subject: Passenger Side Frontal Air Bag Inflator may Rupture

Dear Mr. Saadat:

This serves to acknowledge receipt of Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing's (Toyota) letter of June 19, 2014 notifying NHTSA of Toyota's intention to conduct a limited regional recall in Florida, Puerto Rico, Hawaii and the U.S. Virgin Islands of vehicles it manufactured originally equipped with certain TK Holdings, Inc. (Takata) passenger side frontal air bag inflators. We confirm that Toyota has notified the agency that it has not decided there is a safety defect in its vehicles, and is conducting this recall out of an abundance of caution in the absence of a cognizable defect trend. The objectives of the recall are twofold. The primary goal is to protect the vehicle occupants in these areas for which there have been isolated incidents of inflator rupture on a wide variety of manufacturer makes and models. The secondary goal is to capture air bag inflators for analysis and testing. This recall is being conducted in response to an agency proposal that the involved manufacturers conduct this action in the interests of motor vehicle safety and in order to support a coordinated and aggressive effort, together with Takata to ascertain if there is safety defect in the front passenger's air bag inflators, determine any cause(s), and conduct the necessary additional safety recalls, if applicable.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

LEXUS/SC430/2003-2005
PONTIAC/VIBE/2003-2005
TOYOTA/COROLLA/2003-2005
TOYOTA/COROLLA MATRIX/2003-2005
TOYOTA/SEQUOIA/2003-2005
TOYOTA/TUNDRA/2003-2005

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V-350

Mfr's Report Date: June 19, 2014

Components: AIR BAGS

Potential Number of Units Affected: To Be Determined

Summary:

Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing (Toyota) is conducting a limited regional recall for certain model year 2003-2005 Toyota Corolla, Matrix, Sequoia, Tundra, Lexus SC430, and Pontiac Vibe vehicles currently registered in Florida, Puerto Rico, Hawaii and the U.S. Virgin Islands, and equipped with Takata-brand passenger side air bag inflators. Upon deployment of the passenger side frontal air bag, excessive internal pressure may cause the inflator to rupture.

Consequence:

In the event of a crash necessitating deployment of the passenger side frontal air bag, the inflator could rupture with metal fragments striking and potentially seriously injuring the vehicle occupants.

Remedy:

Toyota will notify owners, and dealers will inspect the vehicles and replace any defective passenger side air bag inflators, as necessary, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Toyota customer service at 1-800-331-4331. Pontiac Vibe owners may contact GM at 1-800-521-7300.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

Please provide total of the affected population as soon as it has been determined.

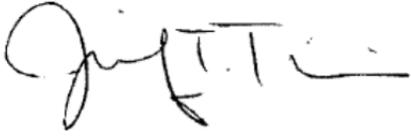
Please submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers for our review. Although Toyota has not identified a safety defect in its vehicles, in order to maximize owner response and minimize confusion, the owner letter should be fully compliant with 49 CFR Part 577.5. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

Toyota has not yet informed NHTSA of its anticipated dates for owner notification and remedy availability. We ask that you please keep us informed as those plans develop.

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement