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Safety Recall DSF (D3F) (*Supplement to D0F*) – FAQ Update
2003 - Certain 2004 Model Year Corolla, Corolla Matrix, and Tundra Vehicles
2002- Early 2004 Model Year Sequoia Vehicles
Front Passenger Airbag Inflator Module

Toyota has updated the FAQ for DSF (D3F) with additional information related to the recently announced Safety Recall E04 for Areas of High Absolute Humidity. This FAQ should be used to help clarify customer inquiries related to the recent Takata inflator activities specifically in locations not covered by Regional Safety Recall E04.

- A Dealer Letter containing additional information (i.e. Technical Instructions, reimbursement procedures, etc.) is posted on TIS.
- ***Please refer to TIS for vehicle applicability and additional information.***

Customer and Media Contacts

- A FAQ has been attached for your use in the event you receive a customer contact. If a customer has further questions, please direct the inquiry to the Toyota Customer Experience Center at 1-800-331-4331.
- If you are a dealership associate and have any questions, please contact your District Service/Parts Manager.
- ***In the event you are contacted by the News media***, it is imperative that all media contacts (local and national) receive a consistent message. Please direct all media contacts to Cindy Knight (310) 468-2170, in Toyota Corporate Communications. (Please do not provide these numbers to customers or call if you are a dealer associate. Please provide these contacts to only media associates.)

Thank you for your cooperation.



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Customer Frequently Asked Questions

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We at Toyota care greatly about your safety while we prepare the remedy parts for this condition. We are providing the following information to keep you informed of the recall details. Please check back frequently as this document will be updated.

Background

The original remedy for Safety Recall D0F launched in early August, 2013, which included an inspection and, if necessary, replacement of the airbag inflator module. In early June 2014, a supplemental Safety Recall was announced with a revised remedy which involved replacement of the passenger inflator module regardless of inspection results. Due to parts production capacity, the supplemental Safety Recall DSF (D3F) will be launched in phases. **Once parts are produced in sufficient quantities, Toyota will re-notify owners of vehicles originally included in Safety Recall D0F that have not had the passenger airbag inflator module replaced.** Vehicles that already received a replacement passenger airbag inflator module are not included in this supplemental Safety Recall.

Q1: What is the condition?

A1: The subject vehicles are equipped with front passenger airbag inflators which could have been assembled with improperly manufactured propellant. Improperly manufactured propellant could cause the inflator to rupture and the front passenger airbag to deploy abnormally in the event of a crash, increasing the risk of injury to the occupant.

Q1a: What is the Inflator?

A1a: The inflator is a device contained within the airbag assembly. It contains a solid propellant wafer which is ignited in the event airbag deployment is necessary. When ignited, the wafer expands into an inert gas, inflating the airbag.

Q1b: What is the cause of this condition?

A1b: Propellant wafers manufactured with inadequate compression force or with improper humidity levels may have been used during assembly of the inflator.

Q2: How does my vehicle related to the recent news coverage about Takata and Toyotas new action for Areas of High Absolute Humidity?

A2: Toyota has two separate Safety Recall actions related to Takata inflators. One is a nationwide recall and a second is focused on the gulf coastal and other areas with consistently high absolute humidity. Your vehicle is included in nationwide Takata recall activity and your passenger air bag inflator will be replaced when parts become available.

Takata has tested parts recovered from recalled vehicles. Test results from the parts recovered from consistently high absolute humidity areas (such as Florida and the Gulf Coast) have shown a possible correlation with high absolute humidity areas and improper passenger air bag inflator deployment. Test results of parts from areas with lower absolute humidity than these coastal regions have shown proper deployment. The geographic concentration of inflators with abnormal performance in these areas with consistently high absolute humidity warrants priority replacement in these areas. Therefore, Toyota has announced superseding Safety Recall E04 for areas with High Absolute Humidity, and is prioritizing the remedy of vehicles in these areas.

Q2a: What is absolute humidity?

A2a: The measure of the water vapor content in the air is known as absolute humidity, and it is displayed in grams of water vapor per cubic meter of air. Higher temperature, southern coastal climates consistently experience the greatest concentrations of water vapor in the air, as warmer ambient air can hold more water.

Note: relative humidity is simply a percentage value and is related to current or measured temperature; therefore, areas with high relative humidity do not necessarily have high absolute humidity.

Q2b: Why is Toyota offering Passenger Air Bag Disablement for vehicles in Superseding Safety Recall E04 and not my vehicle?

A2b: At this time, Toyota has a very limited supply of replacement air bag inflators which are being sent to the Florida and Gulf Coast areas to assist customers there. We are offering customers in these areas a temporary option to have their passenger air bag inflator disabled.

Airbag disablement is an extraordinary measure and only is being offered in the Gulf Coast area as a "short term" solution when parts are not available. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has granted Toyota permission to temporarily disable airbags only in these areas, but no others.

Q2c: Which vehicles from Safety Recall DSF (D3F) are now covered by Superseding Safety Recall E04?

A2c: Approximately 121,300 vehicles originally involved in DSF (D3F) are now involved in Superseding Safety Recall E04. Vehicle transferred to E04 were originally sold in or currently registered in areas of High Absolute Humidity, encompassing the following: Coastal Areas around the Gulf of Mexico for Texas, Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, and Louisiana. In addition it will include Florida, Puerto Rico, Guam, Saipan, American Samoa, Virgin Islands and Hawaii.

Q2d: Until the remedy is available in my area, are there any steps I can take to minimize the occurrence of this condition.

A2d: No, There are no steps you can take to minimize the occurrence of this condition. However, the condition does not cause the airbag to activate when it should not. Also the front passenger air bag is designed to inflate only in certain moderate to severe crashes. To further minimize risk, Toyota recommends that you locate passengers into the rear seating positions.

Q3: What is Toyota going to do?

A3: **Toyota is currently working on obtaining the necessary remedy parts.** Once the parts are available, we will notify owners.

Once the remedy parts have been produced in sufficient quantities, Toyota will send (in phases consistent with parts availability and repair capacity), an owner notification by first class mail advising owners to make an appointment with their authorized Toyota dealer to have the airbag inflator module replaced at **no charge**.

Q3a: When does Toyota anticipate the remedy will be available?

A3a: Toyota is currently working on obtaining the remedy parts for this Safety Recall. The expected parts availability date for locations beyond the Gulf Coastal areas is early next year.

Q3b: How does Toyota obtain my mailing information?

A3b: Toyota uses an industry provider who works with each states Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to receive registration or title information, based upon the DMV records. Please make sure your registration or title information is correct.

Q3c: When the remedy becomes available, do I need my owner letter to have the remedy performed?

A3c: You do not need an owner letter to have this recall completed; however, to assist the dealer in confirming vehicle eligibility, we request that you present this notice at the time of your service appointment.

Q4: Which and how many vehicles are covered by this Safety Recall?

A4: There were originally approximately 701,400 Toyota vehicles covered by the DSF (D3F) Safety Recall in the US. Approximately 121,300 vehicles originally covered DSF (D3F) are now part of Superseding Safety Recall E04 for High Absolute Humidity locations. There are now approximately 580,100 covered by Safety Recall DSF (D3F). Vehicles covered by Safety Recall D0F that received a replacement airbag inflator module are not included in either action.

Model	Model Year	Appx. UIO	Production Range
Corolla	2003	255,200	Mid-December, 2001 through Early April, 2004
	2004	141,800	
Corolla Matrix	2003	69,700	Mid-December, 2001 through Late January, 2004
	2004	59	
Tundra	2003	52,500	Late May, 2002 through Early July, 2004
	2004	17	
Sequoia	2002	25,700	Early April, 2002 through Mid-July , 2004
	2003	34,700	
	2004	1	

Q4a: Are there any other Lexus/Toyota/Scion vehicles covered by this Safety Recall in the U.S.?

A4a: Yes. There are approximately 26,500 SC 430 vehicles (2002 through certain 2003 and one 2004 MY) covered by this Safety Recall in the U.S. Approximately 4,100 vehicles originally covered by DSC (D3C) are now part of Superseding Safety Recall ELG for High Absolute Humidity locations. There are now 22,400 vehicles covered by Safety Recall DSC (D3C). Vehicles covered by Safety Recall DLC that received a replacement airbag inflator module are not included in either action.

Q5: What if I previously paid for repairs to my vehicle for this condition?

A5: Reimbursement consideration instruction will be provided in the remedy owner letter.

Q6: What if I have additional questions or concerns?

A6: If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact the Toyota Customer Experience Center at 1-888-270-9371 Monday through Friday, 5:00 am to 6:00 pm, or Saturday 7:00 am to 4:00 pm Pacific Time.