

SSC Y04 – 2000 MODEL YEAR ECHO BRAKE VACUUM PORT SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

Dear Toyota Owner:

This notice is being sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. Toyota has determined that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in certain 2000 model year Echos.

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

If your vehicle is operated at highway speed, without proper engine warm-up, in extremely low temperatures and with infrequent brake operation, there is a possibility that condensed moisture from a Positive Crankcase Ventilation (PCV) port may seep into the brake vacuum port and freeze. The brake vacuum port is located inside the intake manifold.

Should this condition continue, ice may gradually accumulate at the vacuum port and in the worst case, ultimately plug the port. As a result, vacuum assist to the brakes would be decreased (eventually to zero), and the increased pedal pressure required could lead to greater vehicle stopping distance.

WHAT WILL TOYOTA DO?

Any Toyota dealer will install a newly designed part into the PCV port in the intake manifold to prevent this condition at **NO COST** to you.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

Contact any authorized Toyota dealer and make an appointment to have the new part installed as soon as possible. Until the repair is done, owners should make sure their engine has reached operating temperature prior to use.

The labor time for installation of the newly designed part is approximately 20 minutes. However, depending upon the dealer's work schedule, it may be necessary to make your vehicle available for a longer period of time.

Please present this notice to the dealer when you bring the vehicle in for the repair.

If you no longer own the vehicle, please indicate so on the enclosed postage-paid form, providing us with the name and address of the new owner.

WHAT IF YOU HAVE OTHER QUESTIONS?

Please contact any Toyota dealer or call the Toyota Customer Assistance Center at 1-800-331-4331.

If you believe that the dealer or Toyota has failed or is unable to remedy the defect within a reasonable time, you may submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street S.W., Washington, D. C. 20590, or call the toll free Auto Safety Hot Line at 888-327-4236.

We have sent this notice in the interest of your continued satisfaction with our products and we sincerely regret any inconvenience this condition may have caused you.

Thank you for driving a Toyota.

Sincerely,

TOYOTA MOTOR SALES, U.S.A., INC.

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Dear Toyota Customer:

This notice is being sent to advise you that Toyota is conducting a recall on certain 2000 model year Echo vehicles in the following 19 states:

Alaska, Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New York, North Dakota, South Dakota, Vermont, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

If the vehicle is operated at highway speed, without proper engine warm-up, in extremely low temperatures and with infrequent brake operation, there is a possibility that condensed moisture from a Positive Crankcase Ventilation (PCV) port may seep into the brake vacuum port and freeze. The brake vacuum port is located inside the intake manifold.

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WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

If you believe that there is a possibility for your vehicle to be operated in the 19 specified states or in the conditions described above, please contact any authorized Toyota dealer and make an appointment to have a newly designed part installed as soon as possible at NO COST to you. Until the repair is done, owners should make sure their engine has reached operating temperature prior to use.

The labor time to install the newly designed part is approximately 20 minutes. However, depending upon the dealer's work schedule, it may be necessary to make your vehicle available for a longer period of time.

Please present this notice to the dealer if you bring the vehicle in for the repair.

If you no longer own the vehicle, please indicate so on the enclosed postage-paid form, providing us with the name and address of the new owner.

WHAT IF YOU HAVE OTHER QUESTIONS?

Please contact any Toyota dealer or call the Toyota Customer Assistance Center at 1-800-331-4331.

If you operate your vehicle in the 19 specified states or in the conditions described above, and you believe that the dealer or Toyota has failed or is unable to remedy the defect within a reasonable time, you may submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street S.W., Washington, D. C. 20590, or call the toll free Auto Safety Hot Line at 888-327-4236.

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