

Part 573 Safety Recall Report**14V-655****Manufacturer Name :** Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing**Submission Date :** OCT 19,2014**NHTSA Recall No. :** 14V-655**Manufacturer Recall No. :** NR**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufact

Address : 19001 SOUTH WESTERN AVENUE

TORRANCE CA 90501

Company phone : 1-800-331-4331

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 247,000

Estimated percentage with defect : 0

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle : 2002-2005 Lexus SC

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : 2-DOOR

Power Train : GAS

Descriptive Information :

The vehicles being recalled are those currently registered or originally sold in areas of South Florida, along the Gulf Coast, Puerto Rico, Hawaii, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, Saipan and American Samoa. In some instances, vehicles currently registered or originally sold in adjacent counties may be included.

Production Dates : JAN 08, 2001 - DEC 24, 2004

VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range

Begin : NR

End : NR

 Not sequential VINs

Vehicle : 2003-2005 Toyota Corolla

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : 4-DOOR

Power Train : GAS

Descriptive Information :

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Production Dates : DEC 17, 2001 - DEC 23, 2004

VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range

Begin : NR

End : NR

 Not sequential VINs

Vehicle : 2003-2005 Toyota Corolla Matrix

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : HATCHBACK

Power Train : GAS

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Production Dates : DEC 17, 2001 - DEC 21, 2004

VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range

Begin : NR

End : NR

Not sequential VINs

Vehicle : 2002-2005 Toyota Sequoia

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : SUV

Power Train : GAS

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Production Dates : APR 02, 2002 - DEC 22, 2004

VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range

Begin : NR

End : NR

Not sequential VINs

Vehicle : 2003-2005 Toyota Tundra

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : PICKUP TRUCK

Power Train : GAS

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Production Dates : MAY 24, 2002 - DEC 22, 2004

VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range

Begin : NR

End : NR

Not sequential VINs

Vehicle : 2003-2005 Pontiac Vibe

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : HATCHBACK

Power Train : GAS

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Production Dates : DEC 28, 2001 - DEC 31, 2004

VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range

Begin : NR

End : NR

Not sequential VINs

Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : Vehicles located in consistently high absolute humidity areas, such as in South Florida and along the Gulf Coast, are equipped with front passenger air bag inflators which could be susceptible to rupture and the front passenger air bag could deploy abnormally in a crash, increasing the risk of injury to the occupant. The cause of the potential for ruptured inflators and the influence of high absolute humidity are under investigation.

Description of the Safety Risk : Vehicles located in consistently high absolute humidity areas, such as in South Florida and along the Gulf Coast, are equipped with front passenger air bag inflators which could be susceptible to rupture and the front passenger air bag could deploy abnormally in a crash, increasing the risk of injury to the occupant.

Description of the Cause : NR

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : NR

Supplier Identification :**Component Manufacturer**

Name : TK HOLDINGS INC.

Address : 2500 Takata Drive

Auburn Hills MICHIGAN 48326

Country : United States

Chronology :

August 2014 - October 2014

Toyota recovered replaced air bag inflators from areas in South Florida as part of Recalls 13V-133 and 14V-312 and in cooperation with the investigation undertaken by NHTSA and Takata Corporation into incidents of ruptured inflators manufactured by Takata. These recovered inflators were evaluated by Takata.

October 10, 2014

Takata communicated data to Toyota indicating a number of the returned inflators performed improperly during component testing.

October 15, 2014

Toyota and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) jointly reviewed Takata's data.

Based on the above information from the supplier, Toyota decided to conduct a safety recall campaign. In general, the vehicles being recalled are those currently registered or originally sold in areas of South Florida, along the Gulf Coast, Puerto Rico, Hawaii, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, Saipan and American Samoa. In some instances, vehicles currently registered or originally sold in adjacent counties may be included.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : All known owners of the affected Toyota and Lexus vehicles will be notified by first class mail to return their vehicles to a Toyota or Lexus dealer. The dealer will replace the front passenger airbag inflator with a newly manufactured one. If a replacement part is not available, as temporary measure, the dealer will disable the front passenger airbag and advise the customer not to use the front passenger seat.

The owner letter will instruct vehicle owners who have paid to have this condition remedied prior to this campaign to seek reimbursement pursuant to Toyota's General Reimbursement Plan.

Pursuant to 577.11(e), General Motors will provide reimbursement to owners for repairs completed on or before ten days after GM mails owner letters, pursuant to the plan submitted on May 12, 2011.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : NR

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : NR

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : Toyota will provide a draft copy of the owner's letter and a separate schedule of the owner notification mailing shortly.

General Motors will notify NHTSA separately of its owner mailing schedule and supply a copy of the owner letter at that time.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : OCT 20, 2014 - OCT 20, 2014

Planned Owner Notification Date : OCT 21, 2014 - OCT 24, 2014

* NR - Not Reported