

May 13, 2015

DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT

1. Vehicle Manufacturer Name:

Toyota Motor Corporation [“TMC”]
1, Toyota-cho, Toyota-shi, Aichi 471-8571, Japan

Affiliated U.S. Sales Company

Toyota Motor Sales, USA, Inc. [“TMS”]
19001 South Western Avenue, Torrance, CA 90501

Manufacturer of Front Driver Air Bag:

TK HOLDINGS INC.
2500 Takata Drive, Auburn Hills, MI 48326
Phone: 248-373-2897

Country of Origin: Mexico

2. Identification of Involved Vehicles:

Based on production records, we have determined the involved vehicle population as in the table below.

Make/ Car Line	Model Year	Manufac- turer	VIN		Production Period
			VDS	VIS	
Toyota/ RAV4	2004 - 2005	TMC	*D20V	40001002 – 40046831 46000002 – 46022268 50036792 – 50095904 56000001 – 56047374	May 13, 2003 through October 25, 2005

- Note: (1) Although the involved vehicles are within the above VIN range, not all vehicles in this range were sold in the U.S.
- (2) No other Toyota and Lexus vehicles in the U.S. are equipped with the same PSDI-5 driver front airbag inflator.

3. Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved:

159,700

4. Percentage of Vehicles Estimated to Actually Contain the Defect:

Unknown

5. Description of Problem:

The subject vehicles are equipped with a dual-stage driver front airbag inflator supplied by TK Holdings, Inc. (Takata-designated PSDI-5). Such inflators may have been manufactured in such a way as to have a potential for the intrusion of moisture over time due to insufficient air sealing. As a result, they could potentially be susceptible to rupture and the driver front air bag could deploy abnormally in a crash, increasing the risk of injury to the occupant. The relationship of moisture intrusion, if any, to the risk of inflator rupture is not known.

6. Chronology of Principal Events:

November 2014 – Late April 2015

Toyota initiated a recall campaign in the Japan market in December 2014 concerning the driver front airbag single-stage inflator (Takata-designated SDI) in certain Toyota vehicles. For this recall campaign, Toyota recovered the replaced inflators from repaired vehicles for further investigation. During the investigation, it was discovered that there was insufficient air sealing at the initiator seal ring in some of the recovered inflators. In addition, in a vehicle produced by a Toyota-affiliated manufacturer with the same SDI-type Takata inflator but which was outside the scope of the Japan recall, insufficient air sealing was discovered; disassembly of this inflator revealed that the initiator seal ring was twisted.

Further investigation revealed that the PSDI-5 driver frontal airbag inflator installed in the subject vehicles utilizes the same initiator sealing structure as the SDI inflator found to have insufficient air sealing noted above.

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Based on the above investigation, although there have been no known inflator ruptures, as a precaution, Toyota decided to conduct a voluntary safety recall to replace the driver frontal airbag inflator in the subject vehicles.

As of May 7, 2015, Toyota is not aware of any injuries or fatalities caused by this condition, and no Toyota field reports or warranty claims have been received.

7. Description of Corrective Repair Action:

All known owners of the affected Toyota vehicles will be notified by first class mail to return their vehicles to a Toyota dealer. The dealer will replace the driver frontal airbag inflator with a newly manufactured one.

Reimbursement Plan for pre-notification remedies

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.

8. Recall Schedule:

Toyota will mail either an interim or remedy notification to owners within 60 days. It will provide a draft copy of the owner's letter to the agency for review.

9. Distributor/Dealer Notification Schedule:

Notifications to distributors/dealers will be sent on May 13, 2015. Copies of dealer communications will be submitted as they are issued.