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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Office of Defects Investigation
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In reference to the above complaint filed 12/30/04, no response has been received as to the safety defect complaint I filed with your office. My 2005 Toyota Camry with the 5 speed transmission has in fact become a constant safety defect. As I've noted before, with my foot off the gas pedal, the car slowing down before stopping, shifts into a lower gear ratio, the tachometer increases to 1100 RPM and the vehicle speed increases just before a final stop..

Toyota refuses to acknowledge this as a safety hazard and there has been no response from your department. If the NHTSA considers this as a normal transmission response please advise. As I've noted before, both my 2002 and 2003 Toyota Camry vehicles with 4 speed transmissions did not react as above noted. Except for the safety defect reported on the 2005 model the car is quite well made.

I guess if the manufacturer and the NHTSA do not recognize this as a serious problem, maybe the Toyota Corp. can equip the car with a Danforth Anchor to assure stopping.

Sincerely,

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