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Villanova, PA

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October 1, 2011

NHTSA Headquarters
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
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Washington, DC 20590

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Dear Sir,

Enclosed is a recent letter I wrote to Toyota and additional information to be added to my file.
My NHTSA ODI case number is 10394648.

Thank you.

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[REDACTED]
Villanova, PA [REDACTED]

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October 1, 2011

Toyota Motor Sales USA Inc.
19001 South Western Ave.
Dept WC11
Torrance, CA 90501

Dear Sir:

I am writing to request data concerning failure of the water pump on the 2005 Toyota Camry correlated to date of manufacture. On March 5, 2011 my Camry had a failure of the water pump resulting in the engine overheating ruining the engine (Toyota reference number 1103070079, Vehicle ID number 4t1be30k85u [REDACTED], NHTSA ODI case 10394648).

Both MSN Auto and Edmunds websites report that "occasional failure of the water pump in 4 cylinder engine resulting in severe engine damage". This problem is not noted for 2004 or 2006 models. It is my suspicion that the reason it is only an "occasional" problem on the 2005 model is because it may be related to defective parts only affecting cars that came off the assembly line over a distinct period of time.

This data could shed light on why only the 2005 model has a problem with the water pump. The information can be sent to me at:

[REDACTED]
Villanova, PA [REDACTED]

I look forward to your speedy response to this letter.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
CC: NHTSA ODI case 10394648

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Reliability Rating for 2005 Toyota Camry by Identifix

Ratings Key

Minimal Problems

Moderate Problems

Significant Problems

	Rating	Comments
Engine		An occasional problem on this vehicle is failure of the Water Pump on vehicles with the 2.4L engine only. This failure may cause severe engine damage. The cost to repair the Water Pump is estimated at \$142.00 for parts and \$85.00 for labor. All prices are estimates based on \$65 per flat rate hour and do not include diagnostic time or any applicable sales tax.

Transmission & Driveline

Steering & Suspension

Brake

Heating & Air Conditioning

Starting & Charging

Accessories

Overall

5 out of 5

Reliability Ratings displayed above reflect style specific standard features and may vary from aggregated values displayed for the same year in the historical model overviewed below.

Reliability History for Toyota Camry by Identifix

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Engine					
Transmission & Driveline					
Steering & Suspension					
Brake					
Heating & Air Conditioning					
Starting & Charging					
Accessories					
Overall					

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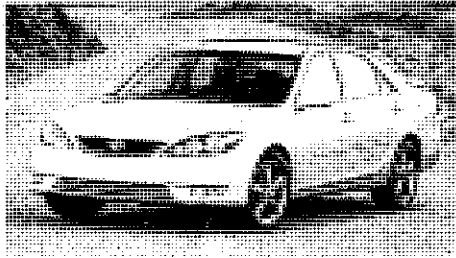
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2005 TOYOTA CAMRY RELIABILITY RATING

KEY: ☒ Minimal Problems ☒ Moderate Problems ☒ Significant Problems

Category	Rating	Comments
Engine		An occasional problem on this vehicle is failure of the Water Pump on vehicles with the 2.4L engine only. This failure may cause severe engine damage. The cost to repair the Water Pump is estimated at \$142.00 for parts and \$85.00 for labor. All prices are estimates based on \$65 per flat rate hour and do not include diagnostic time or any applicable sales tax.
Transmission & Driveline		Infrequent problems reported, all with low repair costs.
Steering & Suspension		Infrequent problems reported, all with low repair costs.
Brakes		Infrequent problems reported, all with low repair costs.
Heating & Air Conditioning		Infrequent problems reported, all with low repair costs.
Starting & Charging		Infrequent problems reported, all with low repair costs.
Accessories		Infrequent problems reported, all with low repair costs.
Overall		5 out of 5

*Repair costs are based on a flat rate of \$65.00 per hour and do not include diagnostic time or any applicable sales tax.

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KEY: ☒ Minimal Problems ☒ Moderate Problems ☒ Significant Problems

	Click year for details:	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
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Overall						

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