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U.S. Department  
of Transportation

**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE.  
Washington, DC 20590

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NVS-216  
Ref. No. 10399040

Dear 

Thank you for your correspondence that was received by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA), Office of Defects Investigation regarding your model year 2004 Toyota 4-Runner. Please accept our apologies for this delay in responding. You can be assured that your complaint will be considered along with other complaints for future defect investigations and to identify safety-related defect trends. If necessary, we will follow up by contacting the vehicle owner.

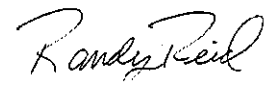
NHTSA is the Federal agency responsible for improving safety on our Nation's highways. We are authorized to order manufacturers to recall and repair motor vehicles or items of motor vehicle equipment when our investigations indicate that they contain serious safety defects in their design, construction, or performance. We also monitor the adequacy of manufacturers' recall campaigns. In order for the agency to initiate an investigation, sufficient data must exist to warrant the expenditure of agency resources. We cannot act on isolated problems or resolve disputes between individual owners, dealers, or manufacturers.

If your letter is requesting motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment information, we recommend that you visit our Internet web site at [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov). This site provides information concerning motor vehicle recalls, manufacturers' service bulletins, complaints from vehicle owners, etc. You may also contact our toll-free Auto Safety Hotline at 1-888-DASH-2-DOT (1-888-327-4236). The NHTSA Executive Summary and NHTSA Full Report for the NHTSA-NASA investigation on unintended acceleration in Toyota vehicles can be located online at [www.nhtsa.dot.gov](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov).

If your letter concerns a service problem or request for reimbursement, this type of complaint does not fall under our jurisdiction. If you have not done so, you may consider contacting your local Better Business Bureau regarding your problem. In addition, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has jurisdiction over non-safety defects, paint, fraud or deception, warranty and dealership problems, remuneration matters, and fair trade practices. There are three ways to contact the FTC: by toll free telephone at 1-877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357); by mail at Federal Trade Commission, CRC-240, Washington, DC 20580; and by using the Internet complaint form at <http://www.ftc.gov/ftc/complaint.htm>.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Randy Reid". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned centrally below the word "Sincerely,".

Randy Reid, Chief  
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Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement