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Attached please find documents of Lexus sudden acceleration details and receipts of repair.

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To whom it may concern.

Tuesday, June 07, 2011

Lexus sudden acceleration

RE: NHTSA Case No: 356753 / NHTSA ID: 295663

Subject: Lexus sudden acceleration comments: My 1995 Lexus ES300 had sudden acceleration problem on November 1, 2010. After the problem was solved by changing a part the engine seemed to be ok, however, on February 28, 2011, when the engine was started normally with transmission in park, the engine roared suddenly for a second and then returned to normal idle. I have a possible clue. If you are interested, I don't mind giving you more information.

Now the details to the best of my recall:

On November 1, 2010, in the afternoon, I drove my 1995 Lexus ES300 on Clark Ave., in Lakewood, right across the street from Sheriff's Department, southbound, slowing down with a foot on the brake and engine idling towards traffic light that was red at the time and there was a car in front of mine about 30 yards when the engine suddenly accelerated and surged toward the car waiting for the light to change, but I was able to stop the car and hold it before ramming the other car. I could have turned the ignition off, but decided to wait until the traffic light changes to green, because I may have not been able to restart. So while the engine was still roaring and putting a quite a load on the transmission, I continued to drive to nearby Costco gas station while tapping on the gas pedal that stopped the engine roar to about 2000 rpm where I turned the engine off and refueled, because the warning light for the fuel tank showed the level being low. I then brought the car to Jim's Automotive Repair, 5415 Woodruff Ave., Lakewood, CA 90713 (562) 920-6536 for diagnoses. I told Jim about my experience and the car's condition before this incident which was that the 'check engine' light had been on for a while, because I thought that fuel cap may not have been closed properly when refueling and expected the light to turn off later, but that didn't happen. Then Jim checked the engine with the analyzer that indicated 4 possible trouble codes and asked me to leave the car for further study. Later Jim calls me and told me that the throttle position sensor was not the source of the problem so he exchanged the idle air control and also air inlet hose that had a small crack in it that I had taped earlier with an electrical tape. Then he started the car and it behaved normally and

cancelled the trouble codes. Next day the trouble code for part no. 25870-62020, 116 valve assy from a Toyota dealer came up and Jim replaced that part and after that no more trouble codes has shown up.

On February 28, 2011, I started the warm engine normally and the engine suddenly roared to very high rpm, lasting about a second. After that the car has behaved normally and recently passed California Smog Test Only check.

Is it possible that the idle air control has a vacuum passage that can open the throttle valve and in some instances hold open longer than a second? I don't have that old idle air control part, maybe Jim has, but I doubt.

It is good that this incident didn't cause any accident, but it really scared me for a moment. I hope that I might be of some help with this experience.

The items that I paid for are:

Idle Air Control	\$758.82
Air Inlet Hose	\$ 78.42
Engine Cleaner	\$ 20.00
Gasket	\$ 7.70
116 Valve Assy	\$ 85.00
Plus CA Sales Tax	\$ 92.69 on above items
Labor	\$205.00

It would be nice if I could get some or all of that money back; does Toyota cover these expenses? I have the receipts for all expenses.

I thank you for your consideration, respectfully, yours

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