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 U.S. Department of Transportation National Highway Traffic Safety Administration		INFORMATION ACT (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552(B)(6) DOT Auto Safety Hotline Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire To Report Vehicle Safety Defects 1-888-DASH-2-DOT (1-888-327-4236) INTERNET: www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline		FOR AGENCY USE ONLY 100148	
OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)		Date Received 06-MAY-2014		Repository ☐ Reference No. 10586827	
Name Address City PAINTED POST State NY Zip Code		Daytime Telephone Number Evening Telephone Number		E-mail Address	
The information you provide will be used to identify potential safety-related defects. We may share your information with the applicable vehicle manufacturer during an investigation or recall in accordance with the routine uses described in the agency's Privacy Act notice. See 49 FR 53971 (Sep. 3, 2004).					
VEHICLE INFORMATION					
17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side STEUX42N85Z		Make TOYOTA		Model TACOMA	
Date Purchased 2009		Dealer's Name and Telephone Number WILLIAMS TOYOTA		Model Year 2005	
Original Owner ☒		Dealer's City SAYRE		Engine: No: Cylinders 4	
State PA		Zip Code		Fuel Type: REGULAR	
Transmission Type ☐ Antilock Brakes ☐ Cruise Control		Powertrain 5 SPEED MANUAL		Multiple Failure: Incident Date(s) 06-MAY-2014	
FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION					
Vehicle Component Code: FUEL/PROPULSION SYSTEM (PWS) GAS TANK SUPPORT SYSTEM				Failure Mileage 85000	
Failure Speed 0					
ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE					
Tire Make		Tire Model (Name or Number)		Tire Size (Example P215/65R15)	
DOT No. (Example: DOTMAL9ABC036)		☐ Original Equipment ☐ Prior Repair		Failure Location:	
Tire Component Code		Tire Failure Type:			
ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A CHILD SEAT FAILURE					
Make:		Date Manufactured:		Model No./Name:	
Seat Type:		Installation System:			
Child Seat Component Code:		Failed Part:			
APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION (Please describe in detail the incident(s), Failure(s), Crash(es), and injury(ies).)					
Crash ☐ Yes ☒ No		Fire ☐ Yes ☒ No		Number of Persons Injured 0	
Number of Deaths 0		Reported to Police N			
Narrative Description of Incident(S), Crash(es), and Injury(ies). Please describe (1) events leading up to the failure, (2) failure and its consequences, and (3) what was done to correct the failure; i.e., parts repaired or replaced (and if old part is available).					
TL* THE CONTACT OWNS A 2005 TOYOTA TACOMA. THE CONTACT STATED THAT AFTER REFUELING, ONE OF THE FUEL TANK STRAPS FRACTURED AS A RESULT OF CORROSION. THE VEHICLE WAS TAKEN TO AN INDEPENDENT MECHANIC. THE MANUFACTURER WAS MADE AWARE OF THE FAILURE. THE VEHICLE WAS NOT REPAIRED. THE VIN WAS NOT AVAILABLE. THE FAILURE AND CURRENT MILEAGE WAS 85,000. COST TO REPAIR WAS ~ \$218.00 ONE OF TWO STRAPS THAT SECURE THE GAS TANK FAILED UNDER THE WEIGHT OF THE TANK. THE TANK WAS TILTED AS A RESULT. IF IT HAD DRAGGED ON THE GROUND THERE MAY BE SPARKS AND GAS LEAK. FORTUNATELY MY WIFE NOTICED BEFORE INJURY.					
Include, if available: Police/Fire Department Report, Photos, and Repair Invoice. ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY.					
The Privacy Act of 1974-Public Law 93-579 This information is requested pursuant to authority vested in the National Highway Traffic Safety Act and subsequent amendments. You are under no obligation to respond this questionnaire. Your response may be used to assist the NHTSA in determining whether a Manufacturer should take appropriate action to correct a safety defect. If the NHTSA proceeds with administrative enforcement or litigation against a manufacturer, your response, or a statistical summary thereof, may be used in support of the agency's action.					

WE HAD TO USE A ROPE TO SECURE THE TANK TO AVOID AN ENVIRONMENTAL SPILL OR INJURY.

THE STRAP FAILED AS A RESULT OF CORROSION, BUT IN NO CASE SHOULD A GAS TANK EVER FALL OUT. GAS IS EXPLOSIVE, MAY BE TOYOTA DOESN'T KNOW THAT.