



U.S. Department of Transportation

**National Highway Traffic Safety Administration**

# ODI RESUME

Investigation: TQ10-001  
Prompted By: 07E082, 09V388  
Date Opened: 02/04/2010  
Principal Investigator: Jennifer Timian  
Subject: Timeliness of Defect Decisions

Manufacturer: Toyota Motor Corporation  
Products: Various MY 2004 - 2010 Toyota and Lexus vehicles and MY 2009-2010 Pontiac Vibes  
Population: 5,400,000

Problem Description: Unintended and uncontrollable acceleration due to interference between the accelerator pedal and the driver's side floor mat.

## FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:			
Crashes/Fires:			
Injury Incidents:			
# Injuries:			
Fatality Incidents:			
# Fatalities:			
Other*:			

\*Description of Other:

Action: Open Timeliness Query (TQ).

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SUMMARY: On September 26, 2007, Toyota filed a Defect Information Report and notified NHTSA that some of its model year (MY) 2007 and 2008 Lexus E350 and Toyota Camry vehicles could experience unintended and uncontrolled acceleration due to interference between the optional all weather floor mat offered on those vehicles and the vehicles' accelerator pedal. This decision was influenced by an Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) Engineering Analysis. This recall was designated 07E-082.

Two years later, on October 5, 2009, Toyota filed a Defect Information Report and notified NHTSA that a number of its MY 2004-2009 Lexus and Toyota vehicles may also experience unintended and uncontrolled acceleration due to interference between the accelerator pedal and the driver's floor mat. This recall was designated 09V-388.

Several months later, on January 27, 2010, Toyota filed an amended, or supplemental, Defect Information report and expanded the population of vehicles to include additional MY 2008-2010 Toyota and Lexus vehicles and Pontiac Vibes. Since this expansion took place in a different calendar year, this recall was designated 10V-023.

In total, the three recalls cover approximately 5.4 million Toyota and Lexus vehicles and Pontiac Vibes.

Upon further review of the defect information reports and the recalls, NHTSA requires additional information from Toyota to more fully understand and evaluate, among other things, when Toyota first learned of the possibility of an issue of floor mat interference with the accelerator pedals installed on its vehicles, the chronology of events leading up to Toyota's defect decisions, Toyota's responses to problems with floor mats and accelerator pedals and the timing of those responses, and the timeliness of Toyota's submissions of its Part 573 reports. Accordingly, we have opened a Timeliness Query (TQ) to investigate these matters.

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