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Mr. Daniel C. Smith
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: 2003 - 2007 MY Land Cruiser Steering Shaft
Foreign Safety Recall/Other Safety Campaign Report

Dear Mr. Smith:

In accordance with 49 CFR 579.12, attached is a copy of our Foreign Safety Recall/Other Safety Campaign Report for certain Toyota Land Cruiser vehicles. Land Cruiser vehicles sold in the United States were not offered for sale with the same steering shaft construction as those included in this Foreign Recall Report. A safety recall of the substantially similar Lexus LX470 vehicles is being conducted in the U.S. Please see Toyota's Defect Information Report dated July 29, 2010 for more information.

Should you have any questions about this report, please contact me at (202) 775-1707.

Sincerely,

TOYOTA MOTOR NORTH AMERICA, INC.



Chris Santucci
Manager
Technical & Regulatory Affairs

Foreign Safety Recall / Other Safety Campaign Report

Subject: Steering shaft issue on certain Toyota Land Cruiser Vehicles

1. Vehicle Manufacturer Name:

Toyota Motor Corporation ["TMC"]

2. Affected Vehicles:

Make/ Car Line	Model Year	Country	Action	Production Period	Number of Vehicles
Toyota Land Cruiser 100	*1	Japan, Australia, Europe, Other countries	Safety Recall (Japan, Australia, Europe) Other Safety Campaign (Other countries)	June 13,2002 through August 7, 2007	17,233

*1: In these countries, there is no system of Model Year.

3. Substantially Similar Vehicles sold in the U.S.:

Make/ Car Line: Toyota Land Cruiser, Lexus LX

Model Year: Land Cruiser and LX 2003 through 2007 Model Year

4. Description of Problem:

In the power tilt/telescope adjustable steering system of the subject vehicles, the construction of the steering shaft is such that the snap ring on the shaft may disengage when the vehicle experiences an unusually severe impact to the front wheels (for example, striking a deep pothole in the roadway). If the snap ring becomes disengaged and the steering wheel is then repeatedly turned to the locked position, over time the steering shaft may become disconnected, which could result in a loss of steering control.

For the manually adjustable tilt/telescope steering systems of the subject vehicles, the function of the snap ring described above is performed by a set of resin pins, which may shear when the vehicle experiences an unusually severe impact to the front wheels. If the resin pins shear and the steering wheel is then repeatedly turned to the locked position, over time the steering shaft may become disconnected, which could result in a loss of steering control.

5. Description of Corrective Repair Action:

For all of the affected vehicles, the dealer will replace the snap ring (power adjustable tilt/telescope) or the main shaft including the resin pins (manually adjustable tilt/telescope) with newly designed ones and install an additional component which will prevent separation of the steering shaft. In addition, the thrust stopper will also be replaced with a newly designed one.

6. Determination to Conduct Safety Recall / Other Safety Campaign:

- The determination was made by Toyota Motor Corporation;
- Date of determination to conduct safety campaign: July 23, 2010
- Date campaign will commence: End of July, 2010

7. Reason the affected vehicles sold in the U.S. are not involved in this safety recall / safety campaign:

Due to the unique construction of the mechanical connection of the steering shaft to the VGRS (Variable Gear Ratio Steering) actuator, this safety recall / campaign will only be conducted on LX470 and Land Cruiser models equipped with VGRS. No Land Cruiser vehicles manufactured for sale in the U.S were equipped with VGRS, and therefore are not part of the recall being performed in the U.S.

2003 through 2007 model year LX470 vehicle are being recalled in the U.S. Please see Toyota's Part 573 report dated July 29, 2010. All of the subject LX470 vehicles sold in the U.S. were equipped with a power-adjustable tilt/telescope steering column.