



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

## ODI RESUME

Investigation: DP 04-003  
Prompted By: Petition Request  
Date Opened: 02/17/2004  
Principal Investigator: Scott Yon  
Subject: Throttle control system

Manufacturer: Toyota Motor Sales, USA Inc.  
Products: MY 2002 TO 2003 Lexus ES300  
Population: 132,000 (estimated)

Problem Description: The petitioner alleges that the throttle control system malfunctioned on separate occasions, one of which resulted in a crash.

### FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	37	NA	37
Crashes/Fires:	4	NA	4
Injury Incidents:	0	NA	0
# Injuries:	0	NA	0
Fatality Incidents:	0	NA	0
# Fatalities:	0	NA	0
Other*:	0	NA	0

\*Description Of Other:

Action: The petition will be evaluated for a grant or deny decision.

Engineer: D. Scott Yon

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Date: 02/17/2004

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Office Dir.: Kathleen C. DeMeter

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Summary: Ms. Carol J. Mathews, of Rockville, Maryland submitted a petition to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration by letter dated January 15, 2004, and received by the Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) on January 28, 2004, requesting an investigation of model year 2002 and 2003 Lexus ES300 in the area of vehicle speed control linkages.

The petitioner alleges that the throttle control system in the petitioner's vehicle malfunctioned on multiple occasions and was the cause of a vehicle crash. The petitioner cites several Vehicle Owner Questionnaires (VOQs) from ODI's complaint database which allege similar concerns. ODI will review the complaints and make a determination to grant or deny the petition request.

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