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Washington, D.C. 20580

Mr. Jordan Ziprin
2351 East Orangewood Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85020-4730

NVS-213dsy
DP05-002

Dear Mr. Ziprin:

This letter acknowledges receipt of your petition dated July 29, 2005, to open a defect investigation into the electronic throttle control system on model year 2002 - 2005 Toyota and Lexus vehicles, or to re-open investigation PE04-021. Your petition has been assigned the identification number DP05-002. A copy of the opening resume denoting receipt of the petition is attached for your information.

In accordance with Title 49 CFR Part 552, "Petitions for Rulemaking, Defects, and Noncompliance Orders," the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration will conduct a review of the petition and other pertinent information and will notify you further upon completion.

Sincerely,

Kathleen C. DeMeter, Director
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement

Enclosure: DP05-002 Open Resume

cc:
Steve Chan



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ODI RESUME

Investigation: DP05-002
Prompted By: Defect Petition
Date Opened: 08/05/2005
Principal Investigator: Scott Yon
Subject: Vehicle Speed Control

Manufacturer: Toyota Motor Corporation, Toyota Motor North America, Inc.
Products: MY 2002 - 2005 Toyota Camry And Lexus ES Models
Population: 1,830,000 (Estimated)

Problem Description: The Petitioner alleges that the vehicle accelerated without application of the throttle while in reverse and caused a crash.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	1		tbd
Crashes/Fires:	1		tbd
Injury Incidents:	0		tbd
# Injuries:	0		tbd
Fatality Incidents:	0		tbd
# Fatalities:	0		tbd
Other*:	8		tbd

*Description Of Other: Other reports cited in petition.

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

Engineer: D. Scott Yon
Div. Chief: Jeffrey L. Quandt
Office Dir.: Kathleen C. DeMeter

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Summary: On July 29, 2005, a Defect Petition was received by the Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) requesting an investigation of model year 2002 - 2005 Toyota and Lexus vehicles manufactured by Toyota. The petition concerns vehicle speed control, electronic throttle, and uncontrollable acceleration problems as raised by the Petitioner and other reports filed with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). The Petitioner owns a 2002 Camry and states that in July 2005 the vehicle accelerated without application of the throttle pedal while reversing out of a driveway; the acceleration caused a loss of vehicle control and subsequent crash. No injuries or fatalities are reported due to this incident. The Petitioner states a similar throttle control incident occurred in April 2002 and additionally cites other ODI reports which also allege loss of throttle control and or uncontrollable acceleration. The petitioner discusses NHTSA investigation PE04-021, which involved the Camry and ES models, and makes a request for certain information. ODI will evaluate the petition and other pertinent information.