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Mr. William B. Jeffers III
225 Abberly Crest Blvd.
Garner, NC 27529

NVS-213dsy
DP06-003

Dear Mr. Jeffers:

This letter acknowledges receipt of your petition received by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Office of Defects Investigation on August 24, 2006, to open a defect investigation into engine surging on model year 2002 – 2006 Toyota Camry and Camry Solara vehicles. Your petition has been assigned the identification number DP06-003. 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,

for
Kathleen C. DeMeter, Director
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement

Enclosure:
DP06-003 Open Resume

cc:
Steve Chan



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ODI RESUME

Investigation: DP06-003
Prompted By: Petition Letter
Date Opened: 09/14/2006
Principal Investigator: Scott Yon
Subject: Engine Surging

Manufacturer: Toyota Motor Corporation, Toyota Motor North America, Inc.
Products: My 2002 - 2006 Toyota Camry And Camry Solara
Population: 1,940,000 (Estimated)

Problem Description: The petitioner alleges short duration (1 to 2 second) engine speed increase without accelerator application on 6 to 8 occasions.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	1	TBD	TBD
Crashes/Fires:	0	TBD	TBD
Injury Incidents:	0	TBD	TBD
# Injuries:	0	TBD	TBD
Fatality Incidents:	0	TBD	TBD
# Fatalities:	0	TBD	TBD

Action: The Petition will be evaluated for a Grant or Deny decision.

Engineer: D. Scott Yon

Date: 09/14/2006

Div. Chief: Jeffrey L. Quandt

Date: 09/14/2006

Office Dir.: Kathleen C. DeMeter

Date: 09/14/2006

Summary: A Defect Petition was received 8/24/2006 by The Office Of Defects Investigation (ODI) requesting an investigation of Model Year (My) 2002 - 2006 Toyota Camry And Camry Solara vehicles for incidents relating to vehicle surging.

The petitioner owns a MY 2006 Camry and previously owned a MY 2003 Camry. He alleges that both vehicles exhibited "Engine Surging" which he described as a short duration (1 to 2 second) increase in engine speed occurring while the accelerator pedal is not depressed. For the MY 2006 vehicle, the petitioner estimates 6 to 8 surge incidents, of varying magnitude, occurred over the course of 10,000 miles and nearly 7 months of ownership. Although the petitioner reports that the brake system has always been effective at controlling and overcoming the engine surge he has concern for crash reports filed with The National Highway Transportation Safety Administration alleging uncontrolled surging to a high speed and in some cases with the brakes applied.

ODI will evaluate the petition for a Grant or Deny decision.