



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

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 *DY*

Date: 09/14/2006

Div. Chief: Jeffrey L. Quandt

Date: 09/14/2006

Office Dir.: Kathleen C. DeMeter

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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.

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Petition for Defect Investigation

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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to request a defect investigation into model year 2002 through 2006 Toyota Camry and Toyota Camry Solara vehicles for incidents relating to vehicle surging.

My 2006 Toyota Camry exhibits vehicle surging. Upon review of your website I notice a considerable number of complaints since the 2002 model year relating to uncontrolled surging, especially at low speeds such as in a parking lot maneuvers. Many of these complaints allege vehicle crashes, with the vehicle surging to a high speed and in some cases with the brakes applied. A number of these complaints also allege personal injury, sometimes severe. I am unaware as to whether any complaints allege pedestrian impact, but it is likely to assume that if these incidents are occurring in parking lots to the degree to which these complainants allege, pedestrian safety is an issue.

Therefore, I am requesting a defect investigation into these vehicles for uncontrolled vehicle surging.

Thank you for your consideration into this matter.

Respectfully yours,



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