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1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Mr. William C. Kronholm
720 Hauser Boulevard
Helena, MT 59601

NVS-213dsy
DP08-001

Dear Mr. Kronholm:

This letter acknowledges receipt of your petition, received by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) on January 18, 2008, requesting that ODI open an investigation into a possible defect causing sudden and uncontrolled acceleration on model year (MY) 2006 and 2007 Toyota Tacoma pickup trucks. Your petition has been assigned the identification number DP08-001. A copy of the opening resume denoting receipt of the petition is attached for your information. Please note that ODI also sent a letter to you dated January 23, 2008, and that this letter supersedes that correspondence; we apologize for any confusion this created.

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: DP08-001 Open Resume

cc: Steve Chan



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ODI RESUME

Investigation: DP08-001
Prompted By: Defect Petition
Date Opened: 01/31/2008
Principal Investigator: Scott Yon
Subject: Sudden and uncontrolled acceleration

Manufacturer: Toyota Motor Corporation
Products: MY 2006 and 2007 Toyota Tacoma pickup trucks
Population: 362,000 (Estimated)

Problem Description: Petitioner alleges two incidents of uncontrolled acceleration and a high number of related ODI complaints.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	1		
Crashes/Fires:	0		
Injury Incidents:	0		
Fatality Incidents:	0		
Other*:	31		

Description of Other: Subject vehicle complaints petitioner identified as exhibiting unexplained acceleration.

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

Engineer: D. Scott Yon *DSE* 1/31/08
Div. Chief: Jeffrey L. Quandt
Office Dir.: Kathleen C. DeMeter

Date: 01/31/2008
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Summary: A defect petition letter was received by the Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) requesting a formal investigation of model year (MY) 2006 and 2007 Toyota Tacoma pick up trucks for a possible safety defect causing sudden and uncontrolled acceleration.

The petitioner owns a MY 2006 Tacoma pick up truck with an automatic transmission. The vehicle was purchased new in May 2006 and the petitioner has been the primary driver of the vehicle since that time. No acceleration problems were experienced with the vehicle for the first 24,500 miles of use.

According to the petitioner, on 1/5/2008 the vehicle experienced two spontaneous and uncontrolled accelerations within two hours of each other. These incidents are described in the petitioner's complaint filed under ODI 10214130. Subsequent to the incidents, the petitioner conducted a review of ODI's complaint database for MY 2006 and 2007 Toyota Tacoma and other U. S. light truck models for unexplained acceleration complaints. The petition was filed based on this review and the incidents that occurred.

In an initial interview ODI conducted on 1/24/2008, the petitioner further described the circumstances surrounding the incidents and the review of ODI's complaint database. The petitioner's assessment is that the brake system functioned properly during both incidents and that a malfunction or failure of the throttle control system was the likely cause (i. e., that the throttle opened without accelerator application). The vehicle was in normal use at this time and no further unwanted accelerations were reported.

ODI will evaluate the petition for a grant or deny decision.