



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE08-025
Date Opened: 04/10/2008
Principal Investigator: Scott Yon
Subject: Unwanted Acceleration

Manufacturer: Toyota Motor Corporation
Products: MY 2004 Toyota Sienna
Population: 54,000 (estimated)

Problem Description: Under certain conditions, an interior trim panel may interfere with accelerator pedal movement, resulting in unwanted acceleration.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

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

Action: A Preliminary Evaluation has been opened.

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Date: 04/10/2008

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Summary: ODI has received one (1) report alleging unwanted acceleration on a subject vehicle. The complainant reported that he applied the accelerator pedal to accelerate the vehicle and experienced unwanted acceleration upon release.

Field data collected by ODI indicates that when a retainer pin is missing from the driver's side center stack/console trim panel, the panel can detach from the console and the accelerator pedal can become entrapped under the trim panel causing unwanted acceleration. Field data also indicates that the suspect trim panel component, which was apparently used on vehicles produced from January through June 2003, was superseded by a component that does not entrap the throttle should the retainer fail or become dislodged.

A Preliminary Evaluation has been opened to assess the scope, frequency, and potential safety-related consequences of this issue.