



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

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE10-006
Date Opened: 02/03/2010
Principal Investigator: Derek Rinehardt
Subject: Braking Performance

Manufacturer: Toyota Motor Corporation
Products: MY 2010 Toyota Prius
Population: 37,000 (estimated)

Problem Description: Consumers allege a momentary loss of braking during brake applications while traveling over an uneven road surface, pothole or bump in the roadway.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	124		
Crashes/Fires:	4		
Injury Incidents:	2		
# Injuries:	2		
Fatality Incidents:	0		
# Fatalities:	0		
Other*:	0		

*Description Of Other:

Action: A Preliminary Evaluation has been opened.

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Summary:

The Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) has received 124 reports from consumers alleging a momentary reduction in braking performance while traveling over an uneven road surface, a pothole or a bump and applying the brakes. ODI has had contact with some consumers and conducted pre-investigatory field work. Some consumers describe the condition as a brief lag in braking capability or a brief surge while braking. Four of the reports allege crashes occurred. Two of these reports allege 2 minor injuries occurred as a result of the crashes.

A Preliminary Evaluation has been opened to assess the scope, frequency and potential safety consequences of the alleged defect in the subject vehicles.