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National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration

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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF DEFECT  
INFORMATION REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. 04V-455 by the  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: **September 14, 2004**      Date Faxed/E-Mailed: **September 27, 2004**

MANUFACTURER: **Toyota Motor North America, Inc.**

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**SUBJECT: 109,056 Toyota 2000 Celica and Echo passenger vehicles have the possibility that the recess retains a rubber seal ring, which is located at the end of the cylinder body, and may be corroded due to an improper washing process. In this condition, brake fluid may leak from the seal, or a small amount of air may enter the master cylinder, which could lead to an increase of vehicle stopping distance.**

This is an acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be written only if we have additional comments or concerns.

Please provide us with a draft owner notification letter for our review before mailing to consumers.

As stated in Part 573.6, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, the recall is expected to begin in mid October 2004. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by January 30, 2005.

If you have any questions, please call:

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