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NVS-215
05V-123

Subject: TRD DUAL EXHAUST SYSTEM/VSC SYSTEM

Dear MR. TINTO:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect or noncompliance information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this is the information that will be made available to the public.

Makes/Models/Model Years:
TOYOTA/TUNDRA/2004-2005

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-123

Recall Date: March 28, 2005

Components:
ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING:EXHAUST SYSTEM

Potential Number of Units Affected: 5726

Summary:

CERTAIN PICKUP TRUCKS EQUIPPED WITH BOTH VEHICLE STABILITY CONTROL (VSC) AND THE TRD DUAL EXHAUST SYSTEMS. THE ACCESSORY TRD DUAL EXHAUST SYSTEM WAS ADDED AS AN AVAILABLE OPTION FOR THE TUNDRA MODEL. THE TRD DUAL EXHAUST SYSTEM MET ALL CLEARANCE SPECIFICATIONS ON MODELS WITH THE STANDARD EQUIPMENT PACKAGE. WHEN THE DUAL EXHAUST SYSTEM WAS ADDED TO VEHICLES WITH THE VSC OPTION, THE DRIVER'S SIDE EXHAUST PIPE NO LONGER MET THE CLEARANCE SPECIFICATIONS. THE VSC OPTION ADDED AN ADDITIONAL BRAKE LINE WHICH WAS NOT PREVIOUSLY PRESENT. THE LOCATION OF DRIVER'S SIDE EXHAUST PIPE PLACED IT IN A POSITION WHERE CONTACT BETWEEN THE BRAKE LINE AND THE EXHAUST PIPE MIGHT OCCUR.

Consequence:

IN THIS CONDITION, THE EXHAUST PIPE FLANGE MAY RUB AGAINST THE RIGHT REAR BRAKE LINE WHICH COULD CAUSE BRAKE FLUID LEAKAGE. THIS COULD LEAD TO AN INCREASE OF VEHICLE STOPPING DISTANCE, WHICH COULD RESULT IN A CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSPECT AND, IF SO EQUIPPED, WILL REPLACE THE TRD DUAL EXHAUST SYSTEM. DURING THIS REPLACEMENT, THE DEALER WILL ALSO INSPECT THE SPECIFIC BRAKE LINE TO ASSURE IT HAS NOT BEEN DAMAGED. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING APRIL 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT TOYOTA AT 1-800-331-4331.

Notes:

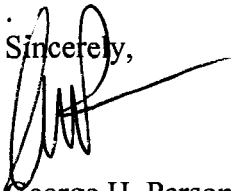
CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S AUTO SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236.

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, 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, owner notification is expected to begin during April or May 2005. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by July 30, 2005.

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov or delia.lopez@NHTSA.dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division