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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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CHRIS TINTO TOYOTA MOTOR NORTH AMERICA, INC. 1850 M STREET N.W. SUITE 600 WASHINGTON DC 20036 NVS-215 05V-254

Subject: FMVSS 225/PETITIONING FOR INCONSEQUENTIALITY

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/2003-2005

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-254 Recall Date: May 31, 2005

Components:

AIR BAGS: ON-OFF SWITCH ASSEMBLY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 156555

Summary:

CERTAIN PICKUP TRUCKS FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 225, 'CHILD RESTRAINT ANCHORAGE SYSTEMS.' THESE VEHICLES HAVE A MANUAL AIR BAG ON-OFF SWITCH TO DISABLE THE FRONT PASSENGER AIR BAG AND DO NOT HAVE A CHILD RESTRAINT LOWER ANCHORAGE SYSTEM IN THE FRONT PASSENGER SEAT. THIS SPECIFICATION DOES NOT MEET THE STANDARD REQUIREMENTS.

Consequence:

SEE NOTE.

Remedy:

SEE NOTE.

Notes:

THE MANUFACTURER IS PETITIONING NHTSA FOR A DETERMINATION THAT THIS MATTER IS INCONSEQUENTIAL WITH RESPECT TO MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY. THE MANUFACTURER IS NOT OBLIGATED TO CONDUCT AN OWNER NOTIFICATION AND REMEDY CAMPAIGN UNTIL NHTSA HAS RESOLVED THAT THE MATTER IS CONSEQUENTIAL.

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

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.

George H. Person

Chief, Recall Management Division

Office of Defects Investigation

Enforcement

Sincerely,