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Mr. Ronald Medford
Senior Associate Administrator, Vehicle Safety – NVS-010
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Toyota Tundra Access Cab Passenger Airbag Cutoff Switch
Part 573, Noncompliance Information Report

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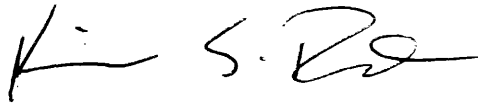

Dear Mr. Medford:

In accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966 and 49 CFR Part 573, on behalf of Toyota Motor Corporation ["TMC"], we hereby submit the attached Noncompliance Information Report concerning certain 2003 through 2005 model year Toyota Tundra vehicles that have a noncompliance issue with the passenger airbag cutoff switch. In accordance with 49 CFR Part 556, Toyota plans to petition NHTSA for exemption from the notification and remedy requirements of the Act due to the inconsequentiality of the noncompliance.

Should you have any questions about this report, please contact Mr. Sid Yokoi or Mr. Chris Santucci at (202) 775-1707.

Sincerely,

TOYOTA MOTOR NORTH AMERICA, INC.


 Chris Tinto
Vice President

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NONCOMPLIANCE INFORMATION REPORT

1. Vehicle Manufacturer Name:

Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Indiana, Inc. ["TMMI"]
4000 Tulip Tree Drive
Princeton, IN, 47670

Affiliated U.S. Sales Company:

Toyota Motor Sales, USA, Inc. ["TMS"]
19001 South Western Avenue
Torrance, CA 90509

2. Identification of Affected Vehicles:

Based on production records, we have determined the affected vehicle population as set forth in the table below.

Make/ Car Line	Model Year	Manufa- cturer	VIN			Production Period
			WMI	VDS	VIS	
Toyota/ Tundra	2003 - 2005	TMMI	5TB	BN441, BT441, BT481, RN341, RT341, RT381, RU341	3S339193 - 5S468966	September 1, 2002 - April 22, 2005

Note: Although all of the involved vehicles are within the above VIN range, not all of the vehicles in this range were sold in the U.S.

3. Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Affected:

156,555

4. Percentage of Vehicles Estimated to Actually Experience Noncompliance:

100 %

5. Description of Noncompliance:

The subject access cab 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 requirement outlined in S5(c)(2) of FMVSS225.

6. Test results and other information

S5(c)(2) requires that “Each vehicle that- (i) Has a rear designated seating position and meets the conditions in S4.5.4.1(b) of Standard No. 208 (Sec. 571.208); and, (ii) Has an air bag on-off switch meeting the requirements of S4.5.4 of Standard 208 (Sec. 571.208), shall have a child restraint anchorage system for a designated passenger seating position in the front seat, instead of a child restraint anchorage system that is required for the rear seat. ...” The specification of the subject access cab vehicles does not meet the requirement as described in the table below.

	Requirement	Specification of the subject vehicles
1	Rear designated seating position	3 Positions
2	Air bag on-off switch	Equipped
3	Child restraint anchorage system for a designated passenger seating position in the front seat	Not equipped

7. Description of Corrective Repair Action:

Toyota believes that although this specification of the subject access cab vehicles constitutes a noncompliance, it is inconsequential as it relates to motor vehicle safety. Therefore, Toyota plans to petition for exemption from the notification and remedy requirements of the Highway Safety Act.

As is standard practice by Toyota, we will notify our dealers to stop sale on any unsold affected vehicles. If any unsold affected vehicles are found, a remedy will be made available to deactivate the manual airbag on-off switch.