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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: 2005 Toyota Tacoma Airbag Wiring Harness
Part 573, Defect Information Report

05V-302
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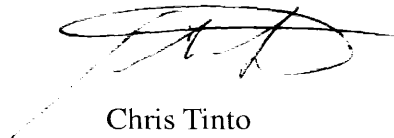
Dear Mr. Medford:

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 Defect Information Report concerning a voluntary safety recall of certain 2005 model year Toyota Tacoma regular cab pickup truck vehicles to address an issue with the airbag wiring harness.

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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Attachment

DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT

1. Vehicle Manufacturer Name:

New United Motor Manufacturing, Inc. ["NUMMI"]
45500 Fremont Boulevard
Fremont, CA 94538-6368, USA

Affiliated U.S. Sales Company:

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

2. Identification of Affected Vehicles:

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

Make/ Car Line	Model Year	Plant	VIN*			Production Period
			WMI	VDS	VIS	
Toyota Tacoma	2005	NUMMI	5TE	NX22N	5Z001023-5Z093540	September 14, 2004 through May 14, 2005
				NX62N	5Z049865	
				PX42N	5Z001457-5Z092200	

- Note: (1) Only regular cab (no rear seat) vehicles equipped with a bench seat are affected.
(2) Although the involved vehicles are within the above VIN ranges, not all vehicles in these ranges were sold in the U.S.

Component containing defect: Wire, Seat, No.1 (seat position and seatbelt fastening sensor connector)

Manufacturer Name: Johnson Controls, Inc. ["JCI"]
Address: 5757 N, Green Bay Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53209, USA
Telephone: 414-524-1200

3. Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Affected:

11,592

4. Percentage of Vehicles Estimated to Actually Experience Malfunction:

Unknown

5. Description of Problem:

For the affected Toyota Tacoma vehicles produced at NUMMI, the seat position and seatbelt buckle sensor connector pins are positioned incorrectly due to a wire harness manufacturing process error. In this condition, the seat position and seatbelt buckle sensor may not function as designed, which if the vehicle is involved in a crash, could result in improper occupant restraint. Even in this condition, the affected vehicles continue to comply with all applicable federal motor vehicle safety standards.

6. Chronology of Principal Events:

May 2005 – June 2005

JCI identified the seat position and seatbelt buckle sensor connector pin error, and determined that the affected vehicles were produced since the start of vehicle production (September 14, 2004) until early May 2005. JCI immediately corrected the connector pin positions to be as designed and informed Toyota of the condition.

Toyota investigated the affected range of vehicles, conducted airbag restraint performance tests, and confirmed that vehicles with the connector pins incorrectly positioned continue to comply with all applicable federal motor vehicle safety standards.

However, based on Toyota's investigation, it was determined this condition could result in improper occupant restraint for certain seat position and seatbelt usage conditions. For this reason, Toyota has decided to conduct a voluntary safety recall for all vehicles in the affected range. This safety recall will also be conducted in Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Hawaii, Guam, and Saipan.

7. Description of Corrective Repair Action:

All known owners of the subject vehicles will be notified by first class mail to return their vehicles to a Toyota dealer for inspection of the seat position and seatbelt fastening condition sensor connector. An additional sub-wire harness will be installed to correct the connector pin manufacturing error, if necessary.

Reimbursement Plan for pre-notification remedies

The vehicles involved were built between September 14, 2004 and May 14, 2005. As the owner notification letters will be mailed out well within the active period of the Toyota New Vehicle Limited Warranty ("Warranty"), all involved vehicle owners for this recall would have been provided a repair at no cost under the Toyota Warranty.

8. Recall Schedule:

Mailing of the owner notifications will commence during late July 2005 and will be completed late August 2005.

Copies of the owner notification and dealer instructions will be submitted as soon as they are available.