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Mr. Ronald Medford
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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: 2005 MY Toyota Tundra Access Cab Passenger Airbag Status Telltale
Part 573, Noncompliance Information Report

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 2005 model year Toyota Tundra Access Cab vehicles manufactured with an incorrect Passenger Airbag Status Telltale.

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	2005	TMMI	5TB	BT441, RT341, RU341	5S452593 through 5S472241	April 22, 2005 through June 29, 2005

Note: (1) Only vehicles equipped with an automatic transmission and fabric front captain's chairs
(2) 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:

2,527

4. Percentage of Vehicles Estimated to Actually Experience Noncompliance:

100 %

5. Description of Noncompliance:

A Front Passenger Occupant Classification System is installed in certain 2005 model year Tundra Access Cab vehicles that are certified as complying with S14 of FMVSS208 and equipped with the optional front captain's chairs. This system monitors the weight and load on the front passenger seat, as well as the seatbelt buckle switch status, to determine whether to activate or deactivate the front passenger airbag. A small number of mid-2005 model year Tundra Access Cab vehicles equipped with the optional front captain's chairs may have been manufactured with an incorrect Front Passenger Occupant Classification System Indicator Light Lens which will not display the status of the front passenger airbag. These vehicles do not meet the requirement outlined in S19.2.2 of FMVSS208.

6. Test results and other information

S19.2.2 requires that "The vehicle shall be equipped with at least one telltale which emits light whenever the passenger air bag system is deactivated and does not emit light whenever the passenger air bag system is activated, except that the telltale(s) need not illuminate when the passenger seat is unoccupied. ..." The vehicles manufactured with the incorrect indicator lens do not meet the requirement as described in the table below.

	Requirement	Specification of the subject vehicles
1	Automatic suppression feature (i.e.; Front passenger occupant classification system)	Equipped
2	Telltale (i.e.; Front passenger occupant classification system indicator light)	Not equipped

7. Description of Corrective Repair Action:

All known owners of the affected vehicles will be notified by first class mail to return their vehicles to a Toyota dealer to replace the front passenger occupant classification system indicator lens.

Reimbursement Plan for pre-notification remedies

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

8. Recall Schedule:

Mailing of the owner notifications will begin and be completed in early August, 2005. Copies of the owner notification and dealer instructions will be submitted as soon as they are available.

9. Distributor/Dealer Notification Schedule:

Notifications to distributors/dealers will be sent at the end of July, 2005.