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December 16, 2005

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: 2006 MY Lexus IS250 AWD Accelerator Pedal
Part 573, Defect 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 Defect Information Report concerning a voluntary safety recall of certain 2006 MY Lexus IS250 AWD vehicles to address an issue with the accelerator pedal assembly.

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

Sincerely,

TOYOTA MOTOR NORTH AMERICA, INC.



Chris Tinto
Vice President

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DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT

1. Vehicle Manufacturer Name:

Toyota Motor Corporation ["TMC"]
1, Toyota-cho, Toyota-city,
Aichi-ken, 471-8571, Japan

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 in the table below.

Make/ Car Line	Model Year	Manufacturer	VIN		Production Period
			VDS	VIS	
Lexus/ IS	2006	TMC	CK262	62000002 – 62001717 65000030 – 65003096	August 30, 2005 through December 2, 2005

Component Containing Defect: 1) Accelerator Pedal Assembly
2) Front Floor Carpet Assembly

Manufacturer Name: 1) Denso Corporation

2) Hayashi Telemu Co., Ltd.

Address: 1) 1-1, Showa-cho, Kariya-shi, Aichi-ken, 448-8661, Japan

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3. Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Affected:

3,567

4. Percentage of Vehicles Estimated to Actually Experience Malfunction:

Unknown

5. Description of Problem:

In certain early 2006 Model Year Lexus IS 250 AWD vehicles there is a possibility that the accelerator pedal may temporarily become stuck in the partially depressed position due to inadequate clearance between the accelerator pedal linkage and a plastic pad embedded into the vehicle's carpet. This condition may interfere with the accelerator pedal returning to the idle position.

6. Chronology of Principal Events:

Early December – Late December 2005

Toyota was contacted regarding two cases of vehicles with experiencing a stuck accelerator pedal. One was found during a dealer pre-delivery inspection and another during transportation at the port facility of Lexus IS250 AWD vehicles by Toyota Canada. Toyota has received no reports from customers experiencing the problem cases in both the U.S.A. and Canada. Toyota investigated cause of the problem, and found that the accelerator pedal linkage and the floor carpet design were out of tolerance; creating insufficient clearance between the accelerator pedal and the vehicle carpet.

Toyota decided to conduct a voluntary safety recall to remedy all of the affected vehicles.

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 any Lexus dealer for an inspection of the clearance of the acceleration pedal and carpet, to replace the acceleration pedal assembly with a revised one, and to modify the carpet.

Reimbursement Plan for pre-notification remedies

The vehicles involved were produced until December 2, 2005. As the owner notification letters will be mailed out well within the active period of the Lexus New Vehicle Limited Warranty (“Warranty”), all involved vehicle owners for this recall would have been provided a repair at no cost under the Lexus’s Warranty.

8. Recall Schedule:

Mailing of the owner notifications will commence in late December 2005 and will be completed in early January 2006.

Notifications to dealers will be sent in late December 2005.

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