

2003 through mid-2005 Model Year Tundra Access Cab
Non-Compliance Recall - Child Restraint Anchorage Systems

Dear Toyota Owner:

This notice is being sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. Toyota has decided that certain 2003 through mid-2005 Model Year Toyota Tundra Access Cab vehicles fail to conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 225, "Child restraint anchorage systems."

What is the problem?

Due to a design error, the 2003 through mid-2005 Model Year Tundra Access Cab vehicles are equipped with an Airbag Manual On-Off Switch to disable the front passenger airbag, but do not have a child restraint anchorage system in the front passenger seat. Such a system consists of two lower anchorages (metal bars between the seat and the seat back) and a tether anchorage and is intended to help ensure proper securement of Child Restraint Devices, some of which have hooks or buckles designed to latch onto the lower anchorages. Because the front passenger seat has the airbag on-off switch but does not have the lower anchorages, the vehicle does not comply with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 225.

Both the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and Toyota strongly believe that the safest place to install a Child Restraint is in the rear seat. In the worst case, the vehicle owner may misinterpret the existence of the Airbag Manual On-Off Switch as an "invitation" to install a Child Restraint System in the front passenger seat even though two anchorage systems are already available in the rear seat. Owners who install a child restraint in the front seat of the vehicle as it is currently built would not have the benefit of using an anchorage system.

What should **you** do?

We request your assistance in affixing the enclosed warning label to the inside of your glove box as indicated in the attached instruction sheet. The warning label describes the configuration of your vehicle and the location of the two child restraint anchorage systems in the rear seat. The label also recommends installing your Child Restraint System in the rear seat which is the safest place for your children.

Once you have affixed the label or had a Toyota dealer do that for you, you do not need to take any further action now if you do not anticipate using a Child Restraint System in the front passenger seat under any circumstances. However, if you do anticipate such a need, please read the section below entitled, "What if you have a reason to install a Child Restraint System in the front passenger seat?"

If you prefer, your local Toyota dealer will be more than happy to assist you in installing the label into your vehicle at NO CHARGE. If you choose to have the Toyota dealer affix the new label, please present this notice and the enclosed label to the dealer at the time of your appointment.

If you no longer own the vehicle, please indicate so on the enclosed postage paid form, providing us with the name and address of the new owner.

What if **you** have other questions?

Your local Toyota dealer will be more than happy to answer any of your questions and set up an appointment to perform the recall. If you require further assistance, you may contact the Toyota Customer Experience Center at 1-888-270-9371 Monday through Friday, 5:00 am to 9:30 pm, Saturday and Sunday 7:00 am through 3:00 pm Pacific Standard Time.

If you believe that the dealer or Toyota has failed or is unable to remedy the noncompliance within a reasonable time, you may submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590, or call the toll free Vehicle Safety Hot Line at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153), or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

What if you have a reason to install a Child Restraint System in the front passenger seat?

Toyota cares about you and your family. We apologize for any inconvenience this condition may have caused. Toyota understands that, despite the fact that the rear seat is the safest place for your children and that your vehicle is already equipped with two child restraint anchorage systems in the rear seat, you may wish to install a Child Restraint System in the front seat. For example, some customers may have more than two children who require a child restraint system or may have a child with a medical condition that requires constant monitoring. To accommodate owners who decide that they want the child restraint anchorage system in the front seat, Toyota is offering to install, at no charge, a third child restraint anchorage system, located in the front passenger seat, as soon as parts become available.

Please fill out and return the enclosed request form to Toyota if you desire the installation of the child restraint anchorage system in the front seat at this time. You will receive another owner letter when the parts for your vehicle become available. This may take three to six months from the date of your request. In the meantime, if there is an immediate need to transport a child in the front seat with a child restraint, please utilize the front passenger seatbelt for child restraint installation and use the Airbag Manual On-Off Switch as explained in the vehicle owner's manual.

If you do not desire this remedy at this time, please insert the request form (enclosed with this letter) in your owner's manual so it is available for you or a subsequent owner's use in the future.

If you are a vehicle lessor, Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

We have sent this notice in the interest of your continued satisfaction with our products, and we sincerely regret any inconvenience this condition may have caused you.

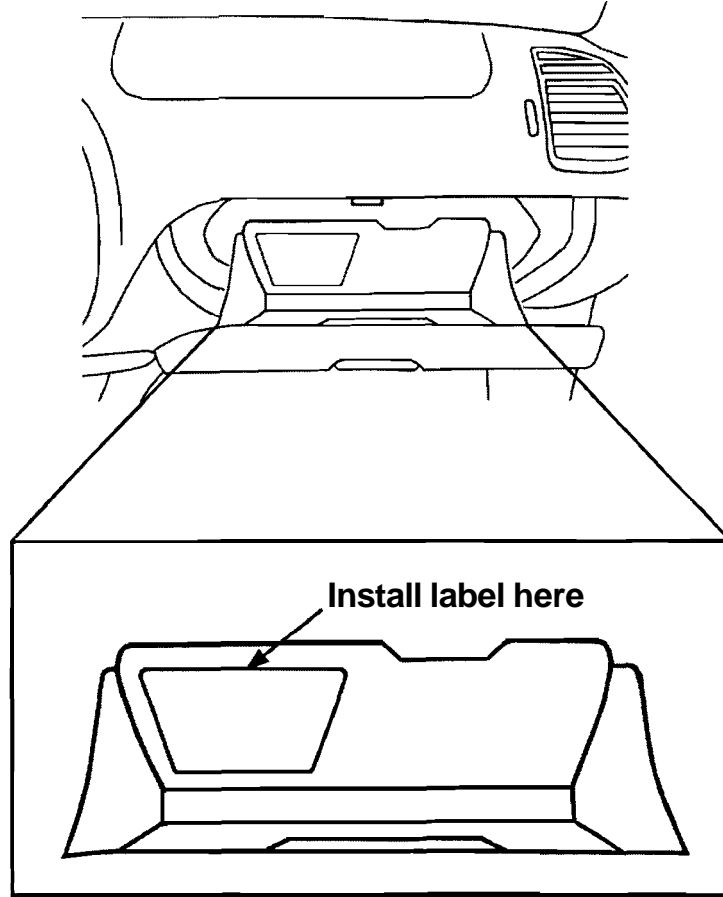
Thank you for driving a Toyota.

Sincerely,

TOYOTA MOTOR SALES, U.S.A., INC.

Warning Label Installation Instructions

1. Warning label installation location, see illustration below.



2. Wipe the area where the warning label will be affixed with a clean, dry cloth to remove any dust or dirt.

3. Affix the warning label at the indicated location while smoothing out any air bubbles in the new label.

If you prefer, your local Toyota dealer will be more than happy to assist you in installing the label.

If you choose to have the Toyota dealer affix the CRS label, please present this notice and the enclosed warning label to the dealer at the time of your appointment.