Special Service Campaign 50I 2005 Model Year Tacoma Regular Cab Vehicles Equipped with a Front Bench Seat Safety Recall Notice

Dear Toyota Customer:

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 a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in the Seat Position and Seat Belt Fastening Sensor Wire Harness of certain 2005 model year Tacoma Regular Cab (no rear seat) vehicles equipped with a Front Bench Type Seat.

What is the problem?

The Seat Position and Seat Belt Fastening Sensor Wire Harness Connector Pins were mis-positioned due to an error during the manufacturing process. In the worst case, if the vehicle is involved in a crash with sufficient force to deploy the driver's-side airbag, the restraint performance of the driver's-side airbag will be reduced for certain seating positions and seat belt fastening conditions. Please note that even in this reduced restraint performance condition, the airbag performance meets the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard ("FMVSS") 208.

What will Toyota do?

Any Toyota dealer will inspect and if necessary correct the mis-positioned Seat Position and Seat Belt Fastening Sensor Wire Harness Connector Pins by installing a sub-win harness at NO CHARGE to you.

What should you do?

Please contact your authorized Toyota dealer to make an appointment to complete the inspection and if necessary repair, as soon as possible. The repair will take approximately half an hour. However, depending upon the dealer's work schedule, it may be necessary to make your vehicle available for a longer period of time.

We request that you present this notice to the cealer at the time of your service appointment.

If you no longer own the vehicle, pease 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 inspection and if necessary replacement. 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 defect 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 Auto Safety Hot Line at 1-888-327-4236.

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.