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Mr. Daniel C. Smith
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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
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Re: Various Toyota, Scion, and Lexus Vehicle Airbag Inflator Issue
Part 573, Defect Information Report

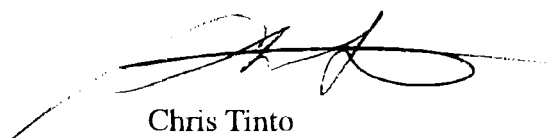
Dear Mr. Smith:

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 Toyota, Scion, and Lexus vehicles to address an issue with the airbag inflator.

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
Technical & Regulatory Affairs

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Attachment

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 vehicles as in the table in the attached sheet.

Component containing defect: Side Airbag, Curtain Shield Airbag and Knee Airbag

Manufacturer Name: Toyoda Gosei Co., Ltd.
Address: 1 Nagahata, Ochiai, Haruhi, Nishikasugai, Aichi, 452-8564 Japan
Telephone: +81(52)400-1055

Component containing defect: Knee Airbag

Manufacturer Name: TG Missouri Corporation
Address: 2200 Platin Road, Perryville, MO 63775 USA
Telephone: (573)547-1041

3. Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Affected:

133

4. Percentage of Vehicles Estimated to Actually Experience Malfunction:

100%

5. Description of Problem

In the airbag system of the subject vehicles, due to improper assembly process of the airbag inflator, which is used in the side airbag, the curtain shield airbag and the knee airbag systems, some inflators were produced with an insufficient amount of the heating agents which apply heat to the argon gas in the inflator. In this condition, expansion force of the gas in the inflator may be insufficient to properly inflate the airbag when the airbag system is activated during a collision. This condition could increase the risk of injury to the occupant(s).

8. Recall Schedule:

Mailing of the owner notifications will commence in mid-April 2006, and will be completed in late April 2006.

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 in early April 2006.

Identification of Affected Vehicles

Make	Model	MY	VDS	VIS	Production Period
Lexus	GS	2006	BH96S	65001741	February 18, 2005 through December 6, 2005
				65002533	
				65007794	
				65008243	
				65008779	
				65020504	
	65020555				
	65022314				
	65029636				
	CH96S	60011155	August 22, 2005 through December 22, 2005		
		60011207			
		60011664			
60011673					
60011890					
60013262					
IS	2006	BE262	62000558	September 23, 2005 through December 23, 2005	
			65001049		
			65001111		
			65001505		
			65001979		
			65003884		
	65003890				
	65003934				
	65004712				
	BK262	62002848	October 14, 2005 through December 8, 2005		
		62005944			
		62006656			
65003970					
65006326					
65006460					
65007738					
65007743					
65008290					
65008296					
CK262	62001853	December 19, 2005			
	LS	2004 through 2006	BN36F	40132181	October 4, 2003 through December 2, 2005
40134272					
40138640					
40162598					
40164548					
40164560					
40164567					
40165626					
55007324					
55011286					
55011447					
65031909					
65032994					
65033019					
65033031					
65033041					
65033071					
65033257					
65033539					
65037631					
65041501					
65041511					
65041515					

Make	Model	MY	VDS	VIS	Production Period
Toyota	Avalon	2005 through 2006	BK35B	5U0002814	January 21, 2005 through October 18, 2005
				5U006835	
	5U014165				
	5U044323				
	6U086659				
	6U088598				
	Camry	2007	BK46K	73000030	January 10, 2006
	Prius	2004 through 2006	KB20U	40009577	September 29, 2003 through December 1, 2005
				40024826	
				40025760	
				40028512	
				40032113	
40032190					
53003208					
53005973					
53021425					
53032912					
53036838					
53038281					
53056361					
53057239					
53094452					
53098876					
53099407					
53099693					
53106533					
53107221					
53107358					
53107527					
53107673					
53107684					
53117005					
53119563					
53119574					
53119938					
53120318					
53122930					
57010518					
57025184					
57043153					
57046916					
57047114					
57047136					
57047416					
63132824					
63133342					
63134676					
63134951					
63135028					
63135307					
63137165					
67061372					
67062840					
RAV4	2005	HD20V	56044476	September 7, 2005	
SCION tc	2005 through 2006	DE167	60086083	August 22, 2005 through November 2, 2005	
			60086987		
			60087296		
			60089521		
			60102632		
	DE177	50005378	June 10, 2004 through November 28, 2005		
		50020190			
		50043655			
		50057216			
		60083247			
60086007					
60086256					
60086763					
60089347					
60098054					
60098197					
60107644					
Tacoma	2005 2006	LU42N	5Z081376	April 20, 2005	
			6Z190357	November 29, 2005	