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March 28, 2006

061-096 (5 pages)

Mr. Daniel C. Smith Associate Administrator for Enforcement National Highway Traffic Safety Administration 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Room 5321 Washington, D.C. 20590

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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#### **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 Plattin 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. <u>Description of Problem</u>

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. <u>Distributor/Dealer Notification Schedule</u>:

Notifications to distributors/dealers will be sent in early April 2006.

# **Identification of Affected Vehicles**

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