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

Re: 2007 MY Toyota Camry Solara Curtain Shield Airbag System
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 Camry Solara vehicles to address an issue with the curtain shield airbag system.

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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Attachment

DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT

1. Vehicle Manufacturer Name:

Toyota Motor Manufacturing Kentucky, Inc. ["TMMK"]
1001 Cherry Blossom Way
Georgetown, KY 40324

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	Manufact-urer	VIN		Production Period
			VDS	VIS	
Toyota Camry Solara	2007	TMMK	CA30P	U112710 – U113655	July 24, 2006 through August 1, 2006
			CE30P	U754307 – U754782	

Note: Although the involved vehicles are within the above VIN range, not all vehicles in this range were sold in the U.S.

3. Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Affected:

160

4. Percentage of Vehicles Estimated to Actually Experience Malfunction:

Unknown

5. Description of Problem:

In certain 2007 Toyota Camry Solara vehicles equipped with the curtain shield airbag system, there is a possibility that the tether strap of the curtain shield airbag, which is located in the front pillar, may have been incorrectly routed during the assembly process. In this condition, the front side of the curtain shield airbag may not deploy as designed, and could result in insufficient occupant protection during a side impact collision or rollover event.

6. Chronology of Principal Events:

August 2006 – Late November 2006

Toyota Motor Corporation ["TMC"] received information from Toyota Motor Engineering and Manufacturing North America, Inc. ["TEMA"] that TMMK discovered an incorrectly routed tether strap of the curtain shield airbag during an off-line paint repair procedure and immediately began an investigation. As a result, it was found that there is the possibility that the tether strap of the curtain shield airbag may have been routed incorrectly during the assembly process due to insufficient training of some temporary workers used for the assembly of the curtain shield airbag to the vehicle. TEMA conducted several deployment tests on a vehicle with an incorrectly routed tether strap of the curtain shield airbag and found that the front side of the curtain shield airbag may not deployed as designed, which could result in an insufficient occupant protection during a side impact collision or rollover event.

Early December 2006

Based upon the result of the investigation, Toyota decided to conduct a voluntary safety recall of all vehicles equipped with the curtain shield airbag system within the affected range.

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 Toyota dealer to inspect the routing of the tether straps for both driver and passenger sides of the curtain shield airbags. The dealer will reroute the tether straps as necessary.

Reimbursement Plan for pre-notification remedies

The vehicles involved were produced between July 24, 2006 and August 1, 2006. As the owner notification letters will be mailed out well within the active period of the Toyota New Vehicle Limited Warranty ("Warranty"), all involved vehicle owners for this recall would have been provided a repair at no cost under the Toyota's Warranty.

8. Recall Schedule:

Mailing of the owner notifications will commence in late December, 2006, and will be completed by the middle of January, 2007.

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 mid December, 2006.