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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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MR. ROGER BLANDFORD MANAGER, PRODUCT SUPPORT SOUTHEAST TOYOTA DISTRIBUTORS, LLC 100 JIM MORAN BOULEVARD DEERFIELD, FL 33442 NVS-215kjs 08E-029

SUBJECT: AFTERMARKET ALLOY WHEEL LUG NUTS

DEAR MR. BLANDFORD:

This letter serves to acknowledge Southeast Toyota Distributors, LLC's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a defect for the products listed below for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30119.

Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

SOUTHEAST TOYOTA/TUNDRA/2007 BBS/00041-34701/9999 ENKEI/00041-34600/9999

NHTSA Campaign Number: 08E-029 Mfg's Report Date: February 22, 2008

Components: WHEELS:LUGS/NUTS/BOLTS

Potential Number of Units Affected: To be Determined

Summary:

SOUTHEAST TOYOTA IS RECALLING ALLOY WHEEL LUG NUTS USED FOR THE 18" ENKEI AND 20" BBS WHEELS SOLD AS AN UPGRADE PACKAGE FOR 2007 TOYOTA TUNDRA MODEL VEHICLES. THE WHEEL NUTS MAY CRACK AND BREAK IF THE WHEELS ARE NOT INSTALLED CAREFULLY OR IF THE WHEEL NUTS ARE NOT CAREFULLY TORQUED.

Consequence:

CRACKED OR BROKEN WHEEL NUTS COULD RESULT IN A VEHICLE CRASH.

Remedy:

SOUTHEAST TOYOTA WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND REPLACE THE WHEEL NUTS WITH A MORE ROBUST WHEEL NUT FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING APRIL 2008. OWNERS MAY CONTACT SOUTHEAST TOYOTA CUSTOMER LOYALTY DEPARTMENT TOLL-FREE AT 800-301-6859.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS MAY CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); OR GO TO <u>HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV</u>.

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

We have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it meets the requirements of 49 CFR Part 577. Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. The first quarterly report will be due in this office on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227, by email at <u>Kelly.Schuler@dot.gov</u>, or through the office email at <u>RMD.ODI@dot.gov</u>. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

Patricia Q. Wallace Jos George H. Person

George H. Person Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigation Enforcement