



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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MANAGER  
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TOYOTA MOTOR NORTH AMERICA, INC.  
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NVS-215dgl  
10V-091

Subject: PROPELLER SHAFT

DEAR MR. SANTUCCI:

This letter serves to acknowledge Toyota Motor North America Inc's defect notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a problem in the vehicles described below for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted.

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:**  
TOYOTA/TUNDRA/2010

**Mfg's Report Date:** March 9, 2010

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 10V-091

**Components:** POWER TRAIN: AXLE ASSEMBLY: AXLE SHAFT

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 2

**Summary:**

TOYOTA IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2010 TUNDRA VEHICLES WITH FOUR WHEEL DRIVE, THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT AN IMPROPER WELD EXISTS AT THE UNION OF THE PROPELLER SHAFT AND YOKE. DUE TO THIS IMPROPER WELD, THIS JOINT MAY SEPARATE AND THE SEPARATED SHAFT MAY COME INTO CONTACT WITH THE ROAD SURFACE.

**Consequence:**

THIS MAY RESULT IN A LOSS OF VEHICLE CONTROL INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

**Remedy:**

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE FRONT PROPELLER SHAFT FREE OR CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING MARCH 2010. OWNERS MAY CONTACT TOYOTA AT 1-800-331-4331.

**Notes:**

CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

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

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Delia Lopez who may be reached by phone at 202-366-9525, or by email at [Delia.lopez@dot.gov](mailto:Delia.lopez@dot.gov), or through the office email at [RMD.ODI@dot.gov](mailto:RMD.ODI@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you toward a successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Person', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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