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Mr. Daniel C. Smith
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: 2010 MY Toyota Tacoma Front Propeller Shaft
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 Tacoma vehicles to address an issue with the front propeller shaft.

Should you have any questions about this report, please contact me at (202) 775-1707.

Sincerely,

TOYOTA MOTOR NORTH AMERICA, INC.



Chris Santucci
Manager
Technical & Regulatory Affairs

DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT

1. Vehicle Manufacturer Name:

Toyota Motor Manufacturing de Baja California, S. de C.V. ["TMMBC"]
 Carretera Tijuana Tecate Kilometro 143 y 144
 Tijuana, Baja California C. P. 22550

Toyota Motor Manufacturing California, Inc. ["TMMCA"]
 45500 Fremont Blvd., Fremont, CA, 94538

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 possible affected vehicle population as in the table below.

Make/ Car Line	Model Year	Manufac- turer	VIN		Production Period
			VDS	VIS	
Tacoma	2010 MY	TMMCA	LU4EN	AZ717933 – AZ733025	December 16, 2009 - February 5, 2010
			MU4FN	AZ718537 - AZ732111	
			PX4EN	AZ718360 - AZ731867	
			UU4EN	AZ7718082 - AZ732975	
			UX4EN	AZ718097 - AZ731922	
		TMMBC	LU4EN	AM046026 - AM047517	
			MU4FN	AM018335 - AM018933	

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

[Tier 1 Supplier]

Component Containing Defect: Fr. Propeller Shaft Assembly
 Manufacturer Name: Dana Holding Corporation
 Address: 3939 Technology Dr, Maumee, OH 43537
 Telephone Number: 419-887-5141

3. Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Affected:

2010MY Tacoma : Approximately 8,000 units

4. Percentage of Vehicles Estimated to Actually Experience Malfunction:

Unknown

5. Description of Problem:

On some 2010 Model Year Tacoma 4WD vehicles, the joint portion of the propeller shaft may include a component that contains cracks that developed during the manufacturing process. As those vehicles are used, the cracks may eventually lead to the separation of the propeller shaft at the joint portion, and the separated shaft may come into contact with the road surface. In the worst case, this may result in a loss of vehicle control.

6. Chronology of Principal Events:

February 3, 2010: Dana notified TMMBC and NUMMI that certain subject propeller shafts shipped to NUMMI and TMMBC could experience cracks.

Based on an internal investigation, Toyota decided to conduct a safety recall, because of the possibility that a crack could lead to a separation, which could create a safety risk.

7. Description of Corrective Repair Action:

All known owners of the subject vehicles will be notified by first class mail. The Toyota dealer will inspect the vehicle and replace the front propeller shaft if necessary.

Reimbursement Plan for pre-notification remedies for Toyota

The owner letter will instruct vehicle owners that have had the subject component replaced for this condition prior to this campaign to seek reimbursement by mailing a copy of their repair order, proof-of-payment, and proof-of-ownership for reimbursement consideration.

8. Recall Schedule:

Toyota's mailing of the initial owner notification will commence in the middle of March, and will be completed within one month.

Copies of the owner notification and dealer instructions will be submitted as soon as they are available.

9. Distributor/Dealer Notification Schedule:

Toyota's notifications to distributors/dealers will be sent around the end of February.