

Gabriel®
SAFETY RECALL NOTICE
Front Upper Strut Mount

Ride Control, LLC has identified a defect that may affect the operation or safety of your vehicle. This defect may exist in four Gabriel branded strut mount part numbers. Therefore, Ride Control, LLC is recalling the affected part numbers as described below. This notice is issued in accordance with National Highway and Transportation Safety Administration requirements.

Under severe driving conditions, the bearing housing may separate from the mounting plate. This could cause steering wheel angle change from normal position, front wheel misalignment or secondary damage to surrounding vehicle components, increasing the risk of a crash.

| Part Numbers and Applications Affected: | | | |
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| Gabriel P/N 142193 - Sold between Jul-2008 and Dec-2009 | | | |
| Make | Model | Year | Application |
| Toyota | Corolla | 88-92; 00-02 | All-Front Upper Strut Mounts |
| Chevrolet | Prizm | 98-02 | All-Front Upper Strut Mounts |
| GEO | Prizm | 89-97 | All-Front Upper Strut Mounts |
| Lexus | ES250 | 90-91 | All-Front Upper Strut Mounts |
| Gabriel P/N 142435 - Sold between Dec-2009 and Feb-2010 | | | |
| Make | Model | Year | Application |
| Toyota | Corolla | 93-97 | All-Front Upper Strut Mounts |
| Gabriel P/N 142305 - Sold between Oct-2008 and Feb-2010 | | | |
| Make | Model | Year | Application |
| Toyota | Celica | 86-93 | All-Front Upper Strut Mounts |
| Gabriel P/N 142303 - Sold between Jul-2008 and Feb-2010 | | | |
| Make | Model | Year | Application |
| Nissan | Altima | 93-99 | All-Front Upper Strut Mounts |
| Nissan | Stanza | 90-92 | All-Front Upper Strut Mounts |

What To Do: Use the following visual inspection guidelines to determine if you are affected by this recall.

Visual Identifications For Uninstalled Or In Box Strut Mounts:

The box originally containing the purchased strut mount has a small label with part number and bar code included. The country of manufacturer origin is printed on same label. Use this information to validate if you are affected by this recall.

- If your strut mount box is identified as “**Made in China**” or “**Made in Taiwan**” then you are **NOT affected** by this recall. **No further action is required from consumer.**
- If your strut mount box is identified as “**Made in India**” on box label then you **ARE affected** by this recall. Additional validation can be made by using visual inspection guidelines below.

Visual Guidelines for Strut Mounts Installed On Vehicle or Original Box Is Not Available:

Each strut mount has two distinguishing features that will allow you to identify if you have a component that is subject to this recall. Use the following description to aid in your validation.

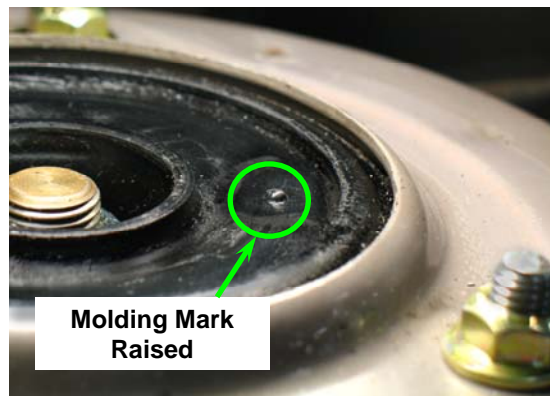
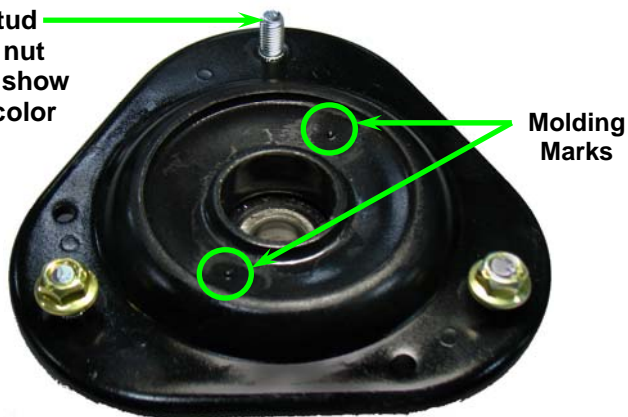
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Physical features:

- 1) The rubber portion of the mount has two marks that can be seen from the top of the mount.
 - a. **Good Part** – Marks are raised and are approximately $3/32''$ (2.2mm) in diameter.
 - b. **Recalled Part** - Marks are flat in shape and range in diameter from $3/16''$ (4.6mm) to $9/32''$ (7.0mm).
- 2) The mounting studs have unique coloring. They will be either (gray / silver) or (yellow / gold)
 - a. **Good Part** – Mounting studs are **gray/silver** in color.
 - b. **Recalled Part** – Mounting studs are **yellow/gold** in color.

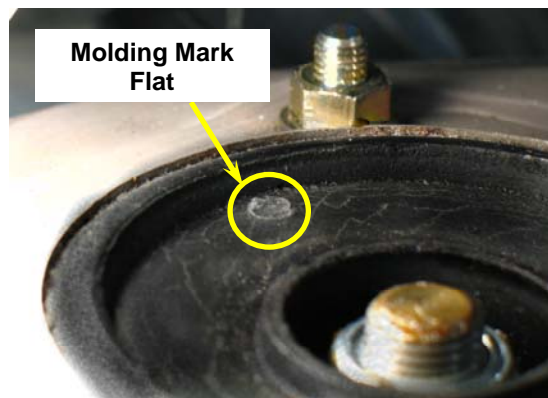
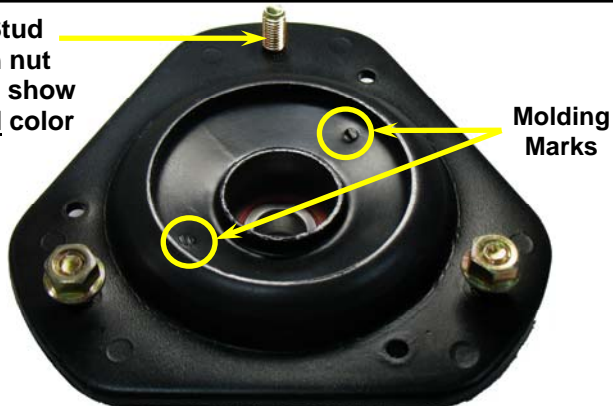
a. STRUT MOUNT NOT AFFECTED BY RECALL

Mounting Stud shown with nut removed to show gray/silver color



b. STRUT MOUNT IS AFFECTED BY RECALL

Mounting Stud shown with nut removed to show yellow/gold color



What should you do if you determine that you have product affected by this recall:

Please contact Gabriel Technical Services toll free at **1-800-999-3903** to receive instructions for reimbursement and replacement with Gabriel brand parts. We request all impacted consumers to maintain possession of your recalled strut mounts and store receipts until you have contacted Gabriel Technical Service personnel and obtained disposition instructions. Thank You.