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To:

All Toyota Dealer Principals, Service Managers, Parts Managers

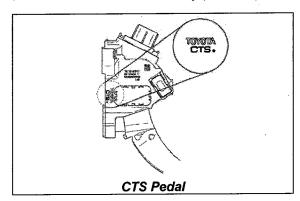
Subject:

Safety Recall - 90L Phase 3

Certain 2005 - 2010 Model Year Avalon Vehicles

Potential Floor Mat Interference with Accelerator Pedal (February, 2010)

Toyota is now launching <u>Phase 3</u> of Safety Recall 90L on certain <u>2005 - 2010 Avalon</u> vehicles for potential floor mat interference with the accelerator pedal. All Avalon vehicles are equipped with a CTS pedal. The same templates and gauges provided to dealers for the Camry (Phase 2) will be utilized.



Note:

- The name of the pedal manufacturer is embossed (CTS) on the upper sensor housing on the brake pedal side.
- This condition is separate from the Defect Information Report (DIR) filed on 1/21/2010 in reference to the possibility that
 certain CTS accelerator pedal mechanisms may, in rare instances, mechanically stick in a partially depressed position or
 return slowly to the idle position.

The following vital information is provided to inform you and your staff of the owner notification phase of the Safety Recall and your degree of involvement.

Background

As communicated last Fall, the defect is the potential for an unsecured or incompatible driver's floor mat to interfere with the accelerator pedal and cause it to get stuck in the wide open position. A stuck open accelerator pedal may result in very high vehicle speeds and make it difficult to stop the vehicle, which could cause a crash, serious injury or death. Toyota has determined that this defect does not exist in vehicles in which the driver's side floor mat is compatible with the vehicle and properly secured.

90L - Potential Floor Mat Interference with Accelerator Pedal (Remedy Launch Date)

| Safety Recall No. | Phase | Model | Dealer | Owner Letter Start |
|-------------------|-------|---|------------|--------------------|
| | 1 | 2007 - 2010 Camry/Camry HV (Denso) | 02/02/2010 | 02/16/2010 |
| | 2 | 2007 - 2010 Camry (CTS) | 02/04/2010 | 02/16/2010 |
| | 3 | 2005 – 2010 Avalon (CTS) | 02/23/2010 | Late February |
| 90L | TBD | 2009 - 2010 Corolla, 2008 - 2010 Highlander/Highlander HV, 2009 - 2010 Matrix, 2004 – 2009 Prius, 2005 – 2010 Tacoma, 2007 – 2010 Tundra, 2009 - 2010 Venza | TBD | TBD |

A0A - Accelerator Pedal Reinforcement Bar Installation

| Model | Dealer | Owner Letter Start |
|---|---|---|
| 2005 – 2010 Avalon, 2007 – 2010 Camry, 2009 – 2010 Corolla, 2010 Highlander, 2009 – 2010 Matrix, 2009 – 2010 RAV4, 2008 – 2010 Sequoia, | 02/02/2010 | 02/05/2010 |
| | 2005 – 2010 Avalon, 2007 – 2010 Camry, 2009 – 2010 Corolla, 2010 Highlander, 2009 – 2010 Matrix, 2009 – 2010 RAV4, | 2005 – 2010 Avalon, 2007 – 2010 Camry, 2009 – 2010 Corolla, 2010 Highlander, 2009 – 2010 Matrix, 2009 – 2010 RAV4, 2008 – 2010 Sequoia, |

Safety Recall Remedy for Vehicles Equipped with CTS Pedals

To make it less likely that an unsecured or incompatible driver's floor mat can interfere with the accelerator pedal, dealerships are requested to do the following:

- Modify both the rigid plastic accelerator pedal and the floor surface in the driver's foot-well.
- If the vehicle is equipped with a set of optional genuine Toyota All Weather Floor Mats (AWFM), it must be inspected to determine if the AWFM set is of an older design. If it is, the older design AWFMs for the driver and the front seat passenger positions will be replaced with newly designed mats.
- Before the vehicle is returned to the customer, inspect the front carpet and floor mat and clean them as appropriate.

As an additional measure independent of the vehicle-based recall remedy, dealerships are requested to install a newly designed override system on **Avalon** vehicles to provide an extra measure of confidence. This system will cut engine power in case of simultaneous application of both accelerator and brake pedals at certain speeds and driving conditions.

1. Owner Notification Letter Mailing Date

The owner notification will commence in late February, approximately one week after your dealership has been notified.

This Safety Recall will be launched in phases.

• Information on additional phases related to Corolla, Highlander, Matrix, Prius, Tacoma, Tundra and Venza will be provided prior to the launch of these phases.

If your dealership is contacted by an owner of an Avalon who has not yet received a notification, please *verify eligibility by confirming through Dealer Daily/TIS prior to performing repairs*. Dealers should perform the repair as outlined in the attached Technical Instructions.

2. Vehicles in Dealer Stock

- As required by Federal law, dealers are not to deliver any new vehicles in their inventory which are
 involved in a safety recall unless the defect has been remedied. However, because this defect does not
 exist in vehicles in which the driver's side floor mat is compatible with the vehicle and properly secured, if
 you have remedied the accelerator pedal defect covered by safety recall AOA (or if the vehicle was
 not covered by that recall), you may sell new vehicles that have not received the full remedy if you
 assure the driver's position floor mat is semi-permanently secured or place the front driver's and
 passenger's floor mats in the trunk on any vehicles in stock prior to sale or lease. Vehicle safety recall
 completion can be verified through TIS.
- In order to assure established customers receive priority for the safety recall, we request that this Safety Recall remedy be performed on in-stock Avalon vehicles just prior to vehicle delivery where possible.

3. <u>Dealer Summary Reports</u>

For your reference, the following summary reports are included for the Service and Parts Manager:

- The number of involved vehicles in your dealership's primary marketing area for this phase
- A VIN list containing vehicles in dealer stock
- The suggested initial parts order quantities for this phase

4. Number and Identification of Involved Vehicles

There are approximately 330,000 Avalon vehicles (2005 through 2010 model year), equipped with CTS pedals.

| | WMI | Year | VIN Range | | |
|--------|-----|------|-----------|-------------------|--|
| Model | | | VDS | Range | |
| | 4T1 | 2005 | | U001003 - U062426 | |
| AVALON | | 2006 | BK36B | U042154 – U167717 | |
| | | 2007 | | U149048 - U253880 | |
| | | 2008 | | U209130 - U324241 | |
| | | 2009 | | U305357 – U351925 | |
| | | 2010 | BK3DB | U351302 – U357519 | |

NOTE:

- Not all vehicles in the VIN range are affected by this Safety Recall.
- If your dealership is contacted by an owner of an Avalon who has not yet received a notification, please verify eligibility by confirming through Dealer Daily/TIS prior to performing repairs.
- Dealers should perform the repair as outlined in the Technical Instructions found on TIS.

5. Parts Ordering

The necessary parts can be ordered through your dealership's facing PDC. Please refer to the table below and the Technical Instructions (located on TIS) for part number information.

To ensure that each Toyota Dealer has an adequate supply of service parts to complete customer vehicle repairs based on initial 90L mailing quantities and support repairs on new, pre-owned and TRAC vehicles in dealer inventory, NAPO and CAD have placed Manual Allocation codes on each of the following part numbers. Maximum quantity percentages will be increased as additional mailers are released. NAPO will release dealer orders as shown in the matrix below until further notice:

Floor Surface Modification

| Part Number | Description | DIr QUP | Max Qty released |
|-------------|----------------|---------|--------------------------|
| 58569-07010 | Tibia, Pad Kit | 1 | Up to 50 % of Dealer UIO |
| 78118-41010 | Stopper | 10 | Up to 50 % of Dealer UIO |

To support customers that have Genuine Toyota Avalon All Weather Floor Mats, Toyota will be replacing the customer's existing driver and passenger side front floor mats using the correct color 2-piece mat set below:

All Weather Floor Mat (AWFM) Replacement

| Part Number | Description | Color | Dir MaxOrder Qty |
|-----------------|---------------------|-------|------------------|
| *PT908-0710W-02 | 2PC AWFM BLK AVALON | Black | 4 |
| *PT908-0710W-14 | 2PC AWFM BRN AVALON | Brown | 1 |

Dealer Maximum Order quantities for these new All Weather Floor Mat part numbers are consistent with our historical sales. Manual Allocation Codes are on these two part numbers and dealer orders will be reviewed and released based on availability and dealer order history.

Any questions, request or concerns regarding the parameters established above should be directed to your regional representative.

- *AWFM's replaced under this Safety Recall will be placed on Warranty Parts Recovery.
- To assure the AWFM's are rendered unusable, they should be cut prior to return.
- Floor mats that are not returned will result in the claim being debited.
- If a customer has disposed of their older design Toyota genuine AWFM, he/she may receive the
 replacement AWFMs for the driver and front passenger seating positions upon proof-of-purchase of
 the original set. Please return a copy of the proof-of-purchase stapled to the repair order in an
 envelope in lieu of the actual AWFM for warranty parts recovery.

IMPORTANT PARTS ORDERING REMINDER

Effective March 1, 2009, Safety Recall, Service Campaign (SSC/LSC) and Customer Support Program (CSP) parts do not earn Parts Return Credit Accrual and are not returnable under the Monthly Return Program.

It is recommended that you order these parts based on appointments or immediate customer needs using a "Sell One-Buy One" ordering pattern. Please refer to PANT Bulletin 09-12 for additional details.

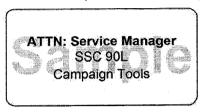
In the event the grommet area requires repair, a new repair part is available. Please refer to T-SB-0397-09 for additional information on grommet repair.

| Part No. | Part Name | Qty/Unit | |
|-------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--|
| 58297-50020 | Retainer, Floor Clamp | Depending Upon Need | |

6. Tools and Equipment and Materials

In separate shipments in early February 2010, your dealership was sent a Safety Recall tool kit and CTS pedal template. These shipments included the required accelerator pedal template and gauge, an orbital sander and a reciprocating saw.

When received, the Safety Recall tool kit package would have had fluorescent (green, orange, yellow or pink) label like the sample seen below for easy identification.

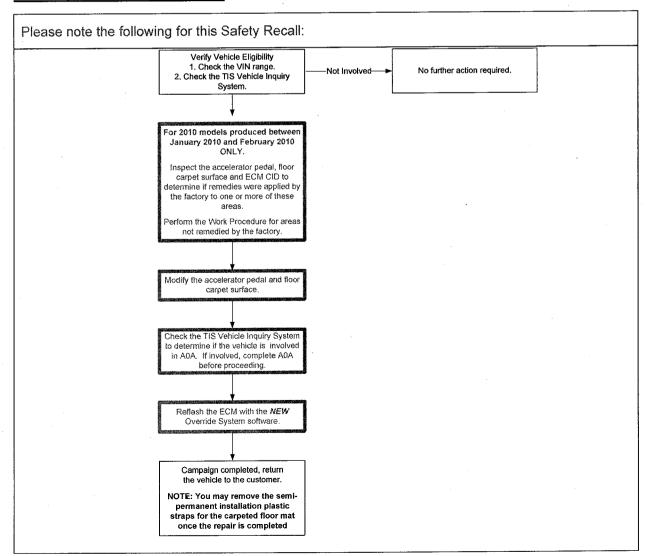


The additional required tools and equipment are listed in the technical instructions found on TIS.

7. Repair Procedures

Refer to TIS for the appropriate Technical Instructions. Vehicles involved in this Safety Recall may also be involved in Safety Recall A0A and LSC 90K. Please verify all applicable Safety Recalls and campaigns have been preformed prior to returning the vehicle to the customer.

8. Warranty Processor Instructions



(Warranty Processor Instructions Continued. . .)

The operation codes to be used for this Safety Recall are:

| Safety | | ., | |
|------------|-----------------|--|----------------|
| Recall # | Op. Code | Description | Flat Rate Hour |
| | 9911M5 | Accelerator Pedal and Floor Surface Modification Override System (reflash) installation Remove the sound deadening material Replacement of the All Weather Floor Mat Inspect the front carpet and floor mat and clean them as appropriate. | 2.0 hr/vehicle |
| 90L Avalon | 9911M6 | Accelerator Pedal and Floor Surface Modification Override System (reflash) installation Remove the sound deadening material Inspect the front carpet and floor mat and clean them as appropriate. | 2.0 hr/vehicle |
| 106 | 9911M7 | Accelerator Pedal and Floor Surface Modification Override System (reflash) installation Replacement of the All Weather Floor Mat Inspect the front carpet and floor mat and clean them as appropriate. | 1.9 hr/vehicle |
| | 9911 M 8 | Accelerator Pedal and Floor Surface Modification Override System (reflash) installation Inspect the front carpet and floor mat and clean them as appropriate. | 1.9 hr/vehicle |

- The above flat rate time includes 0.1 hour for administrative cost per unit.
- Additional materials used for repairing each vehicle (i.e., industrial tape, double-stick tape, replacement saw blades (amortized over several repairs), replacement sanding disks (amortized over several repairs), etc.) can be claimed as a sublet type "ZZ" at a rate of \$1.00 per vehicle.
- AWFM's replaced under this Safety Recall will be placed on Warranty Parts Recovery.
- The above flat rate time includes the necessary time to repair the floor carpet grommets on an as needed basis. Please refer to TSB 0397-09. If necessary, please provide replacement floor mat clips to the customer.
- If the vehicle is installed with an accessory accelerator pedal cover, the cost of the accessories
 accelerator pedal will be reimbursed under the sublet cost column. Utilize sublet type "PC" at a
 maximum of \$80.00 per vehicle.

9. Customer Handling

Please consider this Safety Recall a great opportunity to focus on assuring customers that their safety remains Toyota's highest priority. Customers who receive the owner letter may contact your dealership with questions regarding the letter and/or Safety Recall remedy. Please ensure that all customer contact personnel are aware of this Safety Recall and know how to accurately answer customer's questions or how to direct the customer to someone that can. Please welcome them to your dealership and answer any questions that they may have. A Q&A is provided to assure a consistent message is communicated. In addition, please:

- Encourage owners of 2005 through 2010 Avalon vehicles who have not yet received the Safety Recall remedy letter to take out any removable driver's floor mat and NOT replace it with any other floor mat until the safety recall (campaign) remedy has been completed on the vehicle.
- If a customer chooses not to remove the floor mat currently installed in his/her vehicle, they must make sure the floor mats are compatible for their model and model year. Also, they need to be sure they are properly secured using the appropriate retention device (clips). Driver's floor mats should never be stacked. Consumers should never place any floor mat (aftermarket or not) on top of another driver's floor mat. Mats should also not be flipped over with the bottom-side up. Information on proper floor mat installation can be found in the January 2010 Sales Hot Sheet and on http://www.tovota.com/floormats.
- Assist any customer who asks to verify correct floor mat application and secure installation.

- Advise owners of affected Corolla, Highlander, Matrix, Prius, Tacoma, Tundra and Venza vehicles that Toyota is currently developing a Safety Recall remedy. Customers should retain the all weather and/or carpeted driver's floor mat until the Safety Recall remedy is available.
- The majority of the Avalon vehicles subject to Safety Recall 90L (Potential Floor Mat Interference
 with Accelerator Pedal) are also subject to Safety Recall A0A (Reinforcement Bar) and some maybe
 involved in LSC 90K (VVT-i Oil Hose Replacement). It is important that your dealership perform all
 applicable Safety Recalls, SSC and LSC repairs in a single service visit and correctly submit the
 associated warranty claims.
- Customers with additional questions or concerns are asked to please contact the Toyota Customer Experience Center (1-888-270-9371).
- If an owner has previously paid for their vehicle's accelerator pedal and/or floor surface to be modified to address this specific condition, they are requested to mail a copy of the repair order, proof-of-payment, and proof-of-ownership to the following address for reimbursement consideration

Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc Toyota Customer Experience Center, WC10 19001 South Western Avenue Torrance, CA 90509

Service Department:

Since some customers may have misconceptions in relation to this Safety Recall, a Job Aid has been provided. Please use this document when answering customer questions and explaining the appearance of the modified accelerator pedal. Two key elements of customer satisfaction and retention are to ensure you have time during the reception and write-up process to accurately address all of the customer's questions and concerns. Next, and most important, is a quality service delivery. Make sure your delivery process includes:

- Assemble the paperwork and store it in a location that is easy to access
- The customer keys are organized and stored in a secure location
- Staffing allows you to have extra time to review the details of repairs
- Review the work completed
 - Pedal modification
 - Floor surface modification
 - Override system installation
- Review any approved customer pay maintenance or repair work performed outside the scope of the recall
- Review the "Customer Health Check" that was performed on their vehicle
- Review any multipoint inspection that was performed with the customer's approval
- Present and explain the "Toyota Owner Card" to the customer
- Review proper floor mat installation utilizing the January 2010 Sales Hot Sheet
- Ask the customer if they have any questions or concerns. If necessary, direct them to the Toyota Customer Experience Center or http://www.toyota.com/floormats
- Offer to set the next appointment for scheduled maintenance for customer
- Request the customer's vehicle to be staged for delivery
- Provide the keys to the customer and thank them for their business

Sales Department:

 Please refer to the Toyota Hot Sheet when answering questions and communicating floor mat installation and maintenance. Customers with other questions should be directed to a knowledgable person in the service department.

Please review this entire package with your Service and Parts staff to familiarize them with the proper step-bystep procedures required to implement this Safety Recall.

Thank you for your cooperation. TOYOTA MOTOR SALES, U.S.A., INC.

Certain 2005 through 2010 Model Year Avalon Vehicles Potential Floor Mat Interference with Accelerator Pedal Safety Recall Campaign

Please make an appointment with your local Toyota Dealer to have this important remedy completed.

[VIN]

Dear Toyota Owner:

This notice is being sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. Toyota has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2005 through certain 2010 model year Avalon vehicles.

What is the Condition?

As we notified you earlier this past fall, the defect is the potential for an unsecured of incompatible driver's floor mat to interfere with the accelerator pedal and cause it to get stuck in the wide open position. A stuck open accelerator pedal may result in very high vehicle speeds and make it difficult to stop the vehicle, which could cause a crash, serious injury or death. Toyota has determined that this defect does not exist in vehicles in which the driver side floor mat is compatible with the vehicle and properly secured.

What will Toyota do?

- To make it less likely that an unsecured or incompatible driver's floor mat can interfere with the accelerator pedal on your vehicle, any Toyota dealer will remedy your vehicle at **NO CHARGE** to you. The remedy will entail modification to both the accelerator pedal and the floor surface in the driver's foot-well.
- If your vehicle is equipped with a set of optional genuine Toyota All Weather Floor Mats (AWFM), it will be inspected to determine if the AWFM set is of an older design. If it is, the older design AWFMs for the driver and the front seat passenger will be replaced with newly designed ones at NO CHARGE to you.
- Before the vehicle is returned to you, Toyota will inspect the driver's carpet and will clean it if necessary at NO CHARGE to you.

As an additional measure independent of the vehicle-based recall remedy, Toyota will install a newly designed override system in your vehicle to provide an extra measure of confidence. This system will cut engine power in case of simultaneous application of both/accelerator and brake pedals at certain speeds and driving conditions. This installation will also be conducted at **NO CHARGE** to you.

What should you do?

This is an important Safety Recall

Please contact your authorized Toyota dealer to make an appointment to have these important remedies performed on your vehicle as soon as possible.

The remedy will take approximately two hours. However, depending upon the dealer's work schedule, it may be necessary to make your vehicle available for a longer period of time.

Until these important remedies are completed, we request that you take out <u>any removable</u> driver's floor mat, place it in the trunk, and NOT replace it with any other floor mat until the campaign remedy has been implemented on your vehicle. If you have an optional genuine Toyota All Weather Floor Mat, please bring it to the dealership at the time of your remedy.

In the event you choose not to take out your removable floor mat, Toyota strongly recommends that you ensure that the correct floor mat is being used, that it is properly installed and secured, that it is not flipped over with the bottom-side up, and that one floor mat is not stacked over another. Please visit http://www.toyota.com/floormats for additional information.

What should you do if you experience accelerator pedal interference?

Should the vehicle continue to accelerate rapidly after releasing the accelerator pedal, this could be an indication of floor mat interference. If this occurs, Toyota recommends you take the following actions:

First, if it is possible and safe to do so, pull back the floor mat and dislodge it from the accelerator pedal; then pull over and stop the vehicle.

If the floor mat cannot be dislodged, then firmly and steadily step on the brake pedal with both feet. Do NOT pump the brake pedal repeatedly as this will increase the effort required to slow the vehicle.

Shift the transmission gear selector to the <u>Neutral (N)</u> position and use the brakes to make a controlled stop at the side of the road and turn off the engine.

If unable to put the vehicle in Neutral, turn the engine OFF, or to ACC. This will not cause loss of steering or braking control, but the power assist to these systems will be lost.

- -If the vehicle is equipped with an Engine Start/Stop button, firmly and steadily push the button for at least three seconds to turn off the engine. Do NOT tap the Engine Start/Stop button.
- -If the vehicle is equipped with a conventional key-ignition, turn the ignition key to the ACC position to turn off the engine. Do NOT remove the key from the ignition as this will lock the steering wheel.

What if you have other questions?

Please visit http://www.toyota.com/floormats for further information. Your local Toyota dealer will be more than happy to answer any of your questions as well. If you require further assistance, you may contact the Toyota Customer Experience Center at 1-888-270-9371 Monday through Friday, 5:00 am to 6:00 pm, or Saturday 7:00 am through 4:00 pm Pacific Standard Time. Your satisfaction is extremely important to us. In the event you are not satisfied with the modification of your accelerator pedal after it is completed, a replacement accelerator pedal will be offered beginning around April 2010. Customers who have had the remedy completed will have the opportunity to receive a new pedal at no charge if desired.

If you believe that the dealer or Toyota has failed or is unable to remedy the defect within a reasonable time, you may submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20590; or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9/153) or go to http://www.safercar.gov.

What if you have previously paid for your vehicle's accelerator pedal or floor surface to be modified to address the same condition described above?

If you have previously paid for your vehicle's accelerator pedal or floor surface to be modified to address the same condition described above, please mail a copy of your repair order, proof-of-payment, and proof-of-ownership to the following address for reimbursement consideration

Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc Toyota Customer Experience, WC10 19001 South Western Avenue Torrance, CA 90509

If you are a vehicle lessor, Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the vehicle lessee within ten days of your receipt of this letter.

We have sent this notice in the interest of your continued satisfaction with our products.

Thank you for driving a Toyota.

Sincerely.

TOYOTA MOTOR SALES, U.S.A., INC.



Safety Recall 90L – Phase 3 Certain 2005 – 2010 Model Year Toyota Avalon Vehicles Potential Floor Mat Interference with Accelerator Pedal Q&A February, 2010

Toyota is now launching <u>Phase 3</u> of Safety Recall 90L on certain 200<u>5 - 2010 Avalon vehicles</u> for potential floor mat interference with the accelerator pedal. The same templates and gauges provided to dealers for the Camry (Phase 2) will be utilized.

Q1: What is the condition?

A1: As communicated last Fall, the defect is the potential for an unsecured or incompatible driver's floor mat to interfere with the accelerator pedal and cause it to get stuck in the wide open position. A stuck open accelerator pedal may result in very high vehicle speeds and make it difficult to stop the vehicle, which could cause a crash, serious injury or death. Toyota has determined that this defect does not exist in vehicles in which the driver side floor mat is compatible with the vehicle and properly secured.

Note: This Safety Recall will include Avalon vehicles equipped with accelerator pedals which are involved in Safety Recall A0A. Please refer to TIS for vehicle eligibility and for additional information.

Q2: What is Toyota going to do for vehicles affected by Safety Recall 90L?

- A2: To make it less likely that an unsecured or incompatible driver's floor mat can interfere with the accelerator pedal, dealerships are requested to do the following:
 - Modify both the rigid plastic accelerator pedal and the floor surface in the driver's foot-well.
 - If the vehicle is equipped with a set of optional genuine Toyota All Weather Floor Mats (AWFM), it must be inspected to determine if the AWFM set is of an older design. If it is, the older design AWFMs for the driver and the front seat passenger positions will be replaced with newly designed mats.
 - Before the vehicle is returned to the customer, inspect the front carpet and floor mat and clean them as appropriate.

As an additional measure independent of the vehicle-based recall remedy, Toyota will install a newly designed override system on Avalon vehicles to provide an extra measure of confidence. This system will cut engine power in case of simultaneous application of both accelerator and brake pedals at certain speeds and driving conditions.

While this Safety Recall is performed, dealerships will also verify if the vehicle is eligible for other Safety Recalls and Service Campaigns. Dealerships will make every effort to assure all applicable remedies are performed on the vehicle during the service appointment.

Q2a: Are Avalon Vehicles affected by this Safety Recall also affected by Safety Recall A0A?

A2a: Avalon vehicles affected by this Safety Recall are also involved in Safety Recall A0A. Safety Recall A0A was launched in early February, 2010. Owners will receive notifications for both Safety Recalls, simultaneously, beginning in late February, 2010.

Q3: What if a vehicle is equipped with a metallic sports pedal cover? Will the repair be performed on my vehicle?

A3: Toyota will need to remove the metallic sports pedal cover. Once the remedy is completed, due to the nature of the repair, we will not be able to reinstall the sports pedal cover. Please contact the Customer Experience Center (1-800-331-4331) for additional details and reimbursement consideration.

Q4: Can you provide me with additional information regarding the override system?

A4: As an additional measure independent of the vehicle-based recall remedy, Toyota will install a newly designed override system on the Toyota Avalon to provide an extra measure of confidence. This system will cut engine power in case of simultaneous application of both accelerator and brake pedals at certain speeds and driving conditions.

Q5: What should owners do until they have the recall remedy performed?

A5: Toyota has determined that the pedal entrapment can only occur in vehicles where the driver's side floor mat is not compatible with the vehicle and/or not properly secured.

To help reduce the risk of incorrect floor mat installation and/or application, we request that customers take out any **removable** driver's floor mat and NOT replace it with any other floor mat until the safety recall (campaign) remedy has been completed on the vehicle. After the campaign remedy has been completed, only floor mats designed specifically for the vehicle and which are properly secured should be installed on the driver's floor.

Q6: What if a customer chooses not to remove the floor mat currently installed in his/her vehicle, but would like to verify the installation and applicability?

To help reduce the risk of incorrect floor mat installation and/or application, we request that customers take out any *removable* driver's floor mat and NOT replace it with any other floor mat until the safety recall (campaign) remedy has been completed on the vehicle. If the customer chooses not to take out the floor mat, please direct the customer to his/her local Toyota dealership's Parts or Service Department to verify whether the Toyota floor mat is designed specifically for the vehicle and to ensure that it is correctly installed. The floor mat should be removed before driving to the dealership. The dealership will ensure that the vehicle is equipped with the proper floor mat and that it is properly installed. After the campaign remedy has been completed, only floor mats designed specifically for the vehicle and which are properly secured should be installed on the driver's floor.

Q6a: What if a customer disposed of his/her Toyota genuine All Weather Floor Mat (AWFM)? Will he/she still receive a newly designed one?

A6a: If a customer has disposed of an older design Toyota genuine All Weather Floor Mat (AWFM), he/she may receive the replacement AWFMs for the driver and front passenger seating positions upon proof-of-purchase of the original set.

Q7: What if a floor mat is an aftermarket rubberized floor mat?

A7: Driver's floor mat interference is possible if the floor mat is incompatible or incorrectly installed. Therefore, consumers need to make sure the floor mats are compatible for his/her model and model year. Also, they need to be sure they are properly secured using the appropriate retention device (clips). Driver's floor mats should never be stacked. Consumers should never place any floor mat – aftermarket or not on top of another driver's floor mat. Floor mats should also not be flipped over with the bottom-side up.

Q7a: When will Toyota genuine All Weather Floor Mats (AWFM) be available for purchase?

A7a: The newly designed Toyota genuine All Weather Floor Mats (AWFM) will become available for purchase again in a few months. Please check with your Toyota dealership regularly for specific availability dates.

Q8: What if a driver experiences accelerator pedal interference. What should they do?

A8: Should the vehicle continue to accelerate rapidly after releasing the accelerator pedal, this could be an indication of floor mat interference. If this occurs, Toyota recommends the driver take the following actions:

- First, if it is possible and safe to do so, pull-back the floor mat and dislodge it from the accelerator pedal; then pull over and stop the vehicle.
- If the floor mat cannot be dislodged, then firmly and steadily step on the brake pedal with both feet. Do not pump the brake pedal repeatedly as this will increase the effort required to slow the vehicle.
- Shift the transmission gear selector to the Neutral (N) position and use the brakes to make a controlled stop at the side of the road and turn off the engine.
- If unable to put the vehicle in Neutral, turn the engine OFF. This will not cause loss of steering or braking control, but the power assist to these systems will be lost.
 - -If the vehicle is equipped with an Engine Start/Stop button, firmly and steadily push the button for at least three seconds to turn off the engine. Do NOT tap the Engine Start/Stop button.
 - -If the vehicle is equipped with a conventional key-ignition, turn the ignition key to the ACC position to turn off the engine. Do NOT remove the key from the ignition as this will lock the steering wheel.

Q9: Are there any other Toyota or Lexus vehicles involved?

A9: As outlined in the Consumer Advisory issued by NHTSA and Toyota, the following vehicles are involved:

Lexus

2007 - 2010 ES 2006 - 2010 IS

Toyota

 2005 – 2010 Avalon
 2009 - 2010 Corolla

 2007 – 2010 Camry & Camry Hybrid
 2009 - 2010 Matrix

 2004 – 2009 Prius
 2009 - 2010 Venza

2005 – 2010 Tacoma 2007 – 2010 Tundra 2008 - 2010 Highlander & Highlander Hybrid

Q9a Will the other Toyota and Lexus vehicles listed in the Consumer Advisory receive the same safety recall remedy?

A9a: We are currently in the process of developing the remedies for the remaining vehicles. We will notify owners as soon as the remedy for their vehicle is available.

Q9b: When will the remedy for the remaining vehicles be completed?

A9b: We are currently in the process of developing the remedies for the remaining models. We anticipate it will take several months to develop all of those remedies.

Q9c: What is Toyota's timing for announcing the remedy on the affected vehicles?

A9c: Toyota's Timing is as follows: (Additional details will be provided as they become available)

| Safety Recall No. | Phase | Model | Dealer | Owner Letter <u>Start</u> |
|-------------------|-------|--|------------|------------------------------|
| | 1 | 2007 – 2010 Camry/Camry HV (For Camry vehicles not involved in A0A) | 02/02/2010 | 02/16/2010 |
| | 2 | 2007 – 2010 Camry (For Camry vehicles involved in A0A) | 02/04/2010 | 02/16/2010 |
| 90L | 3 | 2005 – 2010 Avalon (Avalon vehicles also involved in A0A) | 02/23/2010 | Late February |
| | TBD | 2009 - 2010 Corolla, 2008 - 2010 Highlander/Highlander HV, 2009 - 2010 Matrix, 2004 – 2009 Prius, 2005 – 2010 Tacoma, 2007 – 2010 Tundra, 2009 - 2010 Venza | TBD | TBD |

Q9d: What should customers do if his/her vehicle is involved in this phase of the Safety Recall, but they haven't received his/her owner letter?

A9d: Toyota will begin mailing Safety Recall Notices by first class mail to certain '05 - '10 Avalon owners starting in late February, 2010. The owner letters will be spread over several months consistent with parts supply and repair capacity. We ask customers for their patience as we mail the letters.

Until these important remedies are completed, to help reduce the risk of incorrect floor mat installation and/or application, we request that customers take out any **removable** driver's floor mat and NOT replace it with any other floor mat until the safety recall (campaign) remedy has been completed on the vehicle. After the campaign remedy has been completed, only floor mats designed specifically for the vehicle and which are properly secured should be installed on the driver's floor.

In the event a customer chooses not to take out the removable floor mat, Toyota strongly recommends that the customer ensure that the correct floor mat is being used, that it is properly installed and secured, that it is not flipped over with the bottom-side up, and that one floor mat is not stacked over another. Please visit http://www.toyota.com/floormats for additional information.

Q9e: Do customers need the owner letter to set-up an appointment with his/her Toyota dealership?

A9e: If the safety recall remedy has been launched for the specific model and accelerator pedal, customers will not need the owner letter to set up an appointment with his/her Toyota dealership.

Q10: What if an owner has additional questions or concerns?

A10: Owners with questions or concerns are asked to please contact the Toyota Customer Experience Center at 1-888-270-9371 Monday through Friday, 5:00 am to 6:00 pm, or Saturday 7:00 am through 4:00 pm Pacific Standard Time. They may also consult the information posted at http://www.toyota.com/floormats.

Q10a: What if an owner has previously paid for repairs to modify the vehicle's accelerator pedal and/or floor surface to address this condition?

A10a: Owners that have previously paid for their vehicle's accelerator pedal and/or floor surface to be modified to address this specific condition are requested to mail a copy of the repair order, proof-of-payment, and proof-of-ownership to the following address for reimbursement consideration

Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc

Toyota Customer Experience Center, WC10 19001 South Western Avenue, Torrance, CA 90509

Q10b: What if an owner has experienced unintended acceleration and his/her vehicle is not involved in either of these safety recalls?

A10b: If an owner of a Toyota vehicle that is not covered by these recalls believes that he/she has experienced unintended acceleration with their vehicle, they are requested to immediately contact an authorized Toyota dealer. The Toyota dealer will evaluate the consumer's complaint.

Q10c: Why aren't other models included in this safety recall?

A10c: Other models are not involved in this safety recall. Toyota does not have reason to believe that the vehicle's accelerator pedal or floor is configured in a way that creates an unreasonable risk of pedal entrapment. Nevertheless, there is a risk of accelerator pedal entrapment in any vehicle if inappropriate or unsecured floor mats are in use. Please check the driver's side floor area and remove any improperly installed floor mat. Never use an all weather floor mat on top of a removable carpeted mat, never install an all weather floor mat upside down, and never use an all weather floor mat that is incompatible with your vehicle.

Note: Please reference the specific Q&A for models requiring the reinforcement bar (included in the separate Safety Recall).

Q11: Will a rental (TRAC) vehicle be made available for customers by Toyota for this Safety Recall?

A11: The safety recall remedy will take approximately two hours to complete. Therefore a rental vehicle will not be provided.

Q12: What will the modified accelerator pedal look like?

A12: The accelerator pedal will be modified to slightly decrease the overall foot pad and pedal arm length. Any local Toyota dealer will be more than happy to go over the entire repair with the customer. We ask that they make an appointment as soon as possible.

Q12a: What if a customer is not satisfied with the appearance of the modified accelerator pedal?

A12a: The change in appearance to the pedal is not noticeable once it is installed in a vehicle. However, in the event a customer is not satisfied, a replacement accelerator pedal will be offered beginning around April, 2010. Customers who have had the remedy completed will have the opportunity to receive a replacement pedal at no charge if desired.

Q12b: Can I wait to have the accelerator pedal replaced with a newly designed one rather than have my current accelerator pedal modified?

A12b: Customer safety is important to Toyota. We ask that customers have the pedal modified as soon as possible to make the vehicle more resistant to an unsecured or incompatible driver's floor mat interfering with the accelerator pedal. Once a newly designed accelerator pedal is available, if the customer is not satisfied with the appearance of the modified pedal, they may request the pedal to be replaced.

Q12c: Will Toyota send another owner letter when the newly designed accelerator pedal becomes available?

A12c: There will not be another owner letter sent when the newly designed accelerator pedal is available. If customers are not satisfied with the appearance of the modified accelerator pedal, we ask that they check with his/her dealership in a few months and to see if the newly designed pedal is available.

Q13: Will Toyota clean the vehicle carpet for those owners that followed the Consumer Safety Advisory and removed his/her floor mats?

A13: Your local Toyota dealership will inspect and clean the driver's carpet and floor mat as appropriate.