Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc. 19001 South Western Avenue Torrance, CA 90501 (310) 468-4000

To:

All Toyota Dealer Principals, Service Managers, Parts Managers

Subject:

Safety Recall - A0B

Certain 2010 Model Year Prius Vehicles

ABS Actuator ECU Update

On February 9, 2010, Toyota filed a Defect Information Report (DIR) with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) informing the agency of our intent to conduct a voluntary Safety Recall on certain 2010 Model Year Prius vehicles.

Background

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Toyota dealers are requested to install a newly designed software update (reflash) to the ABS Actuator Electronic Control Unit (ECU) at **no charge** to the vehicle owner.

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

1. Owner Notification Mailing Date

The owner notification will commence in late February, 2010.

Only owners of the affected vehicles will be notified. If a dealer is contacted by an owner, who has not yet received a notification, please instruct the dealer to **verify eligibility by confirming through Dealer Daily/TIS prior to performing repairs**. Dealers should perform the reflash program as outlined in the attached Technical Instructions which is also located on TIS.

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. Vehicle Safety Recall completion can be verified through TIS.

A VIN list containing vehicles in dealer stock will be provided shortly.

3. Dealer Summary Reports

Summary Reports containing the <u>number</u> of involved vehicles in your dealership's primary marketing area will be provided shortly. (VIN lists of vehicles in the dealership's PMA will no longer be provided. Please verify eligibility by confirming through Dealer Daily or TIS prior to performing repairs.)

4. Number and Identification of Involved Vehicles

There are approximately 133,000 Prius vehicles (2010 model year) involved in the U.S.

			VIN Range		
				0001044 - 0124257	
PRIUS	JTD	JTD 2010 KN3DU	1000089 - 1157301		
				5000063 - 5118198	

NOTE:

- Not all vehicles in the VIN range are affected by this Safety Recall.
- If your dealership is contacted by an owner 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

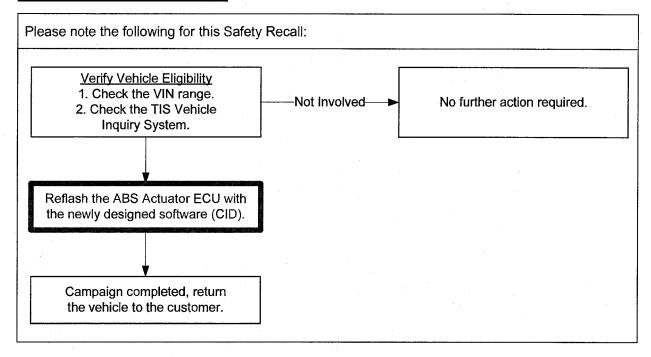
The reflash process will not require any parts.

6. Repair Procedures

Technicians will need to utilize the TechStream for the reflash. The necessary reflash software can be downloaded from TIS. Refer to TIS for the appropriate Technical Instructions for additional information.

Conduct all applicable, open Safety Recall and Service Campaigns on the vehicle during the time of appointment.

7. Warranty Processor Instructions



(Warranty Processor Instructions Continued. . .)

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

Safety Recall No.	Op. Code	Description	Flat Rate Hour
A0B	0508B1	Check the current ID of the ABS control ECU	0.3 hr/vehicle
A0B	0508B2	Check the current ID of the ABS control ECU Reflash the ABS Control ECU	0.9 hr/vehicle

The above flat rate time includes 0.1 hour for administrative cost per unit.

8. 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 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.

Customers with additional questions or concerns are asked to please contact the Toyota Customer Experience Center (1-888-270-9371).

9. Media Contacts

For News media inquiries only:

Due to the nature of this Safety Recall, it is imperative that all media contacts (local and national) receive a consistent message. In this regard, *all media contacts* must be directed to Brian Lyons (310) 468-2552, John Hanson (310) 468-4718, in Corporate Communications. (Please do not provide these numbers to customers or direct dealership associates to call).

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

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

Safety Recall A0B - Certain 2010 Model Year Prius Vehicles ABS Actuator ECU Update SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

Dear Toyota Customer:

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 2010 model year Prius vehicles.

What is the condition?

Toyota has received complaints of inconsistent brake feel during slow and steady application of brakes on rough or slick road surfaces when the anti-lock brake system (ABS) is activated in an effort to maintain tire traction. The system, in normal operation, engages and disengages rapidly (many times per second) as the control system senses and reacts to tire slippage. If the same brake pedal force is applied under these conditions, in the worst case, this may lead to an increase of vehicle stopping distance and thus raise the likelihood of a crash.

Each circumstance may vary, and drivers must use their best judgment, but uptil the remedy is completed on your vehicle Toyota advises drivers to depress the brake pedal using firm pressure.

What will Toyota do?

Toyota has developed a software update for this condition. Any authorized Toyota dealer will update the ABS Electronic Control Unit ("ECU") with the newly designed software at no charge to the vehicle owner.

What should you do?

This is an important Safety Recall

Please contact your authorized Toyota dealer to install the newly designed ABS ECU software as soon as possible. The installation will take approximately 30 minutes. However, depending upon the dealer's work schedule, it may be necessary for you to make your vehicle available for a longer period of time.

We request that you present this potice to the dealer at the time of your service appointment.

If you would like to update your vehicle ownership or contact information, please go to www.toyota.com/ownersupdate. You will need your full 17-digit Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) to input the new information.

What if you have other questions?

Your local Toyota dealer will be more than happy to answer any of your questions and set up an appointment to perform this important Safety Recall. 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, Saturday 7:00 am through 4:00 pm Pacific Time.

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, DC 20590 or call the toll free Vehicle Safety Hot Line at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153), or go to http://www.safercar.gov.

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 lessee within ten days.

We have sent this notice in the interest of your continued satisfaction with our products and we sincerely regret any inconvenience this condition may have caused you.

Thank you for driving a Toyota.

Sincerely,

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



Safety Recall A0B – Certain 2010 Model Year Prius Vehicles ABS Actuator ECU Update – Q&A

Q1: What is the condition?

A1: Toyota has received complaints of inconsistent brake feel during slow and steady application of brakes on rough or slick road surfaces when the anti-lock brake system (ABS) is activated in an effort to maintain tire traction. The system, in normal operation, engages and disengages rapidly (many times per second) as the control system senses and reacts to tire slippage. If the same brake pedal force is applied under these conditions, in the worst case, this may lead to an increase of vehicle stopping distance and thus raise the likelihood of a crash.

Q2: What is the cause of the condition?

A2: The condition is caused by improper programming of the ABS Electronic Control Unit (ECU). Due to this programming, there is a possibility that the braking force after the ABS activation may slightly degrade as compared to the braking force before the activation.

Q3: Are there any warnings that this condition exists?

A3: The driver may notice inconsistent brake feel during slow and steady application of brakes on rough or slick road surfaces when the anti-lock brake system (ABS) is activated.

Q3a: Are there any steps a driver may take if they experience this condition?

A3a: Each circumstance may vary, and drivers must use their best judgment, but until the remedy is completed on the vehicle Toyota advises drivers to depress the brake pedal using firm pressure.

Q4: Which and how many vehicles are involved?

A4: There are approximately 133,000 Prius (2010 model year) vehicles involved in the U.S.

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Prius	2010	133,000

Q5: What is the production period of the affected vehicles?

A5: The vehicles specific to this Safety Recall were produced from April, 2009 to January, 2010 (for Prius).

Q6: Are there any other Toyota or Lexus vehicles involved?

A6: Yes, there are approximately 14,550 Lexus HS250h vehicles (2010 model year) involved.

Q6a: Why are first and second generation Prius vehicles not involved in this Safety Recall?

Q6a: The third generation Prius is an all-new vehicle built from the ground-up. The ABS management program is different from the previous generation Prius vehicles.

Q6b: Why are other Toyota and Lexus Hybrids not involved?

A6b: ABS management programs for other models are different from the subject models.

Q7: What is Toyota going to do?

A7: Owners will be notified by first class mail beginning in late February. Toyota dealers will install a newly designed software update (reflash) to the ABS Actuator ECU at no charge to the vehicle owner.

Q7a: What should an owner do if they experience this condition before the ABS management program has been updated?

A7a: This condition only occurs momentarily during light pedal application at the moment the ABS system begins to activate. If an owner is experiencing this condition, he/she should firmly and steadily apply additional force to the brake pedal.

Q7b: What does this condition feel like?

A7b: If the brake pedal is lightly depressed on certain road surfaces such as icy or bumpy road, drivers may perceive a *momentary* reduction in braking performance.

Q8: Have any production changes been implemented?

A8: A production change was made to the ABS Actuator ECU at the end of January, 2010.

Q9: How many incidents of this condition have been reported?

A9: As the conditions and details of each incident are not always clear, it is difficult to identify the number of related incidents.

Q10: Have there been any accidents reported?

A10: Although there are some accidents which suggest a relation to this condition, it is difficult to identify each case.

Q11: What if an owner has additional questions or concerns?

A11: Owners with questions or concerns are asked to contact their local Toyota dealer for diagnosis, and if applicable, repair. Owners may also contact the Toyota Customer Experience Center (1-800-331-4331).

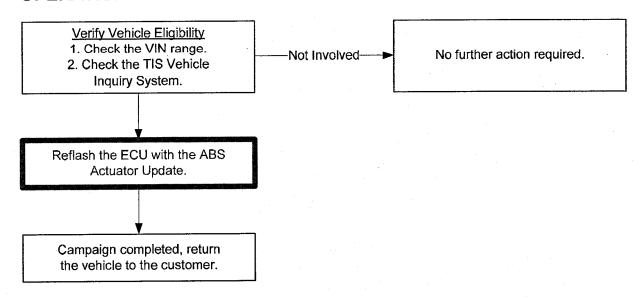
TECHNICAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR SAFETY RECALL AOB ABS ACTUATOR ECU UPDATE 2010 MODEL YEAR PRIUS REVISED FEBRUARY 9, 2010

TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION REVISION NOTICE:

- February 9, 2010:
 - Information was added to the CID table in Work Procedure, step 1, "REFLASH THE ECU". Note in Work Procedure, step 1d, "REFLASH THE ECU" was updated.

Previous versions of this Technical Instruction should be discarded.

I. OPERATION FLOWCHART



II. IDENTIFICATION OF AFFECTED VEHICLES

A. AFFECTED VIN RANGE

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Model	WMI	Year	VDS	Range	
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PRIUS	JTD	2010	2010 KN3DU	10 KN3DU 100008	1000089 - 1157301
				5000063 - 5118198	

NOTE:

- Check the TIS Vehicle Inquiry System to confirm the VIN is involved in this Safety Recall, and that the campaign has not already been completed prior to dealer shipment or by another dealer.
- TMS warranty will not reimburse dealers for repairs conducted on vehicles that are not affected or were completed by another dealer.

III. PREPARATION

A. PARTS

· No parts are required.

B. TOOLS & EQUIPMENT

- Techstream or Techstream Lite with v4.21.002 software
- GR8 Battery Diagnostic Station

IV. BACKGROUND

Toyota has received complaints of inconsistent brake feel during slow and steady application of brakes on rough or slick road surfaces when the anti-lock brake system (ABS) is activated in an effort to maintain tire traction. The system, in normal operation, engages and disengages rapidly (many times per second) as the control system senses and reacts to tire slippage. If the same brake pedal force is applied under these conditions, in the worst case, this may lead to an increase of vehicle stopping distance and thus raise the likelihood of a crash.

V. WORK PROCEDURE

i Nodel	Model Year	Wheel Size*	Current CID	New CID
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		15 in.	F152647104	F152647106
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Prius	2010		F152647123	
		17 in.	F152647124	F152647126
			F152647125	

^{*} Wheel size information can be found on the certification label, located on the drivers door jamb / B-pillar.

1. REFLASH THE ECU

- a) Connect Techstream to the DLC3.
- b) Place the car in the "IG-ON" mode (push the Power button **twice** when the car is OFF DO NOT depress the brake pedal.
- c) Connect the GR8 Battery Diagnostic Station to the vehicle and turn it ON, then select Power Supply Mode.



NOTE:

- The GR8 Battery Diagnostic Station MUST be used in Power Supply Mode to maintain battery voltage at 13.5 volts while flash reprogramming the vehicle.
- For details on how to use the GR8 Battery Diagnostic Station, refer to the GR8 Instruction Manual located on TIS, Diagnostics – Battery.
- d) Reflash the ECU with the ABS Actuator Update, following the procedures outlined in T-SB-0064-10, "Techstream ECU Flash Reprogramming Procedure". Please refer to the table above for the **NEW** CID.

NOTE:

- Please utilize the following instructions for verifying A0B applicability with Techstream v4.21.002:
 - 1. Perform a Health Check using the Techstream.
 - 2. From the Health Check Results screen, confirm campaign availability status located at the bottom of the screen.

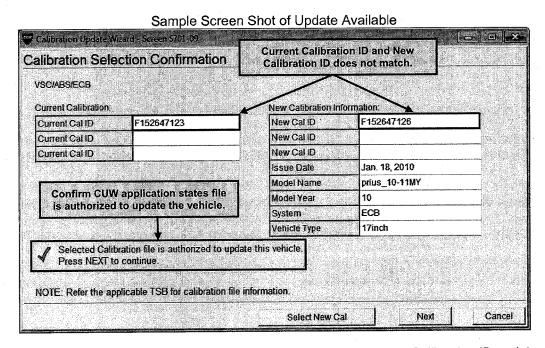
NOTE: Techstream v4.21.002 <u>does not</u> retrieve Calibration ID for the ABS/VSC/TRAC ECU when performing a Health Check. Calibration update applicability can be checked using the Calibration Update Wizard (CUW), see steps 4 – 7 on the next 2 pages.

NOTE CONTINUED...

3. If Campaign Available status is "NO", the A0B campaign does not apply. If status is "YES", click the "YES" link to access Calibration files from the campaign instructions and to confirm the vehicle requires a Calibration update.

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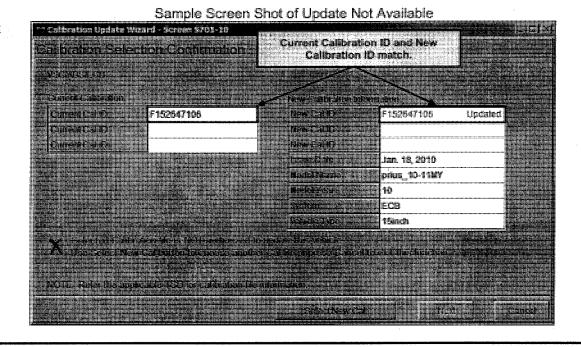
- 4. Select the appropriate Calibration file to launch the CUW.
- 5. Confirm Calibration applicability from the Calibration Selection Confirmation screen.



If Current Calibration ID from the vehicle does not match the New Calibration ID and the CUW application states "Selected Calibration file is authorized to update this vehicle", then proceed with the update.

NOTE CONTINUED...

7. If the Current Calibration ID and the New Calibration ID match the update has already been performed. Proceed with filing an Inspection Claim.



2. CHECK FOR DTC CODES

- a) Connect the Techstream to the DLC3
- b) Ceck for DTC codes.

NOTE:

If any Pending, Current, and/or History DTCs are set, troubleshoot according to the repair manual.

3. TEST DRIVE THE VEHICLE AND INSPECT FOR ANY PROBLEMS

- CAMPAIGN COMPLETE -







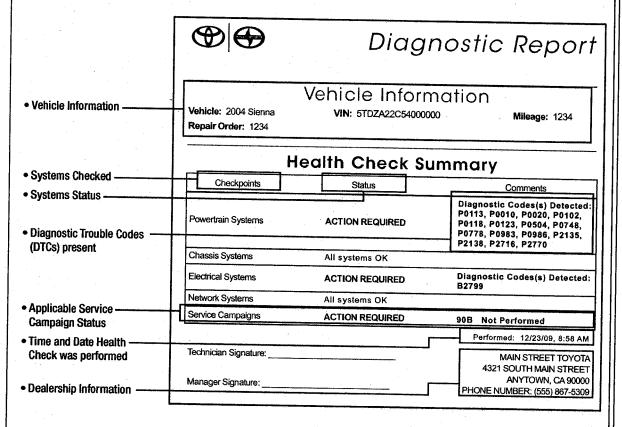


Customer Health Check/Diagnostic Report Quick Reference

Overview

A Customer Health Check or Diagnostic Report is generated by TIS using vehicle Health Check data from the Techstream diagnostic application. TIS summarizes the vehicle Health Check data and displays it in a customer friendly format.

The Diagnostic Report provides your customers with a complete view of their vehicle's state of health. The sample report below highlights the key items included on each printed report.



NOTE: You must be connected to the dealership network for the Health Check data to be stored and Diagnostic Report to properly complete.

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- Q: What is a Customer Health Check Report?
- A: A Diagnostic Report is manually generated from the Health Check Results screen on Techstream. TIS summarizes the vehicle Health Check data and displays it in a customer friendly format.
- Q: How long does it take to create the Diagnostic Report?
- A: In order to create a Diagnostic Report, a Health Check must be performed. A Health Check takes less than three minutes to complete on most vehicles. Generating and printing a Diagnostic Report for the customer takes less than two additional minutes.
- Q: How long do I have to wait for TIS to generate the Diagnostic Report?
- A: After selecting the Diagnostic Report icon from Techstream, a report form launches nearly instantly following your TIS log-in.
- Q: How will the Diagnostic Report display Service Campaigns (SSC/LSC) completed today?
- A: Any SSC/LSC completed during the current service event should be selected as "Performed" when generating the Diagnostic Report. The final report will indicate that the SSC/LSC was "Performed" and show "All Systems OK" for Service Campaign Status.
- Q: How often can you run a Diagnostic Report?
- A: As often as necessary.
- Q: How do I save a Diagnostic Report?
- A: Once the Diagnostic Report is generated in TIS, the system saves it automatically. You can access the saved report from the Vehicle Inquiry screen.
- Q: Who can access Diagnostic Reports?
- A: All TIS users with access to the Vehicle Inquiry page.
- Q: How long are the Diagnostic Reports available?
- A: Diagnostic Reports are available from the Vehicle Inquiry page on TIS for three years.
- Q: Can I print the Diagnostic Report?
- A: Yes. You can print directly from Techstream when generating the report, or from the Vehicle Inquiry page on TIS anytime after the report has been generated.
- Q: Can I email a Diagnostic Report?
- A: Yes. If your PC has the ability to generate a PDF file, you can print or save the file in this format and also attach the file to an email.
- Q: Why can't I find a Diagnostic Report for a specific VIN?
- A: Reports are NOT automatically generated with each Health Check. You have to select the button from the Techstream Health Check Results screen.

Customer Health Check/Diagnostic Report Quick Reference

Generating a Diagnostic Report

The Diagnostic Report is generated from the Techstream Health Check Results screen.

 After completing a Health Check, click the "Customer Health Check/ Diagnostic Report" button at the bottom of the screen.

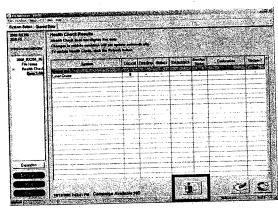


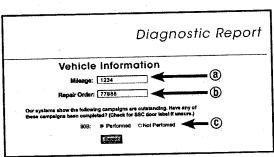
Customer Health Check/Diagnostic Report Button

- 2. Log-in to TIS.
- 3. Once the "Diagnostic Report" screen opens, enter the following information:
 - a. Vehicle Mileage
 - b. Repair Order Number
 - c. Select the appropriate button for each of the listed campaigns to indicate if the SSC/LSC was completed during the current service visit.

NOTE: Only service campaigns that are not completed or are completed but have pending warranty claims will be shown.

- 4. Click the "Report" button.
- A print ready Diagnostic Report will display showing Vehicle Information, Health Check Summary and Dealership Information.





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Manager Signature:		PHONE NUMBER: (555) 867-5309

Accessing Stored Diagnostic Reports from TIS

When Diagnostic Reports are generated they are stored in TIS and can be viewed from the Vehicle Inquiry page.

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Printing

The Diagnostic Report can be printed directly from TIS or Techstream using a networked printer. The report can also be saved as an Adobe® PDF file, if your PC is equipped with Adobe® Acrobat®.

Printing from Techstream:

clicking on the hyperlink.

- 1. Select File/Print from the web browser
- 2. Select the appropriate printer* and then press the print button

Printing a previously generated report from the TIS Vehicle Inquiry page:

- 1. Open Diagnostic Report
- 2. Right click inside report and select Print
- 3. Select the appropriate printer* and then press the print button

* To print to PDF, select Adobe® PDF or other PDF writer under Printer Selection. Then select a location on your PC to save the PDF file when prompted.

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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

To:

All Region/Private Distributor General Managers/Vice Presidents

From:

Bob Waltz, Bouls

Vice President, Product Quality and Service Support

Subject:

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3. Number of Vehicles Involved

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4. Region/District Summary Reports

We have enclosed the following Safety Recall A0B Summary Reports in the Region/Private Distributor (PD) Service Manager/Customer Service Operations Manager/Director of Service package:

- Region/PD Summary that provides an overview of the entire Region/PD for this Safety Recall.
- District Summary Report that indicates the number of involved vehicles registered in each dealership's primary marketing area for this Safety Recall.
- Dealer Reports will no longer contain a VIN list. However, they will contain the number of involved vehicles registered in each dealership's primary marketing area.

Enclosed:

cc: Region/Private Distributor Assistant General Managers

Region/Private Distributor Customer Service Operations Managers

Region/Private Distributor Service Managers/Directors/VPs Region/Private Distributor Parts Managers/Directors/VPs

Region/Private Distributor Customer Services Field Managers

Region/Private Distributor Technical Services and Training Managers

Region/Private Distributor District Service and/or Parts Managers

Region/Private Distributor Customer Relations Managers

Region/Private Distributor PDC Managers

Region/Private Distributor Field Technical Specialists

Region/Private Distributor Service Training Specialists

Region/Private Distributor Vehicle Operations Managers

All NAPC General Managers

All TMS Sales Administration Managers

All TMS Product Quality & Service Support Managers

All Field Product Engineers

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To:

All Toyota Dealer Principals, Service Managers, Parts Managers

Subject:

Safety Recall - A0B

Certain 2010 Model Year Prius Vehicles

ABS Actuator ECU Update

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				VIN Range
				0001044 - 0124257
PRIUS	JTD	2010	KN3DU	1000089 - 1157301
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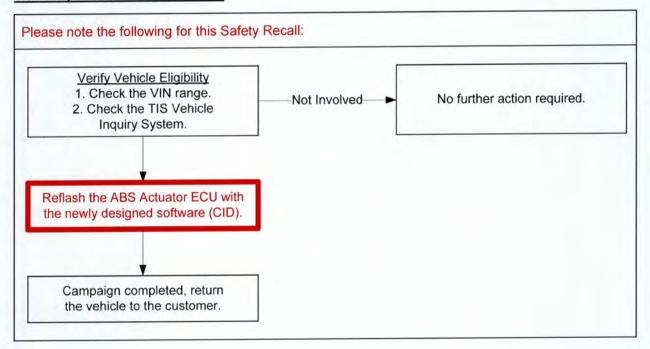
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(Warranty Processor Instructions Continued. . .)

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What will Toyota do

Toyota has developed a software update for this condition. Any authorized Toyota dealer will update the ABS Electronic Control Link ("ECLI") with the newly designed software at no charge to the vehicle owner.

What should you do?

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Q2: What is the cause of the condition?

A2: The condition is caused by improper programming of the ABS Electronic Control Unit (ECU). Due to this programming, there is a possibility that the braking force after the ABS activation may slightly degrade as compared to the braking force before the activation.

Q3: Are there any warnings that this condition exists?

A3: The driver may notice inconsistent brake feel during slow and steady application of brakes on rough or slick road surfaces when the anti-lock brake system (ABS) is activated.

Q3a: Are there any steps a driver may take if they experience this condition?

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Q4: Which and how many vehicles are involved?

A4: There are approximately 133,000 Prius (2010 model year) vehicles involved in the U.S.

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Q5: What is the production period of the affected vehicles?

A5: The vehicles specific to this Safety Recall were produced from April, 2009 to January, 2010 (for Prius).

Q6: Are there any other Toyota or Lexus vehicles involved?

A6: Yes, there are approximately 14,550 Lexus HS250h vehicles (2010 model year) involved.

Q6a: Why are first and second generation Prius vehicles not involved in this Safety Recall?

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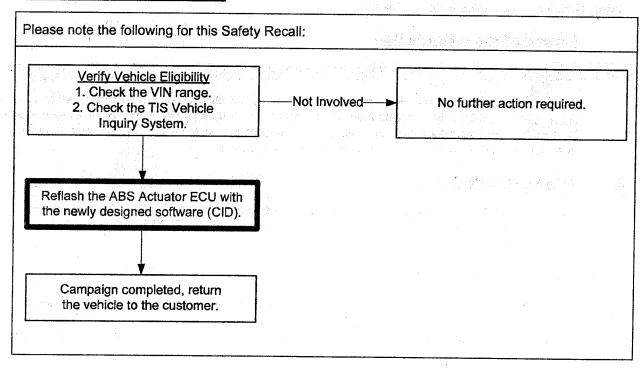
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TECHNICAL INSTRUCTIONS

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ABS ACTUATOR ECU UPDATE

2010 MODEL YEAR PRIUS

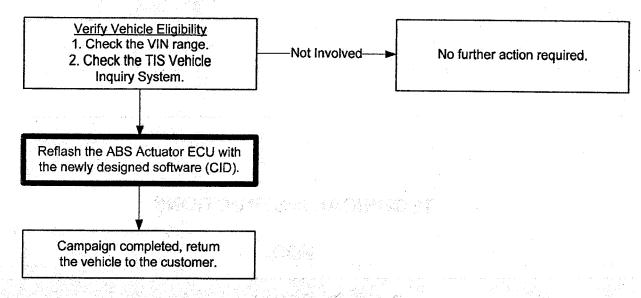
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TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION REVISION NOTICE:

- February 9, 2010:
 - Information was added to the CID table in Work Procedure, step 1, "REFLASH THE ECU".
 - Note in Work Procedure, step 1d, "REFLASH THE ECU" was updated.
- February 18, 2010:
 - Information was added to Preparation, section B, "TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT".
 - The order of steps was changed in Work Procedure, for steps 1a through 1c, "REFLASH THE ECU".
 - Information, images and note in Work Procedure, step 1a, "REFLASH THE ECU" was updated.
 - Step 1e was added to Work Procedure, "REFLASH THE ECU".

Previous versions of this Technical Instruction should be discarded.

I. OPERATION FLOWCHART



II. IDENTIFICATION OF AFFECTED VEHICLES

A. AFFECTED VIN RANGE

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NOTE:

- Check the TIS Vehicle Inquiry System to confirm the VIN is involved in this Safety Recall, and that
 the campaign has not already been completed prior to dealer shipment or by another dealer.
- TMS warranty will not reimburse dealers for repairs conducted on vehicles that are not affected or were completed by another dealer.

III. PREPARATION

A. PARTS

No parts are required.

B. TOOLS & EQUIPMENT

- Techstream or Techstream Lite with v4.21.002 software
- GR8 Battery Diagnostic Station, if unavailable, the PSC Power Supply Charger / Maintainer (MTRPSC550SKT) may be used.

IV. BACKGROUND

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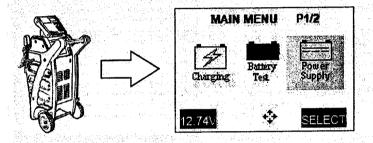
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^{*} Wheel size information can be found on the certification label, located on the drivers door jamb / B-pillar.

1. REFLASH THE ECU

a) Connect the GR8 Battery Diagnostic Station to the vehicle and turn it ON, then select Power Supply Mode as shown below.



NOTE:

- The GR8 Battery Diagnostic Station MUST be used in Power Supply Mode to maintain battery voltage at 13.5 volts while flash reprogramming the vehicle.
- For details on how to use the GR8 Battery Diagnostic Station, refer to the GR8 Instruction
 Manual located on TIS, Diagnostics Battery.
- If the GR8 Battery Diagnostic Station is unavailable, the PSC Power Supply Charger / Maintainer (MTRPSC550SKT) may be used.
- b) Connect Techstream to the DLC3.
- c) Place the car in the "IG-ON" mode (push the Power button **twice** when the car is OFF DO NOT depress the brake pedal.
- d) Reflash the ABS Actuator ECU with the newly designed software (CID), following the procedures outlined in T-SB-0064-10, "Techstream ECU Flash Reprogramming Procedure". Please refer to the table above for the **NEW** CID.

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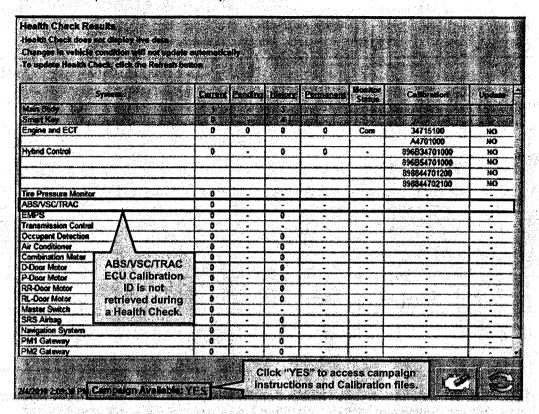
Please utilize the following instructions for verifying A0B applicability with Techstream v4.21.002:

- 1. Perform a Health Check using the Techstream.
- 2. From the Health Check Results screen, confirm campaign availability status located at the bottom of the screen.

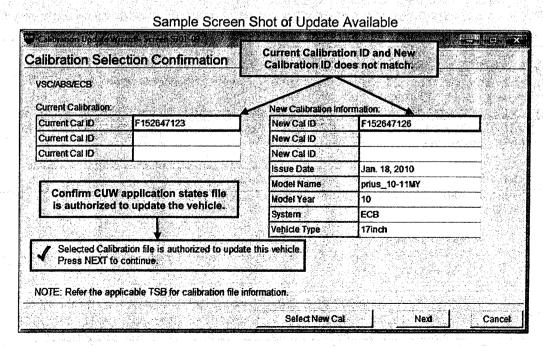
NOTE: Techstream v4.21.002 <u>does not</u> retrieve Calibration ID for the ABS/VSC/TRAC ECU when performing a Health Check. Calibration update applicability can be checked using the Calibration Update Wizard (CUW), see steps 3 – 7 on the next 2 pages.

NOTE CONTINUED...

3. If Campaign Available status is "NO", the A0B campaign does not apply. If status is "YES", click the "YES" link to access Calibration files from the campaign instructions and to confirm the vehicle requires a Calibration update.



- 4. Select the appropriate Calibration file to launch the CUW.
- 5. Confirm Calibration applicability from the Calibration Selection Confirmation screen.



If Current Calibration ID from the vehicle does not match the New Calibration ID and the CUW application states "Selected Calibration file is authorized to update this vehicle", then proceed with the update.

NOTE CONTINUED...

7. If the Current Calibration ID and the New Calibration ID match the update has already been performed. Proceed with filing an Inspection Claim.

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NOTE:

DO NOT start the vehicle ("IG-ON" mode with "READY" light ON) with the GR8 Battery Diagnostic Station or PSC Power Supply Charger / Maintainer (MTRPSC550SKT) connected to the vehicle.

2. CHECK FOR DTC CODES

- a) Connect the Techstream to the DLC3
- b) Check for DTC codes.

NOTE:

If any Pending, Current, and/or History DTCs are set, troubleshoot according to the repair manual.

3. TEST DRIVE THE VEHICLE AND INSPECT FOR ANY PROBLEMS

- CAMPAIGN COMPLETE -