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To: All Toyota Dealer Principals, Service Managers, Parts Managers

Subject: Safety Recall B0A – *Remedy Parts Available* Certain 2004 – 2006 model year Highlander/Highlander HV Driver's Side Floor Carpet Cover and Retention Clips

As previously announced, on Thursday February 24, 2011, 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 2004 – 2006 model year Highlander/Highlander HV vehicles to replace the driver's side Floor Carpet Cover and Retention Clips.

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### **Background**

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### **Remedy**

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

### 1. Owner Notification Mailing Date

Toyota has completed parts preparation and will begin to notify owners of the Remedy Phase in early May, 2011 approximately 1 week after the dealer communication. The owner notification will be mailed in quantities consistent with parts availability and repair capacity.

# 2. Dealer/Owner Lists

Summary Reports, containing the number of covered vehicles in your dealership's primary marketing area, have been enclosed in the dealer package. (Please verify eligibility by confirming through Dealer Daily or TIS prior to performing repairs.)

### 3. Vehicles in Dealer Stock

As required by Federal law, dealers are not to deliver any new vehicles in their inventory that are involved in a Safety Recall unless the defect has been remedied. Vehicle Safety Recall completion can be verified through TIS.

# 4. Number and Identification of Covered Vehicles

There are approximately 397,000 Toyota Highlander/Highlander HV (Certain 2004 – 2006 Model Year) vehicles covered by this Safety Recall.

MODEL	WMI	MY	VDS	START	FINISH		
			DD21A	0073058	0105659		
			DP21A	0001005	0043214		
			ED21A	0025894	0031832		
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			GD21A	0073656	0105684		
			GP21A	0001006	0043210		
			HD21A	0025363	0033057		
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			DP21A	0043215	0091384		
			ED21A	0033309	0039278		
		2005	EP21A	0067234	0136405		
HIGHLANDER	JTE	2005	GD21A	0105182	0132242		
			GP21A	0042673	0091386		
		2006	HD21A	0033060	0040125		
			HP21A	0118918	0118918		
			DD21A	0132256	0155324		
						DP21A	0091388
			ED21A	0040139	0044652		
			EP21A	0136406	0186757		
			GD21A	0132244	0155327		
			GP21A	0090882	0126215		
			HD21A	0040128	0045716		
			HP21A	0165464	0186758		
		2005	EW21A	0001002	0001004		
			DW21A	0001003	0016407		
HIGHLANDER HV	JTE	2006	EW21A	0001009	0033818		
		2000	GW21A	0001541	0013007		
			HW21A	0001275	0020710		

Please note that only owners of the covered vehicles will be notified. If a dealer is contacted by an owner who has not yet received the notification, please *verify coverage by confirming through Dealer Daily/TIS.* Dealers should perform the procedure as outlined in the Technical Instructions located on TIS.

A UIO matrix by state is provided to inform your dealership of the number of affected vehicles in your state.

STATE	UIO	S
AK	644	
AL	4,479	
AR	2,210	
AZ	7,114	
CA	62,677	
CO	7,799	
СТ	6,350	
DC	615	
DE	1,288	
FL	26,018	
GA	12,149	

TATE	UIO	S
HI	2,873	
IA	2,852	
ID	1,322	
IL	16,037	
IN	4,645	
KS	2,812	
KY	4,943	
LA	4,455	
MA	18,087	
MD	13,049	
ME	1,992	

STATE	UIO
MI	5,059
MN	6,663
MO	5,055
MS	1,820
MT	982
NC	14,096
ND	444
NE	1,510
NH	3,255
NJ	14,564
NM	2,011

STATE	UIO
NV	3,479
NY	21,687
ОН	10,069
OK	2,445
OR	5,021
PA	16,282
RI	1,914
SC	6,332
SD	571
ΤN	6,086
ТΧ	21,484

STATE	UIO
UT	2,350
VA	15,747
VT	1,191
WA	8,892
WI	6,507
WV	1,464
WY	538

# 5. <u>Remedy Procedures</u>

For additional repair information please refer to TIS.

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

# 6. Parts Ordering

Orders can be placed through your dealership's facing PDC. The kits have been placed on Dealer Ordering Solutions and will be systematically released daily based on dealer ordering criteria.

Part Number	Quantity			
04001-1340E Cover Kit, Floor Carpet, CTR LH* (Ivory)		1		
04001-11348	Cover Kit, Floor Carpet, CTR LH* (Gray)	1		
*The kit above includes the following parts:				
58534-xxxxx-xx – Floor Carpet Cover – Qty 1				
90467-06020-C0 – Retention Clips – Qty 2				

### **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.

Each dealer will receive specific dealer ordering criteria in an email from their facing PDC Manager based on Repair Order Volume \* PDC Affected UIO. Therefore, it is vital that each dealership work with both Parts and Service to immediately file Safety Recall claims and coordinate appropriate kit orders. A sample of the Parts Allocation Report has been attached below for your reference.



# 7. Warranty Processor Instructions



# **Operation Codes:**

Safety Recall	Op. Code	Description	Flat Rate Hour	
B0A	1526B1	Replace the Floor Carpet Cover and Retention Clips	0.3 hr/vehicle	
• The flat rate times include 0.1 hours for administrative cost per unit for the dealership.				

The interim inspection procedure, B1A, is now superseded by Safety Recall B0A. All B1A procedures must be completed by April 30, 2011. All claims for B1A must be submitted no later than May 31, 2011.

# 8. <u>Media Contacts</u>

- If you are a dealership associate and have any questions, please contact your District Service/Parts Manager.
- In the event you are contacted by the News media, it is imperative that all media contacts (local and national) receive a consistent message. Please direct all media contacts to Brian Lyons (310) 468-2552, in Toyota Corporate Communications. (Please do not provide these numbers to customers or call if you are a dealer associate. Please provide these contacts to only media representatives.)

# 9. <u>Customer Contacts</u>

• A Q&A has been attached for your use in the event you receive a customer contact. If a customer has further questions, please direct the inquiry to the Toyota Customer Experience Center at 1-800-331-4331.

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 Campaign B0A – Remedy Notice Certain 2004 – 2006 model year Highlander/Highlander HV Driver's Side Floor Carpet Cover and Retention Clips – Q&A

### Q1: What is the condition?

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### Q1a: How many retention clips secure the Floor Carpet Cover?

A1a: There are two retention clips, a forward one and a rearward one.

### Q2: What is Toyota going to do?

A2: Toyota has completed parts preparations and will now begin mailing remedy owner letters.

Toyota will replace the Driver's side Floor Carpet Cover and Retention clips with newly designed parts. The new Floor Carpet Cover has an additional tab which extends beyond the travel of the accelerator pedal arm, so as not to interrupt the movement of accelerator pedal arm even if the cover is leaning. This will be performed at no charge to the vehicle owner.

### Q3: Are there any other Toyota or Lexus models covered by this Safety Recall?

A3: In addition to the Highlander/Highlander HV vehicles, there are approximately 372,000 Lexus RX 330/350/400h (certain 2004 – early 2007 model year) vehicles covered by this Safety Recall.

Model Name	Model Year	Production Period	Number of Vehicles
Highlander	Certain 2004 – 2006	Mid-August 2003 to	Approximately
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RX 330/350/400h	Certain 2004 – early 2007	Late August 2006	372,000 units

### Q4: Are there any warnings for this condition?

A4: If the driver's side Floor Carpet Cover is leaning, the driver may notice it is contacting his/her foot.

### <u>Q5: How long will it take to conduct the remedy?</u>

A5: The replacement of the Floor Carpet Cover and retention clips will take approximately 15 minutes. However, it may be necessary for the owner to make the vehicle available for a longer period of time depending upon the dealer's work schedule.

### **Q6:** How is the shape of the new Floor Carpet Cover different from the original one?

A6: The new Floor Carpet Cover has an additional tab which extends beyond the travel of the accelerator pedal arm, so as not to interrupt the movement of accelerator pedal arm even if the cover is leaning.

### Q7: What if an owner has additional questions or concerns?

A7: 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 <u>http://www.toyota.com/floormats</u>.

### Q8: What if an owner has previously paid for repair to address the condition described above?

A8: Reimbursement consideration instructions will be provided in the Remedy owner letter.

# 2004 – 2006 Model Year Highlander/Highlander HV Floor Carpet Cover and Retention Clips Safety Recall Notice (*Replacement Parts Now Available*)

[VIN]

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 2004 – 2006 Model Year Highlander/Highlander HV vehicles.

# What is the condition?

As previously communicated to you, in certain 2004 through 2006 model year Highlander/Highlander HV vehicles, if the forward retention clip used to secure the driver's side Floor Carpet Cover, which is located in front of the center console, is not installed properly, the cover may lean toward the accelerator pedal and interfere with the accelerator pedal arm. If this occurs, the accelerator pedal may temporarily become stuck in a partially depressed position rather than returning to the idle position. An accelerator pedal temporarily stuck in a partially depressed position may increase the risk of a crash.

# What is Toyota going to do?

The replacement parts for your vehicle are now available. Toyota will replace the Floor Carpet Cover with one of a different shape as well as both forward and rear retention clips.

### What should you do?

- Please contact any Toyota dealer and make an appointment as soon as possible to have the Floor Carpet Cover and both forward and rear retention clips of your vehicle replaced at **no charge** to you.
- The replacement of the cover and clips will take approximately 20 minutes. However, depending upon the dealer's work schedule, it may be necessary to make your vehicle available for a longer period of time.

# You do not need an owner letter to have this recall completed; however, to assist the dealer in confirming vehicle eligibility, we request that you present this notice at the time of your service appointment.

If you would like to update your vehicle ownership or contact information, you may do so by registering at 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. If you require further assistance, you may contact 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, D.C. 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.

### What if you have previously paid for repairs to your vehicle for this specific condition?

If you have previously paid for repair to your vehicle for this specific condition prior to receiving this letter, 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, WC 10 19001 South Western Avenue Torrance, CA 90509 Include your name, address, and telephone number(s) in your request. Please allow us 6-8 weeks to process your request.

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.

# **TECHNICAL INSTRUCTIONS**

# FOR

# SAFETY RECALL B0A

# FLOOR CARPET COVER

# 2004 – CERTAIN EARLY 2006 MODEL YEAR HIGHLANDER / HV

# I. OPERATION FLOW CHART



# II. IDENTIFICATION OF AFFECTED VEHICLES

# A. AFFECTED VIN RANGE

Model	WMI	Veer	VIN Range	
woder	VVIVII	Year	VDS	Range
			DD21A	0073058 - 0105659
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			ED21A	0040139 - 0044652
		2006	EP21A	0136406 - 0186757
		2006	GD21A	0132244 - 0155327
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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

Part Number	Part Description	Quantity		
04001-1340E (Ivory)	Cover Kit, Floor Carpet, CTR LH*	1		
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# NOTE:

The following website can be used to confirm the appropriate part kit to order based on the VIN. <a href="http://toyota-b0a.imagespm.info/">http://toyota-b0a.imagespm.info/</a>

# **B. TOOLS & EQUIPMENT**

- Standard hand tools
- Torque wrench

# IV. BACKGROUND

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# V. WORK PROCEDURE



# A. REPLACE THE CARPET COVER AND CLIPS





# 1. REMOVE THE ACCELERATOR PEDAL ASSEMBLY

- a) Record the radio station presets.
- b) Disconnect the negative battery cable and wait 90 seconds.
- c) Disconnect the accelerator pedal connector.
- d) Remove the 2 nuts and accelerator pedal assembly.

# 2. REMOVE THE CARPET COVER CLIPS

a) Remove the two retention clips.

# 3. REMOVE THE CARPET COVER

The accelerator pedal *MUST* be removed. The center console panel will be damaged if the pedal is not removed.

- a) Tilt the front of the carpet cover toward the brake pedal.
- b) Move the carpet cover toward the front of the vehicle to remove it.







- 4. REINSTALL THE ACCELERATOR PEDAL ASSEMBLY Torque: 4.9 Nm (50 kgf cm, 43 in. lbf)
- 5. REINSTALL THE NEW CARPET COVER AND TWO NEW CLIPS
- 6. RECONNECT THE NEGATIVE BATTERY CABLE
- 7. CONFIRM THE PEDAL OPERATES PROPERLY AND NOTHING INTERFERES WITH THE PEDAL

# VERIFY REPAIR QUALITY

- Confirm the pedal is reinstalled correctly
- Confirm the carpet cover is reinstalled correctly
- Confirm the correct retention clips are used and secure
- Confirm nothing interferes with accelerator pedal operation
- If you have any questions regarding this recall, please contact your regional representative

# VI. APPENDIX

As required by Federal Regulations, please make sure all recalled parts (original parts) removed from the vehicle are disposed of in a manner in which they will not be reused, *unless requested for parts recovery return.* 

Lonnie Peterson / Toyota Customer Services Product Quality and Service Support, Quality Compliance April 28, 2011 Approved By: Bob Waltz

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