

**URGENT**

This is an important Safety Recall.
The remedy will be performed at
NO CHARGE to you.

Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc.
19001 South Western Avenue
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Torrance, CA 90509-2991

**2001 – 2003 Model Year Prius Vehicles
Replacement of Electric Power Steering (EPS) Pinion Shaft Nuts
SAFETY RECALL NOTICE**

[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 2001–2003 model year Prius vehicles.

What is the condition?

In the Electronic Power Steering (EPS) system of the 2001 through 2003 Prius, there is a possibility that the nuts that secure the pinion shaft in the steering gear box assembly may become loose if the steering wheel is repeatedly and strongly turned to the full-lock position. If the vehicle is continuously operated in this condition, the pinion shaft may become unstable which may cause power generated by the electric motor to not be fully transmitted. This could result in significant increased steering effort when making a left turn increasing the risk of a crash.

What will Toyota do?

Any authorized Toyota dealer will replace the nuts that secure the pinion shaft with different ones 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 the EPS pinion shaft nuts replaced as soon as possible.

The replacement of the EPS pinion shaft nuts will take approximately 4 hours. 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, 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 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, 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 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.

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