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TMS-NTC-12278 November 20, 2012

Recall Management Division National Highway Traffic Safety Administration 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590

Re: Toyota Safety Recall 12V-373 - Supplemental Dealer Notification

To whom it may concern,

Please find attached the Supplemental Dealer Notification Letter for Toyota Safety Recall 12V-373 on the following Toyota and Lexus vehicles:

- 2006 to Early 2011 Model Year RAV4
- 2010 Model Year HS250h

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (310) 468-5316.

Sincerely,

**Quality Compliance Assistant Manager** 

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#### Attachments:

- Lexus 12V-373 (CLE) Supplemental Dealer Notification
- Toyota 12V-373 (C0J) Supplemental Dealer Notification



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

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

Subject: Safety Recall C0J – Remedy Parts Available

2006 to Early 2011 Model Year RAV4 Vehicles

Rear Lower Suspension Arm No.1

As previously announced, in August, 2012, 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 2006 to early 2011 Model Year RAV4 Vehicles.

Toyota has completed parts preparation and will now begin mailing the remedy owner letter.

#### Condition

In the Rear Suspension Arm No.1 Assembly ("arm"), if the nuts for adjusting the rear wheel alignment are not tightened following the proper procedure and torque specification when vehicle alignment service is performed, backlash may develop at the threaded portion of the arm (shaft and turn-buckle), followed by formation of rust. If this occurs, threads may wear, causing the arm to separate, which could result in the loss of vehicle control.

#### Remedy

Toyota dealers will perform an inspection of the Rear Suspension Arm No. 1, install suspension arm clips, and apply caution labels at **NO CHARGE** to the vehicle owner. If the Rear Suspension Arm No. 1 is found loose it will be replaced. For additional information on inspection and repair procedures, please refer to TIS.

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

#### 1. Owner Letter Mailing Date

Toyota has completed parts preparation and will begin to notify owners of the Remedy Phase in late November, 2012 approximately 2 weeks after the dealer communication. The owner notification letter will also include an Owner's Manual booklet containing supplemental alignment information. The owner notification will be mailed in quantities consistent with parts availability and repair capacity.

Toyota tries very hard to obtain current customer name and address information when mailing owner letters. In the event your dealership receives a notice for a vehicle that was sold prior to the Safety Recall announcement, it is the dealership's responsibility to forward the owner letter to the customer who purchased the vehicle.

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 a notification, please instruct them to *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.

#### 2. Vehicles in Dealership Inventory (In-Stock Vehicles and Toyota Rent-A-Car (TRAC))

Toyota requests dealers to conduct the remedy on any pre-owned vehicles currently in dealer inventory that are covered by this Safety Recall prior to delivery to the customer.

#### 3. 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.)

#### 4. Number and Identification of Covered Vehicles

There are approximately 760,000 RAV4 (2006 to early 2011 model year) vehicles covered by this Safety Recall in the U.S.

# (Number and Identification of Covered Vehicles Continued . . .)

WMI	MY	VDS	START	FINISH	WMI	MY	VDS	START	FINISH			
		BD31V	5000052	5051226			BK33V	5012697	5040747			
		BD31V	6000010	6022606			DNSSV	6010022	6028069			
		BD32V	5000029	5051222			BK34V	5012752	5040742			
		DD32 V	6000011	6022607			BK35V	5012701	5040698			
		BD33V	5000087	5051264			ZD31V	5031315	5077936			
		BD33V	6000046	6022596			20310	6020846	6052970			
		BD34V	5000058	5051164			ZD32V	5031131	5077984			
		BD35V	5000031	5051248			ZD32 V	6019942	6052984			
		BK31V	5000008	5012690			ZD33V	5032593	5078025			
		DNSTV	6000015	6010002		2007	ZD33 V	6020843	6052993			
		BK32V	5000011	5012686		2007	ZD34V	5032641	5077858			
		DNJZV	6000012	6010006			ZD35V	5032630	5077997			
		BK33V	5000022	5012692			ZK31V	5005691	5016136			
		DIXOOV	6000031	6009992			ZIXOTV	6002895	6010016			
		BK34V	5000028	5012673			ZK32V	5005392	5016123			
	2006	BK35V	5000010	5012694			ZINOZV	6003133	6010013			
	2000	ZD31V	5000027	5032586			ZK33V	5005699	5016137			
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			D000150	D010128
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			5000105	5014242
		ZF33V	6000003	6000007
			D000109	D015511
		ZF34V	5000120	5014170
		ZF35V	5000104	5014232
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		ZK31V	D000103	D003176
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		BF34V	W003775	W021681				RF4DV	W022777	W082383
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		BK31V	W001143	W013774				WF4DV	W016936	W052514
		BK32V	W001142	W013693			2010	WK4DV	W003659	W008863
		BK33V	W001162	W013773				XF4DV	W018112	W052094
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		ZF33V	W001049	W016918			ZK4DV	W003652	W008861	
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		ZK32V	W001149	W003642				DK4DV	W036901	W037033
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		BK4DV	W013775	W036881				RK4DV	W036971	W036988
		DF4DV	W024130	W082385				WF4DV	W050399	W052858
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	2010	EF4DV	W024745	W069582				YF4DV	W052611	W052872
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		RF4DV	W022777	W082383				ZK4DV	W008870	W008870

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 instruct the dealer to *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 covered vehicles in your state.

STATE	UIO
AK	2,005
AL	5,519
AR	4,011
AZ	12,785
CA	85,213
CO	17,127
CT	13,991
DC	1,054
DE	2,447
FL	40,360
GA	16,349

STATE	UIO
HI	4,188
IA	6,569
₽	3,343
⊒	30,793
IN	10,794
KS	5,276
KY	7,703
LA	7,035
MA	36,727
MD	19,702
ME	6,036

UIO
11,400
14,652
9,974
2,489
2,437
16,237
1,267
3,602
8,077
36,704
4,125

UIO
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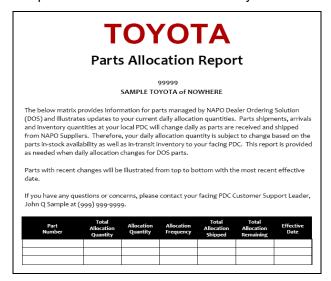
STATE	UIO
UT	5,504
VA	23,657
VT	4,190
WA	19,061
WI	16,304
WV	4,948
WY	1,427

#### 5. Parts Ordering Process (Dealer Ordering Solutions)

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

Campaign	mpaign Part Number Part Description						
C0J							
	*The Kit above includes the following parts:						
_	- Clip with label for Rear Lower Suspension Arm No. 1 2						
-	- Label for Rear Lower Suspension Arm No. 2 4						
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Each dealership 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.



#### **IMPORTANT PARTS ORDERING UPDATE**

Effective January 1, 2012, All Future Safety Recall, Service Campaign (SSC/LSC) and Customer Support Program (CSP) parts will be eligible for the Monthly Parts Return Program. Please refer to PANT Bulletin 2011-087 for campaign parts that are currently returnable under the Monthly Parts Return Program and additional details.



In the limited cases in which the Rear Suspension Arm No.1 was found loose during the inspection procedure, the following part should be ordered. Only a small number of vehicles will require this part.

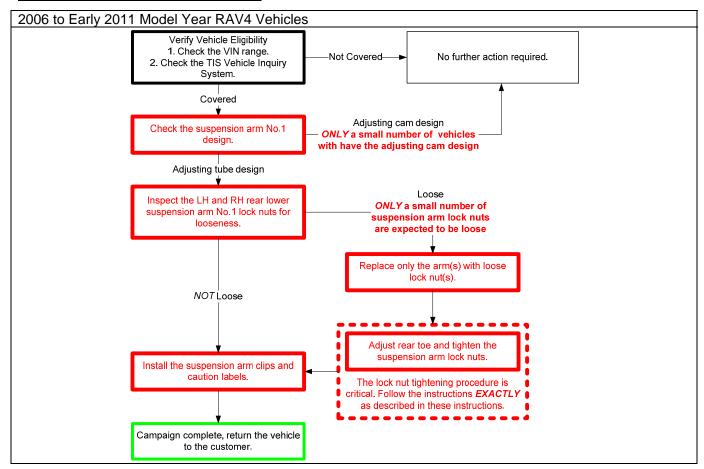
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C0J	03 04002-22142 Rear Suspension Arm No.1 Kit*			1		
	*The Kit above includes the following parts:					
48710-0R0	48710-0R010 Rear Lower Suspension Arm No. 1 1					
90179-12027 Nut			1			

#### 6. Remedy Procedures

Please refer to TIS for Technical Instructions on inspection and repair.

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

#### 7. Warranty Reimbursement Procedure



Model	Op. Code	Description	Flat Rate Hour
RAV4	2510HA	Check Rear Lower Suspension Arm No.1 for Looseness, Install Clips, and Caution Labels	0.5 hr/vehicle

• The flat rate times include 0.1 hours for administrative cost per unit for the dealership.

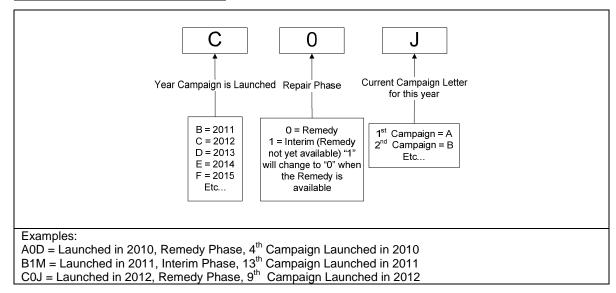
The Interim Phase, C1J, is now superseded by Safety Recall C0J. All C1J Repair Order dates must be prior to 11/20/2012. All Repair Orders dated 11/20/2012 and after must be submitted under C0J. Please note service replacement part numbers will not be accepted under C0J.

In the limited cases the Rear Suspension Arm No.1 was found loose during the inspection procedure the following operation codes should be used.

Model	Op. Code	Description	Flat Rate Hour
RAV4	2510HB	Check for Looseness, Replace 1 Side, Perform Alignment, Install Clips, and Caution Labels	2.2 hr/vehicle
	2510HC	Check for Looseness, Replace 2 Sides, Perform Alignment, Install Clips, and Caution Labels	2.4 hr/vehicle

 The flat rate times for Op Codes 2510HB and 2510HC include flat rate time for performing an alignment.

#### Campaign Designation Decoder



#### 8. Repair Quality Confirmation

The repair quality of covered vehicles is extremely important to Toyota. To help ensure that all vehicles have the repair performed correctly, please designate at least one associate (someone other than the individual who performed the repair) to verify the repair quality of every vehicle prior to customer delivery.

#### 9. Media Contacts

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 in Toyota Corporate Communications. (Please do not provide this number to customers. Please provide this contact to only media associates.)

#### 10. <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 C0J – Remedy Phase 2006 to early 2011 Model Year Toyota RAV4 Vehicles Rear Lower Suspension Arm No.1 – Q&A

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

#### Q1: What is the condition?

A1: In the Rear Suspension Arm No.1 Assembly ("arm"), if the nuts for adjusting the rear wheel alignment are not tightened following the proper procedure and torque specification when vehicle alignment service is performed, backlash may develop at the threaded portion of the arm (shaft and turn-buckle), followed by formation of rust. If this occurs, threads may wear, causing the arm to separate, which could result in the loss of vehicle control.

#### Q1a: What is the cause of condition?

A1a: This condition may occur if the nuts for adjusting the rear wheel alignment are not tightened following the proper procedure and torque specification when vehicle alignment service is performed.

# Q2: What is Toyota going to do?

A2: Any authorized Toyota dealer will perform an inspection of the Rear Suspension Arm No. 1, install suspension arm clips, and apply caution labels at **NO CHARGE** to the vehicle owner. If the Rear Suspension Arm No. 1 is found loose, it will be replaced.

# Q2a: If a customer had the Lower Suspension Arm No.1 replaced during the interim phase, do they need to have the remedy performed?

A2a: Yes, the customer will need to return to the dealership to have the remedy performed.

#### Q3: Are there any warnings that this condition has occurred?

A3: Yes, if the Rear Suspension Arm No. 1 becomes loose, the driver may notice an abnormal noise from the rear of the vehicle.

#### Q3a: What should a customer do if they hear an abnormal noise from the rear of the vehicle?

A3a: If a driver hears an abnormal noise from the rear of the vehicle, the driver should contact any authorized Toyota dealer for diagnosis, and if applicable, repair.

#### Q4: Which and how many vehicles are covered by this Safety Recall?

A4: There are approximately 760,000 Toyota RAV4 vehicles and approximately 18,000 Lexus HS250h Vehicles covered by this Safety Recall in the U.S.

Model Name	Model Year	Production Period	Number of Vehicles (Approx.)
RAV4	2006 to Early 2011	October, 2005 through Early September, 2010	760,000
HS250	2010	July, 2009 through Late August, 2010	18,000

#### Q4a: Are there any other Toyota or Lexus vehicles covered?

A4a: No. There are no other Toyota or Lexus models covered by this Safety Recall.

#### Q5: How long will the repair take?

A5: The inspection of the Rear Lower Suspension Arm No. 1, installation of the suspension arm clips, and application of the caution labels will take approximately 30 minutes. If the dealer determines the Rear Lower Suspension Arm No. 1 requires replacement during the inspection, the repair will take approximately 2 hours. However, depending upon the dealer's work schedule, it may be necessary to make the vehicle available for a longer period of time.

#### Q6: What if a customer has previously paid for repairs to his/her vehicle for this condition?

A6: Owners are requested to refer to the remedy owner letter for instructions to request reimbursement for previous repair costs.

#### 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 Time.

# 2006 to Early 2011 Model Year RAV4 Vehicles Rear Lower Suspension Arm No. 1

#### SAFETY RECALL NOTICE (Remedy Now Available)

[VIN]

#### Dear Toyota Customer:

**URGENT SAFETY RECALL** 

This is an important Safety Recall.

The remedy will be performed at **NO CHARGE** to you.

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 2006 to Early 2011 Model Year RAV4 vehicles.

#### What is the condition?

In the Rear Suspension Arm No.1 Assembly ("arm"), if the nuts for adjusting the rear wheel alignment are not tightened following the proper procedure and torque specification when vehicle alignment service is performed, backlash may develop at the threaded portion of the arm (shaft and turn-buckle), followed by formation of rust. If this occurs, threads may wear, causing the arm to separate, which could result in the loss of vehicle control.

#### What will Toyota do?

The remedy for your vehicle is now available. Any authorized Toyota dealer will inspect the Rear Suspension Arm No. 1, install suspension arm clips, and apply caution labels at **NO CHARGE** to you. If the Rear Lower Suspension Arm No.1 is found loose during the inspection, it will be replaced.

#### What should you do?

#### This is an important Safety Recall

Please contact any authorized Toyota dealer and make an appointment to have the remedy performed for this Safety Recall.

The inspection of the Rear Lower Suspension Arm No. 1, installation of the suspension arm clips, and application of the caution labels will take approximately 30 minutes. If the dealer determines the Rear Lower Suspension Arm No. 1 requires replacement during the inspection, the repair will take approximately 2 hours. However, depending upon the dealer's work schedule, it may be necessary to make your vehicle available for a longer period of time.

Enclosed with this owner notification letter is a booklet containing supplemental alignment information. If you have an alignment performed on your vehicle in the future, this information should be provided to the servicing facility.

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 <a href="https://www.toyota.com/ownersupdate">www.toyota.com/ownersupdate</a>. 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 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, 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 <a href="http://www.safercar.gov">http://www.safercar.gov</a>.

#### 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

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.

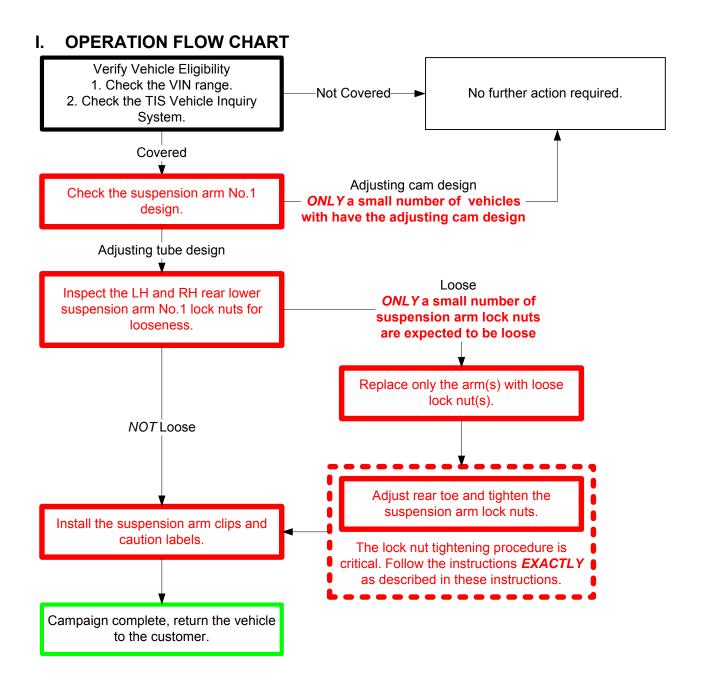
Thank you for driving a Toyota.

Sincerely,

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

# FOR SAFETY RECALL COJ REAR LOWER SUSPENSION ARM No.1 2006 – EARLY 2011 MODEL YEAR RAV4

**Complete C0J Technical Video Supplement** 



#### II. PREPARATION

#### A. PARTS

Part Number	Part Number Part Description		
04002-60142			
or	Clip and label kit*	1	
04002-60242			
	*The kit above includes the following parts.		
_	Clip with label for	2	
_	Rear lower suspension arm No.1**	2	
_	Label for rear lower suspension arm No.2	4	

<sup>\*\*</sup>The clips are produced by two suppliers; therefore, there is two part numbers for the clip kits. The kit part numbers are interchangeable.

Part Number	Quantity		
04002-22142	04002-22142 Rear Suspension Arm No.1 Kit*		
	*The kit above includes the following parts.		
48710-0R010	Rear Lower Suspension Arm No.1	1	
90179-12027	Nut	1	

<sup>\*</sup>Only a small number of vehicles will require suspension arm replacement, follow these instructions closely to determine if suspension arm replacement is necessary. Parts will be placed on DOS, refer to the dealer letter for more information.

#### **B. TOOLS & EQUIPMENT**

- · Standard hand tools
- Torque wrench
- 22mm crowfoot
- 4 Wheel alignment machine

SST – This is an essential special service tool that the dealership should have.

Part Number	Part Name	Quantity
09960-20010	Ball Joint Puller Set	1

#### III. BACKGROUND

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# IV. IDENTIFICATION OF AFFECTED VEHICLES

# A. COVERED VIN RANGE

14/841	V		VDS Range
WMI	Year	VDS	Range
2T3	2009	BF31V	W001119-W024119
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2T3	2009	BK32V	W001142-W013693
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JTM	2006	BK34V	5000028-5012673
JTM	2006	BK35V	5000010-5012694
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JTM	2007	ZD34V	5032641-5077858
JTM	2007	ZD35V	5032630-5077997
JTM	2007	ZK31V	5005691-6010016
JTM	2007	ZK32V	5005392-6010013
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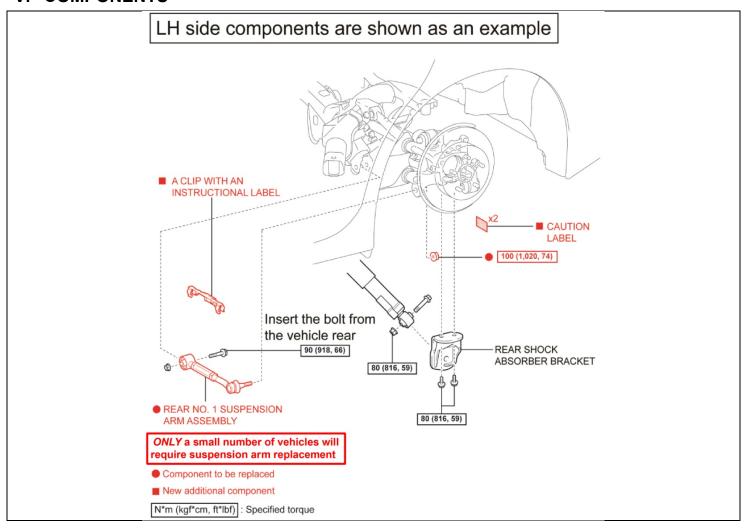
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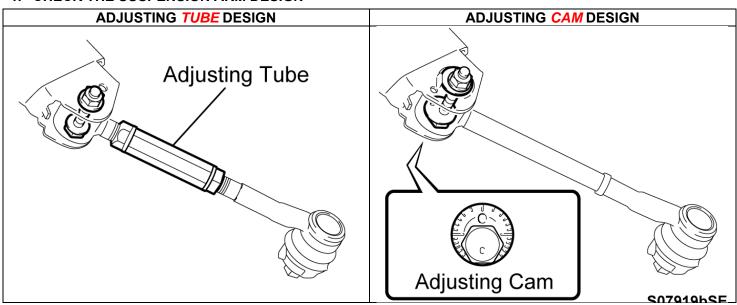
- Check the TIS Vehicle Inquiry System to confirm the VIN is involved in this Safety Recall, and that the campaign has not already been completed prior to dealer shipment or by another dealer.
- TMS warranty will not reimburse dealers for repairs conducted on vehicles that are not affected or were completed by another dealer.

# V. COMPONENTS



# VI. REAR LOWER SUSPENSION ARM No.1 INSPECTION

# 1. CHECK THE SUSPENSION ARM DESIGN



<b>ARM DESIGN</b>	ACTION REQUIRED
Adjusting <b>Tube</b>	Proceed to STEP 2. CHECK FOR LOOSENESS VISUALLY AND BY HAND
Adjusting <i>Cam</i>	No further action required. Campaign complete.

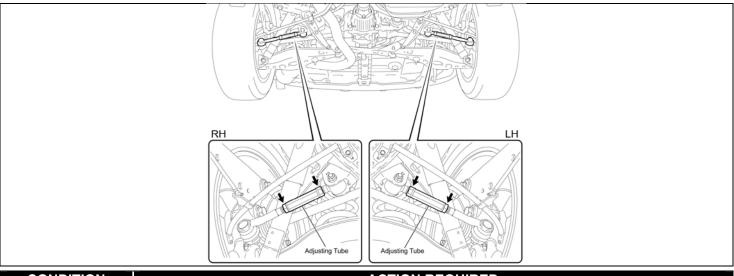
#### Video supplement: Introduction & Suspension Arm Inspection steps

#### 2. CHECK FOR LOOSENESS VISUALLY AND BY HAND

a) Check visually and by hand to determine if any looseness is seen or felt in the suspension arm lock nuts or adjusting tube. Check the LH and RH arms.



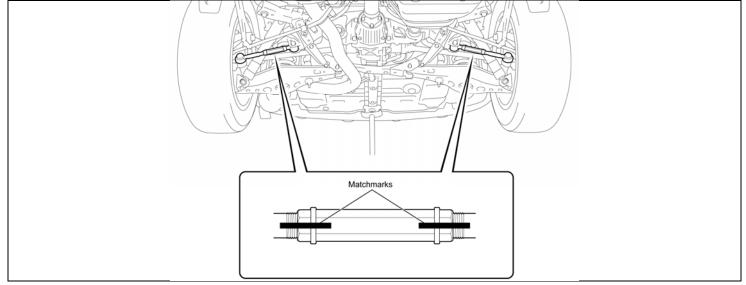
- ONLY replace the suspension arm(s) if looseness is found.
- The arm(s) not found loose must also be checked using a torque wrench as described in steps 3-5.



CONDITION	ACTION REQUIRED
Loose	<ul> <li>Replace the suspension arm(s) with looseness. Refer to TIS for instructions on suspension arm replacement.</li> <li>NOTE:</li> <li>To prevent stress on the new suspension arm bushing, apply a load to the suspension system to confirm the suspension arm bushing is aligned correctly when tightening by confirming that rear suspension arm No.1 is level with the ground.</li> <li>Suspension arm adjustment and tightening procedure is critical. After replacing the arm, refer to SECTION VII. in these instructions for this procedure.</li> </ul>
<b>NOT</b> Loose	Proceed to STEP 3. PLACE MATCHMARKS ON SUSPENSION ARM

#### 3. PLACE MATCH-MARKS ON SUSPENSION ARM

- a) Place match-marks across the suspension arms as shown. Mark the arms that were not found loose during **STEP 2.**
- b) Use these match-marks to determine if looseness is found in steps 4 and 5 when applying torque.



# 4. CHECK THE ADJUSTING TUBE FOR LOOSENESS WITH TORQUE WRENCH (This checks inboard lock nut for looseness)

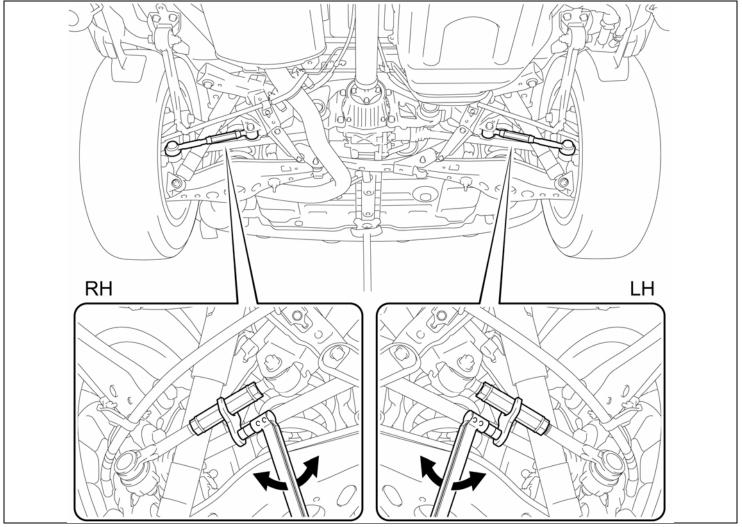
- a) Check for looseness in the adjusting tube using a torque wrench.
- b) Apply the specified torque to the adjusting tube in both directions. Check the arms that were not previously found loose during **STEP 2.** Inspect the match-marks to see if they become misaligned.

Torque: 15ft. lbf (20N·m)

• Use a 22mm crowfoot attached to a 15 inch torque wrench. If a tool setup other than specified is used, refer to TIS for torque wrench calculation.



- Confirm the torque wrench is set correctly and that only the specified torque is being applied to the adjusting tube.
- ONLY replace the suspension arm(s) if looseness is found.



CONDITION	ACTION REQUIRED
Loose	<ul> <li>Replace the suspension arm(s) with looseness. Refer to TIS for instructions on suspension arm replacement.</li> <li>NOTE:</li> <li>To prevent stress on the new suspension arm bushing, apply a load to the suspension system to confirm the suspension arm bushing is aligned correctly when tightening by confirming that rear suspension arm No.1 is level with the ground.</li> <li>Suspension arm adjustment and tightening procedure is critical. After replacing the arm, refer to SECTION VII. in these instructions for this procedure.</li> </ul>
<b>NOT</b> Loose	Proceed to STEP 5. CHECK THE OUTBOARD LOCK NUT FOR LOOSENESS

#### 5. CHECK THE OUTBOARD LOCK NUT FOR LOOSENESS (lock nut closest to ball joint)

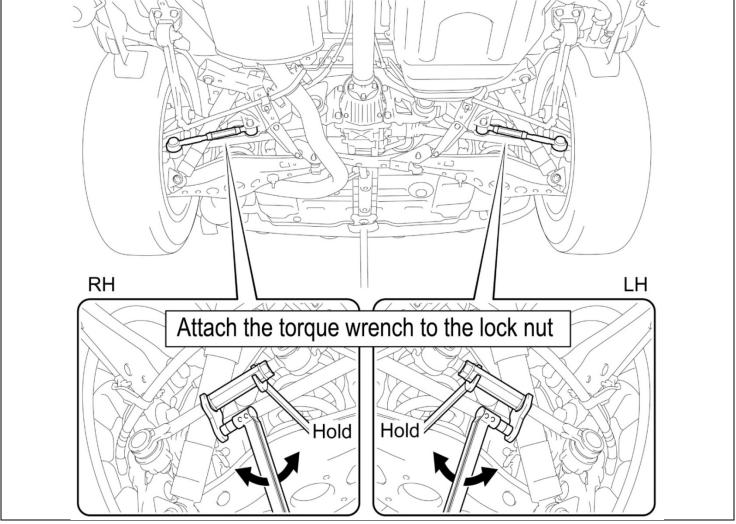
- a) While holding the adjusting tube with a wrench, check for looseness in the outboard lock nut using a torque wrench with a 22mm crowfoot attached.
- b) Apply the specified torque to the lock nut in both directions. Check the arms that were not previously found loose during **STEPS 2-4.** Inspect the match-marks to see if they become misaligned.

Torque: 15ft. lbf (20N·m)

• Use a 22mm crowfoot attached to a 15 inch torque wrench. If a tool setup other than specified is used, refer to TIS for torque wrench calculation.



- Confirm the torque wrench is set correctly and that only the specified torque is being applied to the outboard lock nut.
- ONLY replace the suspension arm(s) if looseness is found.



CONDITION	ACTION REQUIRED
Loose	<ul> <li>Replace the suspension arm(s) with looseness. Refer to TIS for instructions on suspension arm replacement.</li> <li>NOTE:</li> <li>To prevent stress on the new suspension arm bushing, apply a load to the suspension system to confirm the suspension arm bushing is aligned correctly when tightening by confirming that rear suspension arm No.1 is level with the ground.</li> <li>Suspension arm adjustment and tightening procedure is critical. After replacing the arm, refer to SECTION VII. in these instructions for this procedure.</li> </ul>
<b>NOT</b> Loose	Proceed to SECTION VIII.SUSPENSION ARM CLIP AND CAUTION LABEL INSTALLATION



Only perform this section if the suspension arm was found loose and replaced. If no suspension arm was found loose and replaced, proceed to SECTION VIII. SUSPENSION ARM CLIP AND CAUTION LABEL INSTALLATION

#### VII. SUSPENSION ARM ADJUSTMENT AND LOCK NUT TIGHTENING

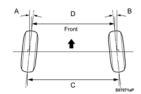
Video Supplement: Suspension Arm Adjustment and Lock Nut Tightening steps

#### 1. ADJUST REAR TOE

a) Adjust the rear wheel toe using an alignment machine.

**Specification:** 

A+B: 0°10' +/- 0°05' (0.17° +/- 0.09°) C-D: 2.0 +/- 1.0mm (0.08 +/- 0.04in.)





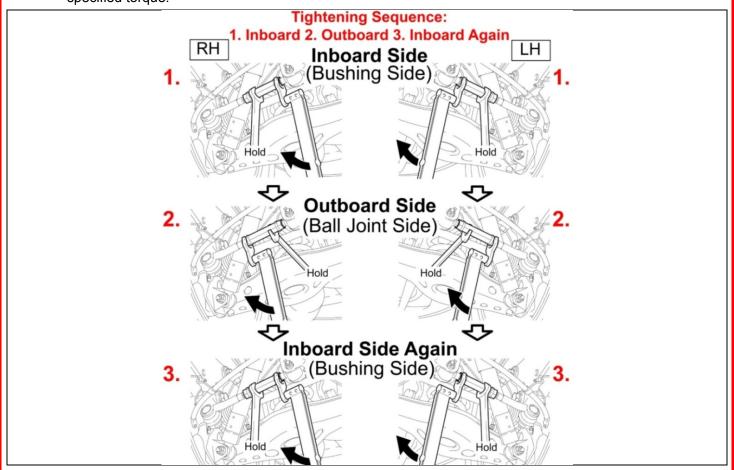
- The tightening procedure for these lock nuts is critical, failure to tighten them in the correct order could cause them to become loose.
- Confirm the alignment machine has been updated with the latest software.

# **VITAL STEPS**

## 2. TIGHTEN THE LOCK NUTS EXACTLY AS DESCRIBED BELOW

Use a 22mm combination wrench and a 22mm crowfoot attached to a torque wrench Tightening Sequence: 1. Inboard 2. Outboard 3. Inboard Again Torque: 41ft. lbf (56N·m)

- a) Tighten the inboard lock nut. Hold the adjusting tube steady and tighten the inboard lock nut to the specified torque.
- b) Tighten the outboard lock nut. Hold the adjusting tube steady and tighten the outboard lock nut to the specified torque.
- c) Tighten the inboard lock nut again. Hold the adjusting tube steady and tighten the inboard lock nut to the specified torque.



#### VIII. SUSPENSION ARM CLIP AND CAUTION LABEL INSTALLATION

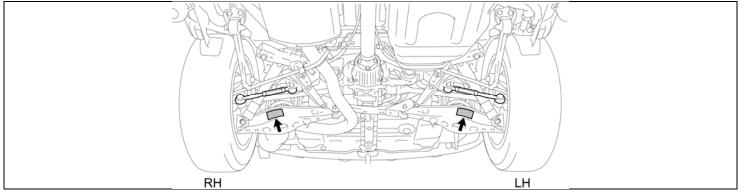
**Video Supplement: Clip and Label Installation steps** 



To confirm the caution labels adhere properly, clean the surfaces of suspension arm No.2 before applying the labels. It may be necessary to use steel wool and cleaning solution to clean the arm sufficiently.

#### INSTALL CAUTION LABEL TO THE FRONT SIDE OF SUSPENSION ARM No.2

- a) Clean the front side of the LH and RH suspension arm.
- b) Apply caution label on the LH and RH suspension arm.

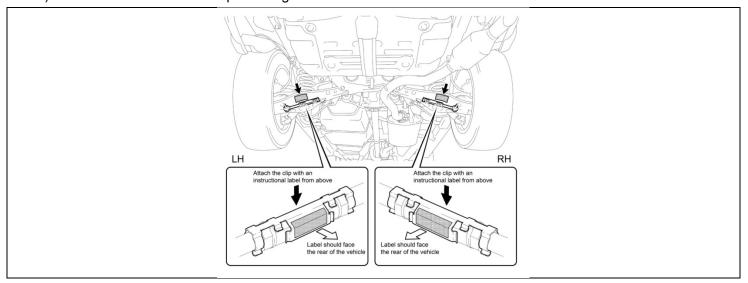


#### 2. INSTALL CAUTION LABEL TO THE BACK SIDE OF SUSPENSION ARM No.2

- a) Clean the back side of the LH and RH suspension arm.
- b) Apply caution label on the LH and RH suspension arm.

#### 3. INSTALL CLIP ON SUSPENSION ARM No.1

- a) Install clip on the LH and RH suspension arm.
- b) Confirm the label on the clip is facing toward the rear of the vehicle.



4. TEST DRIVE THE VEHICLE

NOTE: TEST DRIVE IS ONLY REQUIRED IF THE SUSPENSION ARE WAS REPLACED.

5. CAMPAIGN COMPLETE

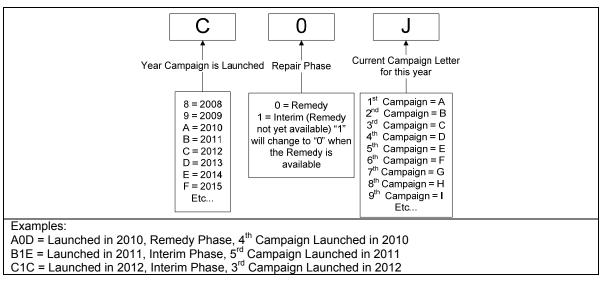
# ■ VERIFY REPAIR QUALITY ▶

- Confirm ALL inspection steps are followed EXACTLY as described in these instructions
- Confirm the suspension arm clips and caution labels are installed securely
- If a suspension arm is replaced, confirm the lock nut tightening procedure is followed EXACTLY as
  described in these instructions
- Confirm the owner's manual supplement is in the glovebox

If you have any questions regarding this update, please contact your regional representative.

#### IX. APPENDIX

#### A. CAMPAIGN DESIGNATION DECODER



#### **B. CAMPAIGN PARTS DISPOSAL**

As required by Federal Regulations, please make sure all campaign 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 / TMS Toyota Customer Services Product Quality and Service Support, Quality Compliance November 20, 2012 Approved By: Bob Waltz

To: All Toyota Dealers
From: Product Support Division

Safety Recall C0J – Remedy Available 2006 to Early 2011 Model Year RAV4 Vehicles Rear Lower Suspension Arm No.1

As previously announced, in August, 2012, 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 2006 to early 2011 Model Year RAV4 Vehicles.

- Toyota has completed remedy preparations and will begin to notify owners of the Remedy Phase in late November, 2012.
- A Dealer Letter containing additional information (i.e. Technical Instructions, reimbursement procedures, parts ordering information, etc.) has been posted on TIS.
- Please refer to TIS for vehicle applicability and additional information.

#### **Customer and Media Contacts**

- 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.
- 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 associates.)