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October 7, 2013

To:

Area General Managers

From:

Don Fordiani - National Dealer and Field Operations Manager

Subject:

Safety Recall DLA - Revised SST Available

2006 Through Early 2012 Model Year IS 250 and IS 350,

2010 Through Early 2012 Model Year IS250C and IS 350C, and

2008 Through 2011 Model Year IS-F

Front Wiper Arm Nut

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Lexus has completed tool preparations and will now complete the Remedy owner notification.

Condition

Each wiper arm is installed onto a pivot shaft which is linked to the wiper motor mechanism by an installation nut (wiper arm nut). The wiper arm nut may not have been tightened sufficiently due to high friction between the nut and the wiper arm. Under certain usage conditions, such as a buildup of heavy snow on the windshield, one or both of the wipers could become inoperative. Inoperative wiper arms could reduce driver visibility and increase the risk of a crash.

Until the remedy can be performed, drivers can reduce the possibility of this condition from occurring by clearing off heavy snow and/or ensuring the wipers are not frozen to the windshield before turning them on.

There are approximately 268,000 IS 250, IS 350, IS 250 C and IS 350C and IS-F vehicles covered by this recall.

Remedy

Lexus dealers will clean the mating surface of the wiper arm and pivot shaft. During reassembly improved wiper arm nuts will be installed. The remedy will be performed at NO CHARGE to you. For additional information on the inspection and repair procedures, please refer to TIS

Lexus requests that your Area technical staff ensures that your dealers' service and technician staffs have reviewed and understand the remedy procedure prior to the start of owner notifications.

Dealer and Owner Notification

The attached dealer letter will be sent to Lexus dealers via e-mail on October 8, 2013. Lexus will begin to notify owners of affected vehicles in mid-October, 2013, approximately two weeks after this communication. The owner notifications will be mailed in quantities consistent with parts availability.

Lexus tries very hard to obtain current customer name and address information when mailing owner letters. In the event your dealers receive a notice for a vehicle that was sold prior to the Safety Recall announcement, it is the dealers' 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 your dealers are contacted by an owner who has not yet received a notification, please remind 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.

LCCS Vehicles and Pre-Owned Vehicles in Dealer Inventory

Lexus requests dealers to conduct the remedy on any LCCS vehicles and/or pre-owned vehicles currently in dealer inventory that are covered by this Safety Recall prior to delivery or loan to a customer.

Number and Identification of Covered Vehicles

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MODEL	WMI	MY	VDS	START	FINISH
		2006	BK262	2000010	2021611
				5000018	5025772
		2007	BK262	2021159	2058542
		2007	DNZOZ	5025773	5050845
		2008	BK262	2057792	2082748
		2000		5050849	5086447
IS 250	JTH	2000	DVACA	2081667	2094281
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		2010	DEECO	2094264	2100284
		2010	BF5C2	5107249	5129060
				2100247	2101920
		2011	BF5C2	5129064	5152530
		2012	BF5C2	2101792	2102727
		2006	CK262	2000003	2008675
				5000013	5007908
		2007	CK262	2008542	2019897
				5007909	5015612
		2008	CK262	2019898	2027723
IS 250				5015613	5027611
AWD	JTH	JTH 2009	CK262	2027724	2032532
				5027613	5036006
		2010	CF5C2	2032534	2034898
		2010		5036007	5044700
		2011	CF5C2	2034395	2035500
				5044623	5051264
		2012	CF5C2	2035323	2035942
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		2006	BE262	2000000	2007084
				5000018	5011869
		2007	BE262	2006942	2013016
		2007		5011870	5017246
		2008	BE262	2011547	2016302
IS 350	JTH	2000	DLZOZ	5017247	5021818
		2009	BF262	2016235	2017388
		2009	DEZOZ	5021000	5023468
		2010 BE5C	RESC2	2017389	2017712
			DLJCZ	5023469	5025230
		2011	BE5C2	5024742	5027957
IS 350 AWD	JTH	2011	CE5C2	5000104	5001879
IS 350	JTH	2010	FE2C2	2500025	2505028
CONV	JTH	2011	FE2C2	2504989	2507138
CONV	JTH	2012	FE2C2	2507139	2507504
ISF	JTH	2008	BP262	5000156	5004828
ISF	JTH	2009	BP262	5002981	5006738
ISF	JTH	2010	BP5C2	5006743	5008082
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Please note that only owners of the covered vehicles will receive the notification. If your dealers are contacted by an owner who has not yet received the notification, remind them to *verify coverage by confirming through Dealer Daily/TIS*. Dealers should perform the procedure as outlined in the Technical Instructions located on TIS.

Dealer Handling of Safety Recall

The enclosed dealer letter provides detailed information regarding update procedures including a Special Service Tool, parts ordering and warranty claim submission.

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.)

Customer Handling

A copy of the owner notification letter and Q&A are attached to assist you in responding to any dealer or customer questions. If a customer has any further questions they are requested to contact the Lexus Customer Assistance Center at 1-800-255-3987 Monday through Friday, 5:00 am to 6:00 pm PST, or Saturday, 7:00 am through 4:00 pm Pacific Time.

Please review this preliminary notification with your staff to familiarize them with the proper step-by-step procedures required to implement this Safety Recall.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Attachments

CC: Assistant Area General Managers
Customer Satisfaction Managers
Customer Services Field Managers
Customer Services Operations Managers
District Service and Parts Managers

District Technical Manager Field Product Engineers Pre-Owned Managers Vehicle Field Sales Managers



October 8, 2013

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Condition

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Remedy

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Owner Notification

Lexus will notify owners of remaining affected vehicles in mid-October, 2013, approximately two weeks after this communication. The owner notifications will be mailed in quantities consistent with parts availability and repair capacity.

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Also, as a reminder, normally Lexus CPO policy prohibits the certification of any vehicle with an outstanding Special Service Campaign or Safety Recall, such as this Safety Recall DLA However, if a dealer has advised a customer of this Safety Recall and obtained the customer's signature on the Lexus Certified Pre-Owned Vehicle Open Recall Acknowledgement Form provided to dealers by your Area Office in February, 2013, dealers may sell an affected vehicle under the certified program.

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Tools and Equipment

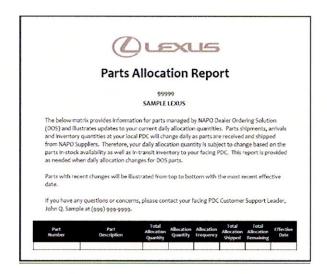
Lexus will ship each dealer a quantity of a Special Service Tool (SST) required to perform the remedy. The tools will be delivered to dealers on Wednesday, October 9, 2013.

Parts Ordering

The part has been placed on Dealer Ordering Solution and will be systematically released daily per the limits communicated to each dealership from its facing PDC. Please refer to your Parts Allocation Report for additional details.

Part Number	Parts Name	Qty. Per/Veh
04002-64153	Front Wiper Nut Kit (2 nuts/kit)	1

Each dealership will receive specific dealer ordering criteria in an email from their facing PDC Manager based on Repair Order Volume * PDC Affected UIO. Both Parts and Service should work together to coordinate appropriate kit orders. A sample of the Parts Allocation Report has been attached below for your reference.



IMPORTANT PARTS ORDERING UPDATE

Safety Recall, Service Campaign (SSC/LSC) and Customer Support Program (CSP) parts will be eligible for the Monthly Parts Return Program. Please refer to Service and Parts Operations Communication 2011-20 for campaign parts that are currently returnable under the Monthly Parts Return Program and additional details.



In the limited cases in which the wiper arm pivot hole(s) is found to be out of specification during the inspection procedure, the following part(s) should be ordered. Only a small number of vehicles will require this part. All replaced wiper arms will be called for return and inspection under the Parts Recovery Program.

Wiper arms have been placed on Manual Allocation Control (MAC). Please refer to the MAC report posted in the Lexus Customer Services website for the process to request part release.

Model	Part Number	Parts Name	Qty. Per/Veh
IS 250, IS 350, IS 250 C	85211-53080	Right Hand Front Wiper Arm	1
and IS 350C	85221-53080	Left Hand Front Wiper Arm	1
IS-F	85211-53070	Right Hand Front Wiper Arm	1
9	85221-53070	Left Hand Front Wiper Arm	1

Warranty Claim Submission Procedures

Dealers are required to submit product update claims using the following operation codes.

Model	Operation Code	Description	Flat Rate Hour
	3524AA	3524AA Remove the serration pattern of two wiper arm pivot holes	
IS 250, IS 350, IS 250C, IS 350C and IS-F	3524AB	Remove the serration pattern of one wiper arm pivot hole and replace one wiper arm	0.6*
	3524AC	Replace two wiper arms	0.6*

^{*}The flat rate time includes 0.1 hours for administrative costs per unit for the dealership.

Lexus' usual customer care amenities of car wash and fuel tank fill apply to this Safety Recall. Additionally, one day of rental vehicle expense (to a maximum of \$45/day) or the cost the pick-up and redelivery or remote repair of a customer's vehicle may be claimed if required.

Repair Quality Confirmation

The repair quality of covered vehicles is extremely important to Lexus. 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.

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Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Lexus, a Division of Toyota Motor Sales, USA, Inc.

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Cc: Customer Satisfaction Manager General Manager Parts Manager Pre-Owned Manager Sales Manager Service Manager



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Q1: What is the condition?

A1: Each wiper arm is installed onto a pivot shaft which is linked to the wiper motor mechanism by an installation nut (wiper arm nut). The wiper arm nut may not have been tightened sufficiently due to high friction between the nut and the wiper arm. Under certain usage conditions, such as a buildup of heavy snow on the windshield, one or both of the wipers could become inoperative. Inoperative wiper arms could reduce driver visibility and increase the risk of a crash.

Q1a: What is the cause of condition?

A1a: The cause of the condition is insufficient tightening of the wiper arm nut due to high friction between the nut and the wiper arm.

Q1b: Are there any steps the driver can to take to prevent this conditions from occurring?

A1b: Yes, until the remedy is performed, drivers can reduce the possibility of this condition from occurring by clearing off heavy snow and/or ensure the wipers are not frozen to the windshield before turning them on.

Q2: What is Lexus going to do?

A2: Lexus has completed parts preparations and will begin to notify owners covered by this recall via first class mail in Late February, 2013.

Any authorized Lexus dealer will clean the mating surface of the wiper arm and pivot shaft. During reassembly improved wiper arm nuts will be installed. The remedy will be performed at NO CHARGE to you.

Q3: Are there any warnings that this condition may occur?

A3: No, there are no specific warnings that this condition will occur.

Q4: Which and how many Lexus vehicles are covered?

Q4: There are approximately 268,000 vehicles covered by this Safety Recall in the U.S. as follows:

Model Name	Model Year	Production Period	Appx. UIO
IS	2006MY through early 2012MY	Late August, 2005 through Early October, 2011	243,000 units
IS-C	2010MY through early 2012MY	Mid-April, 2009 through Early October, 2011	20,300 units
IS-F	2008MY through 2011MY	Mid-December, 2007 through Mid- July 2011	4,400 units

Q4a: Are there any other Lexus or Toyota vehicles covered by this Safety Recall?

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

Q5: How long will the repair take?

A5: The remedy will take approximately 0.5 hour. 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: If a customer lives in a warm climate area do they need to have this Safety Recall performed?

A6: Yes, the customer should have the Safety Recall remedy performed regardless of the vehicle operating conditions.

What if a customer has previously paid for repairs to their vehicle for the condition described above?

Reimbursement consideration instructions will be provided in the remedy owner letter.

<u>Q8:</u> What if an owner has additional questions or concerns?

A8: Owners with questions or concerns are asked to please contact the Customer Assistance Center at 1-800-255-3987, Monday through Friday, 5:00 am to 6:00 pm, or Saturday 7:00 am through 4:00 pm Pacific Time.