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March 27, 2014

Ms. Nancy Lummen Lewis
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attn: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: FMVSS 207, Seating Systems
Part 573, Noncompliance Information Report

Dear Ms. Lewis:

In accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966 and 49 CFR Part 573, on behalf of Toyota Motor Corporation ["TMC"], we hereby submit the attached Noncompliance Information Report concerning certain Toyota vehicles that do not meet certain requirements of FMVSS 207.

Should you have any questions about this report, please contact me directly.

Sincerely,



Abbas Saadat
Vice President
Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing
North America, Inc.

Enclosures
Part 573, Defect Information Report

NONCOMPLIANCE INFORMATION REPORT

1. Vehicle Manufacturer Name:

Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Indiana, Inc. ["TMMI"]
4000 Tulip Tree Drive,
Princeton, IN 47670-4000

Affiliated U.S. Sales Company

Toyota Motor Sales, USA, Inc. ["TMS"]
19001 South Western Avenue,
Torrance, CA 90501

Manufacturer of Seat Assembly:

Toyota Boshoku Indiana, LLC
733 W. 150 S.
Princeton, IN 47670
(812) 491-9100

Country of Origin: USA

2. Identification of Involved Vehicles:

Based on production records, we have determined the involved vehicle population is in the table below.

Make/ Car Line	Model Year	Manufac- turer	VIN		Production Period
			VDS	VIS	
Toyota/ Highlander	2013	TMMI	**3EH	DS037765 – DS252448	March 13, 2013 – August 06, 2013

Note: Although the involved vehicles are within the above VIN range, not all vehicles in this range were sold in the U.S.

No other Toyota or Lexus vehicles use the same seat track assembly as the subject vehicle.

3. Total Number of Vehicles Involved:

Total: 46,757

4. Percentage of Vehicles Estimated to Actually Experience Noncompliance:

Unknown

5. Description of Noncompliance:

The noncompliance relates to the second row left hand seat assembly in the subject vehicles. Due to improper manufacturing, this seat may not fully lock into the inboard seat track in the forward first and second adjusting positions. S4.2 of FMVSS No. 207 requires the seat to withstand certain forces in any position to which the seat can be adjusted under specified test conditions. If a seat is not fully locked, this requirement may not be met. Under some conditions, this could increase the risk of an injury to an occupant in the event of a crash.

6. Test Results and Other Information:

In early August 2013, during routine manufacturing inspection of the subject vehicles at the vehicle assembly plant, Toyota found a vehicle in which the seat would not fully lock into the inboard seat track in the forward first and second adjusting positions. This prompted Toyota to inspect other vehicles in inventory, and it was discovered that this condition was present on other vehicles. The seat assembly supplier was notified and an investigation was initiated. A seat from a subject vehicle was sent to an outside laboratory for testing. The results reported by the outside laboratory showed that the seat did not achieve the target load as required by FMVSS 207 S4.2.

As a result of the investigation, it was determined on March 21, 2014 that some vehicles do not meet the requirements of FMVSS 207 S4.2.

7. Description of Corrective Repair Action:

All known owners of the subject vehicles will be notified by first class mail to return their vehicles to a Toyota dealer for the installation of a washer on the second row left hand seat that will assist in locking the seat track into the first and second adjusting positions.

Reimbursement Plan for pre-notification remedies

As the owner notification letters will be mailed out well within the active period of the Toyota New Vehicle Limited Warranty ("Warranty"), all involved vehicle owners for this recall would have been provided a repair at no cost under Toyota's Warranty.

8. Recall Schedule:

Toyota will provide a separate schedule of the owner notification mailing shortly. Copies of the draft remedy owner notification will be submitted as soon as it is available.

9. Distributor/Dealer Notification Schedule:

The distributor/dealer will be provided at a later time. Copies of all notices will be provided when issued.

