OMB Control No.: 2127-0004

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

## 14V-663

**Manufacturer Name:** Gulf States Toyota, Inc.

**Submission Date:** OCT 21.2014 NHTSA Recall No.: 14V-663 Manufacturer Recall No.: NR



#### **Manufacturer Information:**

Manufacturer Name: Gulf States Toyota, Inc.

Address: 1375 Enclave Parkway

Houston TX 77077 Company phone: 713-580-3300

## **Population:**

Number of potentially involved: 142 Estimated percentage with defect: 100

#### **Vehicle Information:**

Vehicle: 2015-2015 Toyota Tacoma Vehicle Type: LIGHT VEHICLES **Body Style : PICKUP TRUCK** 

Power Train: GAS

Descriptive Information : Certain model year 2015 Toyota Tacoma vehicles equipped with a specific combination of non-Toyota accessories installed by Gulf States Toyota, Inc. (GST).

Production Dates: SEP 02, 2014 - OCT 15, 2014

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range** 

End: NR Begin: NR ☐ Not sequential VINs

#### **Description of Defect:**

Description of the Defect: GST has identified a noncompliance with FMVSS 110 as the affected vehicles contain

a Load Carrying Capacity Modification Label installed by GST that does not meet the accuracy requirements of FMVSS 110 S10.2. S10.2 requires that the corrected load carrying capacity weight values reflect the total weight added between final vehicle certification and first retail sale be accurate within one percent of the actual added weight. The Load Carrying Capacity Modification Labels installed in the affected

vehicles are not accurate within one percent of the actual added weight.

Description of the Safety Risk: In the worst case, a driver may overload a vehicle which may increase the risk of crash.

Description of the Cause: NR

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur: NR

## **Supplier Identification:**

**Component Manufacturer** 

Name: NR Address: NR

**Country: United States** 

### **Chronology:**

The week of October 13, 2014, GST discovered the potential noncompliance during a routine weight audit. GST undertook further review of the take-off and added weight and determined that an accessory package containing a tire upgrade was not properly calculated. GST had not properly accounted for the added weight of the upgraded tire. Therefore, the reduced carrying capacity represented to the consumer on the Load Carrying Capacity Modification Label applied to the affected vehicles at GST's Vehicle Processing Center prior to first sale resulted in an understatement of added weight and therefore was inaccurate.

To determine the vehicles containing the noncompliance, GST conducted a VIN-specific review of vehicles that had been modified with the accessory package at GST's Vehicle Processing Center prior to first retail sale, and identified those vehicles for which a label was installed, but which labels did not accurately state the amount by which the load carrying capacity of the vehicle was reduced within one percent of the added accessory weight.

## **Description of Remedy:**

Description of Remedy Program : GST will notify owners by mail of the noncompliance and to provide them

with detailed instructions and an accurate label to be installed over the inaccurate label in their vehicle near the FMVSS 110 tire information placard. GST will also offer the installation of such label at any Toyota dealer

at no charge.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : NR Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : NR

#### **Recall Schedule:**

Description of Recall Schedule: Notification to dealers will be sent on October 21, 2014. Notifications to

owners will begin in mid-November, 2014. A copy of the draft owner notification letter will be submitted with this report and dealer

communications will be submitted as they are issued.

Planned Dealer Notification Date: OCT 21, 2014 - OCT 21, 2014

Planned Owner Notification Date: NOV 10, 2014 - NOV 14, 2014

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