

# ◄ IMPORTANT UPDATE ►

## The attached Dealer Letter has been updated. Refer to the details below.

DATE	TOPIC
06/06/2019	• A watermark has been added to the dealer letter to indicate that the JSL remedy expired on June 7, 2019.

The most recent update in the attached Dealer Letter will be highlighted with a red box.

Please review this notification with your staff to assure that all relevant personnel have been briefed regarding this subject.

Thank you for your cooperation.



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#### Original Publication Date: February 6, 2019

To:

All Lexus Dealer Principals, General Managers, Service Managers, Parts Managers, and Warranty Administrators

# SAFETY RECALL JSL *(Remedy Notice)* Certain 2008 – 2019 Model Year LX 570 Passenger Airbags Could Deactivate

	NHTSA Recall No. 18V-887			
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Involved Vehicles for this Safety Recall (Campaign Codes J2L & JSL)				
Model / Years	Production Period	Approximate Total Vehicles	A	pproximate Stop Sale Dealer Inventory
LX 570 2008 - 2019	Mid-July 2007 – Early December 2018	55,900		1,300
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STOPI DO NOT SELL NEW VEHICLES IN DEALER INVENTORY. Refer to Dealer Inventory Procedures section for more details.

On December 13, 2018, Lexus 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 certain 2008 - 2019 model year LX 570 vehicles.

#### Condition

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The front passenger occupant classification system has a seatbelt tension sensor that could malfunction over time and could cause the airbag warning light and the passenger airbag "OFF" indicator to illuminate. In addition, the front passenger airbag, passenger knee airbag, and the passenger seat-mounted side airbag may be deactivated. If these airbags are deactivated, there is an increased risk of injury to the occupant in the event of a crash.

#### **Remedy**

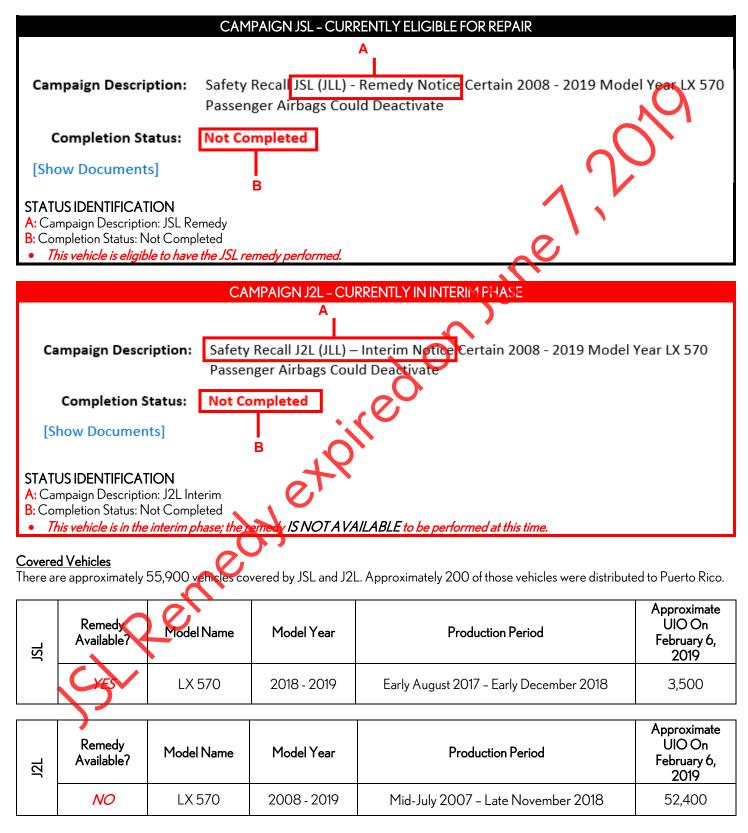
This Safety Recall is being administered with multiple campaign codes. Lexus will send notifications to owners of vehicles covered by this campaign (JSL) advising them to return their vehicle to an authorized Lexus dealer to have the remedy performed. Lexus dealers will modify the seat belt assembly to resolve the safety defect *FREE OF CHARGE*.

<u>NOTE</u>: As the remedy in JSL is based, in part, on avehicle's time in service, the remedy in JSL will be available for vehicles covered by this campaign until June 6, 2019. These vehicles *WILL'NOT* be eligible for the JSL remedy after that date. Any JSL vehicle that has not had the JSL remedy performed at that time will be transitioned to J2L and will receive the JLL remedy when it becomes available.

J2L vehicles **ARENOT** eligible for the JSL seatbelt modification remedy.

## Check Each VIN Before Repair

This Safety Recall is being administered with multiple campaign codes. It is important that each VIN is searched using TIS to determine which campaign code is applicable and if the seatbelt modification remedy applies for each VIN. Only perform the repair if it is specified for that VIN. *If a repair is performed on an ineligible VIN, the claim will be subject to debit.* 



#### Owner Letter Mailing Date

Lexus will notify owners of vehicles covered by campaign JSL in mid-February 2019, advising them that the remedy is available.

Lexus makes significant effort to obtain current customer name and address information from each state through industry resources 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 you are contacted by an owner who has not yet received a notification, please *verify eligibility by confirming through TIS prior to performing repairs*. Dealers should perform the repair as outlined in the Technical Instructions found on TIS.

# **Dealer Inventory Procedures**

#### New Vehicles in Dealership Inventory

There are approximately 1,300 vehicles in new dealer inventory, covered by campaigns JSL and J2L, as of December 12, 2018.



Under Title 49, Section 30112 of the United States Code, a dealer cannot sell, offer for sale, or introduce or deliver for introduction in interstate commerce a new motor vehicle when it is aware that the vehicle does not comply with an applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard or contains a defect related to motor vehicle safety. Further, 49 Code of Federal Regulations §577.13 requires us to provide the following advisory: It is a violation of Federal law for a dealer to deliver a new motor vehicle or any new or used item of motor vehicle equipment (including a tire) covered by this notification under a sale or lease until the defect or noncompliance is remedied.

Lexus reimburses dealers for flooring costs associated with new vehicles held in dealership inventory until the recall remedy becomes available. Lexus provides these flooring reimbursements at 60 day intervals. Lexus reserves the right to withhold or charge-back any flooring reimbursement funds that may have been paid to the dealer if it determines that a new vehicle subject to a safety recall was sold without first being remedied.

Vehicle Safety Recall completion should always be verified through TS. Ve request your assistance to ensure involved vehicles are identified and not delivered prior to performing the remedy.

**NOTE:** Dealers can identify if any of their new and used inventory has any open campaigns in the Vehicle Inventory Summary available in Dealer Daily (https://dealerdaily.lexus.com/). The Vehicle Inventory Summary may take up to 4 hours to populate information for newly launched campaigns.

#### Inspection Reminder Mirror Hang Tags for Covered Vehicles in New Dealer Stock

To easily recognize vehicles involved in this Safety Recall, each dealership should utilize Inspection Reminder Hang Tags. Inside the vehicle's glove box are stickers containing the VIN. Apply one of these stickers to the hang tag and install the hang tag in the vehicle. A sample copy of the Inspection Reminder Hang Tag has been included for your reference.



NOTE: Dealerships can order hang tags from the Material Distribution Center (MDC).

Part Number	Description	Quantity
00241-INSPT	Inspection Mirror Hang Tag	25 Per Pack

#### Pre-Owned Vehicles in Dealer Inventory

To ensure customer satisfaction, Lexus requests that dealers complete this Safety Recall on any used vehicles currently in dealer inventory that are covered by this Safety Recall prior to customer delivery. However, if the campaign cannot be completed (for example, due to remedy parts availability), delivery of a covered vehicle is acceptable if disclosed to the customer that the vehicle is involved in a Safety Recall.

Lexus expects dealers to use the attached Customer Contact and Vehicle Disclosure Form to obtain vehicle buyer information. Dealers are expected to provide a copy of the completed form, along with the most current FAQ, to the vehicle buyer. Lexus and the dealer may use this information to contact the customer when the remedy becomes available.

Keep the completed form on file at the dealership and send a copy to quality\_compliance@toyota.com. In the subject line of the email state "Disclosure Form JLL/J2L/JSL" and include the VIN.

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#### L/Certified Vehicles

L/Certified policy prohibits the certification of any vehicle with an outstanding Safety Recall, Special Service Campaign, or Limited Service Campaign. Thus, no affected units are to be designated, sold, or delivered as L/Certified until all applicable Safety Recalls, Special Service Campaigns, and Limited Service Campaigns have been completed on that vehicle.

#### LCCS Service Loaners

Lexus requests that dealers remove all LCCS Service Loaner vehicles from service that are sovered by a Safety Recall unless the defect has been remedied.

# Customer Handling, Parts Ordering, and Remedy Procedures

#### Customer Contacts

Customers who receive the owner letter may contact your dealership with questions regarding the letter and/or the Safety Recall. Please welcome them to your dealership and answer any questions that they may have. A Q&A is provided to assure a consistent message is communicated.

Customers with additional questions or concerns are asked to please contact the Lexus Guest Experience Center (1-800-255-3987) -Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 8:00 pm, Saturday 9,00 am to 6:00 pm Eastern Time.

#### Media Contacts

It is imperative that all media contacts (locat and national) receive a consistent message. In this regard, all media contacts must be directed to Tania Saldana (859) 815-9968 in Toyota Corporate Communications. Please do not provide this number to customers. Please provide this contact only to media.

#### Campaign JSL - Wire Harness Modification Kit

The JSL remedy will involve the modification of a portion of the seatbelt tension sensor wire harness as described in the remedy procedure instructions. A minimum of 1 for tape and sufficient stock of the wire harness modification kit required by this remedy for each dealer's new vehicle inventory and an initial stock for customer vehicles was shipped to every dealership prior to the launch of the remedy via a third-party shipping carrier (e.g., FedEx, UPS, etc.).

Lexus will ship additional rolls of tape and wire harness modification kits to dealerships throughout the month of February as more inventory becomes available. The quantity of tape and wire harness modification kits that Lexus will ship to each dealer was calculated based upon a combination of wehicle registration, last servicing dealer, and retail dealer. Please be alert for the arrival of tape and wire harness modification shipments at your dealership. *Note that each roll of tape contains enough tape to service approximately 150 vehicles.* 

If a dealer requires additional tape or wire harness modification kits they can request additional stock from *quality\_compliance@toyota.com*.

#### Technician Training Requirements

The repair quality of covered vehicles is extremely important to Lexus. All dealership technicians performing this repair are required to successfully complete the most current version of the E-Learning course "Safety Recall and Service Campaign Essentials". To ensure that all vehicles have the repair performed correctly; technicians performing this repair are required to currently hold at least one of the following certification levels:

- Certified
- Senior
- Master

Always check which technicians can perform the repair by logging on to <u>https://LCTPReports.com</u>. It is the dealership's responsibility to select technicians with the above certification level or greater to perform this repair. Carefully review your resources, the technician skill level, and ability before assigning technicians to this repair. It is important to consider technician days off and vacation schedules to ensure there are properly trained technicians available to perform this repair at all times.

#### **Remedy Procedures**

Refer to TIS for Technical Instructions on repair. Conduct all non-completed Safety Recalls and Service Campaigns on the vehicle during the time of appointment.

#### **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.

# Warranty Reimbursement Procedures

#### Alternate Transportation Reimbursement Procedure

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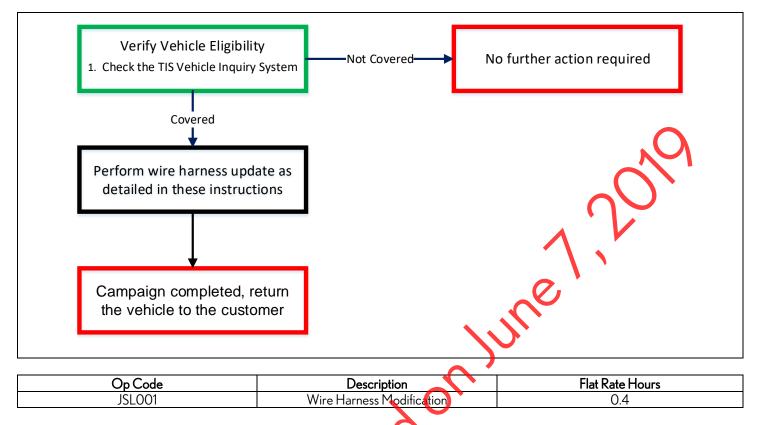
Lexus recommends that owners of vehicles affected by JSL (Interim J2L) do not have passengers sit in the front passenger seat as described in the FAQ. If this recommendation is not feasible for the customer's personal or business needs, alternative transportation though can be claimed for \$45 per day during the interim period.

#### Claims for rental during the interim phase must be filed under campaign designation J2L.

Op Code Filed Under J2L D	esignation	Description
J2L004		Vehicle Rental 1-30 Days
J2L005		Vehicle Rental 31-60 Days

## NOTE: Rental invoice MUST be attached to all rental claims. These claims may be subject to debit if rental invoice is not attached.

#### Warranty Reimbursement Procedure



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

#### Claim Filing Accuracy and Correction Requests

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It is the dealer's responsibility to file claims correctly for this Safety Recall. This claim filing information is used by Lexus for various government reporting activities; therefore, claim filing accuracy is crucial If it has been identified that a claim has been filed using an incorrect Op Code or a claim has been filed for an incorrect VIN, refer to Warranty Procedure Bulletin <u>PRO17-03</u> to correct the claim.

#### Customer Reimbursement

Reimbursement consideration instructions will be included in the owner letter.

Campaign Designation / Phase Decoder





# SAFETY RECALL JSL (Remedy Notice)

Certain 2008 – 2019 Model Year LX 570 Passenger Airbags Could Deactivate NHTSA Recall No. 18V-887

Frequently Asked Questions Original Publication Date: February 6, 2019

#### **Q1:** What is the condition?

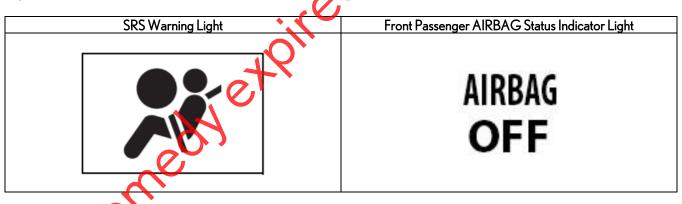
A1: The front passenger occupant classification system has a seatbelt tension sensor that could malfunction over time and could cause the airbag warning light and the passenger airbag "OFF" indicator to illuminate. In addition, the front passenger airbag, passenger knee airbag, and the passenger seat-mounted side airbag may be deactivated. If these airbags are deactivated, there is an increased risk of injury to the occupant in the event of a crash.

#### Q1a: What is the seat belt tension sensor?

A1a: The function of a seat belt tension sensor is to help distinguish between child cestraint systems and other occupants who may be in that seating position.

#### Q2: Are there any warnings that this condition exists?

A2: If this condition has occurred, the SRS warning light will illuminate. In addition, the Front Passenger Airbag Status Indicator Light may always show "OFF", even if there is an occupant in the front passenger seat. If you see these warning lights, you may be experiencing the condition described above. You should contact your local authorized Lexus dealer for diagnosis and appropriate repair as soon as possible.



#### **Q3:** What should ( *do if my Airbag Warning Light illuminates*? A3: The Airbag Warning Light is designed to come on when t

The Airbag Warning Light is designed to come on when the engine switch is turned to the "ON" position during the ignition cycle check function. Under normal operation, it deactivates after a few seconds. The warning light turning off after the check period means the system is operating as designed.\*\* If the Airbag Warning Light (1) does not illuminate or (2) illuminates or remains illuminated after the lew second check period, you may be experiencing this condition, and the front passenger airbag, passenger knee airbag, anothe passenger seat-mounted side airbag may not deploy as designed in a crash. Please contact your local authorized Lexus dealer promptly for diagnosis and appropriate repair. If the warning lamp illumination is related to the condition covered by this Safety Recall, the remedy, once developed, will be performed at no charge to you

\*\* Please refer to the Owner's Manual for additional operation details related to this system.

#### Q4: What should I do if my Front Passenger AIRBAG Status Indicator Light always shows OFF?

A4: There are several reasons for the Front Passenger AIRBAG Status Indicator Light to show AIRBAG OFF. However, if this light shows OFF even if the front passenger seat is not occupied, this could indicate a problem. Please contact your local authorized FAQ Page 1 of 3

Lexus dealer promptly for diagnosis and appropriate repair. If the warning lamp illumination is related to the condition covered by this Safety Recall, the remedy, will be performed at no charge to you. Additional information about this feature can be found in Owner's Manual section "1-7. Safety Information," within the subsection "System Malfunction."

#### Q5: What is Lexus going to do?

A5: This Safety Recall is being administered with multiple campaign codes. Lexus will send notifications to owners of vehicles covered by this campaign (JSL) advising them to return their vehicle to an authorized Lexus dealer to have the remedy performed. Lexus dealers will modify the seat belt assembly to resolve the safety defect *FREE OF CHARGE*.

# Q5a: Why are other vehicle owners receiving recall notices for the same condition but not receiving this remedy (to modify the seat belt assembly)?

A5a: This Safety Recall is being administered with multiple campaign codes. Based on Lexus' engineering analysis, Lexus determined that certain vehicles (based, in part, on time in service) can be remedied through a modification to the seat belt assembly. In order to expedite repairs, Lexus dealers will begin modifying the seat belt assembly for vehicles that can receive this remedy under this campaign designated JSL. The remaining vehicles are in a different campaign (J2L) and will be repaired once new seat belt assemblies become available.

J2L vehicles *ARENOT* eligible for the JSL seatbelt modification remedy.

Notification Type	TIS Designation
Remedy	JSL
Interim	J2L (JLL)

#### **Q6:** How long will this remedy be available?

A6: As the remedy in JSL is based, in part, on a vehicle's time in service, the remedy in JSL will be available for vehicles covered by this campaign until June 6, 2019. These vehicles *WILL NOT* be eligible for the JSL remedy after that date. Any JSL vehicle that has not had the JSL remedy performed at that time will be transitioned to J2L and will receive the J05 remedy when it becomes available.

## Q7: Which and how many vehicles are covered by this Safety Recall?

A7: There are approximately 55,900 vehicles covered by Shand J2L. Approximately 200 of those vehicles were distributed to Puerto Rico.

Involved Vehicles for this Safety Recall (Campaign Codes J2L & JSL)			
Model Name	Model Year	Production Period	
LX 570	2008 - 2019	Mid-July 2007 – Early December 2018	

#### Q7a: Are there any other Lexus/Foyota/Scion vehicles covered by this Safety Recall in the U.S.?

A7a: Yes, there are certain 2008 - 2019 Toyota Land Cruiser vehicles covered by this Safety Recall.

#### Q7b: Which and how many vehicles are covered by JSL?

There are approximately 3,500 vehicles covered by JSL. Approximately 10 vehicles covered by JSL were distributed to Paerty Rico

	Model Name	Model Year	Production Period	Approximate UIO
$\sum$	LX 570	2018 - 2019	Early August 2017 – Early December 2018	3,500

#### **Q8:** How long will the repair take?

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The repair takes approximately 45 minutes. However, depending upon the dealer's work schedule, it may be necessary to make the vehicle available for a longer period of time.

#### Q9: What if I previously paid for repairs related to this Safety Recall?

A9: Reimbursement consideration instructions will be provided in the owner letter.

#### **Q10:** How does Lexus obtain my mailing information?

A10: Lexus uses an industry provider who works with each state's Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to receive registration or title information, based upon the DMV records. Please make sure your registration or title information is correct.

#### **Q11:** What if I have additional questions or concerns?

A11: If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact the Lexus Guest Experience Center at 1-800-255-9987 Monday through Friday, 7:00 am to 7:00 pm, Saturday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Central Time.

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This notice applies to your vehicle: [VIN] **URGENT SAFETY RECALL** 

This is an important Safety Recall. The remedy will be performed <u>FREE</u> OF CHARGE to you.

## IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL (Remedy Notice)

Certain 2008 - 2019 Model Year LX 570 Passenger Airbag Could Deactivate NHTSA Recall No. 18V-887

Dear (customer's First/Last name)

This notice is sent to you in accordance with <u>the National Traffic and</u> <u>Motor Vehicle Safety Act</u>. Lexus has decided that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in certain 2008 – 2019 model year LX 570 vehicles.

You received this notice because our records, which are based primarily on state registration and title data, indicate that you are the current owner.

#### What is the condition?

The front passenger occupant classification system has a seatbelt tension sensor that could malfunction over time and could cause the airbag warning light and the passenger airbag "OFF" indicator to illuminate. In addition, the front passenger airbag, passenger knee airbag, and the passenger seat-mounted side airbag may be deactivated. If these airbags are deactivated, there is an increased risk of injury to the occupant in the event of a crash. Please contact any authorized Lexus dealer to schedule an appointment to have the remedy performed as soon as possible. Your local Lexus dealer will be more than happy to answer any or your questions.

What should you do?

- To ind a dealer near you, visit
  - For more information on this and other Safety Recalls, including Frequently Asked Questions, visit <u>www.lexus.com/recall</u>. Input your full 17-digit Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) noted above to review information specific to your vehicle.
  - If you require further assistance, please visit http://Lexus.com/contact for options to contact the Lexus Guest Experience Center.

#### What will Lexus do?

Lexus dealers will modify the seat beit assembly to resolve the safety defect FREE OF CHARGE.

NOTE: Lexus determined that certain vehicles (based, in part, on time in service) can be remedied through a modification to the seat belt assembly. In order to expedite repairs, Lexus dealers are modifying the seat belt assembly in vehicles (such as your vehicle) that can receive this remedy. If you do not have the modification performed by June 6, 2019, the front passenger seatbelt assembly will need to be replaced with a new one.

Lexus is currently preparing the remedy for vehicles that require seat belt assembly replacement. If the seatbelt assembly modification is not performed on your vehicle, Lexus will send another owner notification by first class mail advising you to make an appointment with an authorized Lexus dealer to have the front passenger seatbelt assembly replaced with a new one *FREE OF CHARGE* once parts become available

#### This is an important Safety Recall

The modification remedy will take approximately 45 minutes. However, depending on the dealer's work schedule, it may be necessary to make your vehicle available for a longer period of time.

If this condition has occurred, the Airbag warning light will illuminate. In addition, the Front Passenger Airbag Status Indicator Light may continuously show "OFF", even if there is an occupant in the front passenger seat. If you see these warning lights, you may be experiencing the condition described above. You should contact your local authorized Lexus dealer for diagnosis and appropriate repair as soon as possible.





Airbag Warning Light

Front Passenger AIRBAG Status Indicator Light

The Airbag Warning Light is designed to come on when the engine switch is turned to the "ON" position during the ignition cycle check function. Under normal operation it deactivates after a few seconds. The warning light turning off after the check period means the system is operating as designed. Please refer to the Owner's Manual for additional operation details related to this system.

Lexus recommends that no passengers sit in the front passenger seat until the remedy is performed.

#### What if you have previously paid for repairs to your vehicle for this specific condition?

If you have previously paid for repair(s) to your vehicle for this specific condition prior to receiving this letter, you may be eligible for reimbursement. For reimbursement consideration, please submit a copy of your repair order, proof-of-payment, and ownership information to Lexus' online, self-service portal. Log-in to your Lexus Drivers account at <u>https://drivers.lexus.com/lexusdrivers/</u>, click on the "Resources" tab, select "Safety Recall and Service Campaigns", and click on "Submit Reimbursement Request".

Alternatively, if you prefer to mail this information for reindul sement consideration, please use the address below:

Lexus A Division of Toyota Motor North America, Inc. PO Box 259001 - SSC/CSP Mail Drop E3-2D Plano, TX 75025-9001

Please refer to the attached Remoursement Checklist for required documentation details.

#### What if you are not the owner or operator of this vehicle?

*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.

*If you know the current owner or operator,* please forward this letter to them.

*If you would like to update your vehicle ownership or contact information*, you may do so by registering at <a href="http://drivers.lexus.com/lexusdrivers">http://drivers.lexus.com/lexusdrivers</a>. You will need your full 17-digit Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) to input the new information.

If you believe that the dealer or Lexus has failed or is unable to remedy the defect within a reasonable time or without charge, 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>.

We have sent this notice in the interest of your continued satisfaction with our products. We sincerely regret any inconvenience this condition may have caused you.

Thank you for driving a Lexus.

Sincerely,

Lexus, A Division of Toyota Motor Sales, USA

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Lexus, A Division of Toyota Motor Sales, USA, Inc. 6565 Headquarters Drive Plano, TX 75024 (469) 292-4000

CUSTOMER CON	TACT & VEHICLE DISCLOSURE FORM
This form is not applicable for L/Certified units.	
	edy parts are not available, and the remedy has <b>NOT</b> been performed. I understand Lexus dealer to have the remedy performed at <b>NOCHARGE</b> when the remedy is
Customer Signature	
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