# ◄ IMPORTANT UPDATE ►

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

DATE	TOPIC
2/6/2019	<ul> <li>The Remedy and Covered Vehicles sections have been updated with details on this safety recall being administered with multiple campaign codes.</li> <li>The Owner Letter-Mailing Date section has been updated to include interim owner notification timing.</li> <li>The Loaner Vehicle Reimbursement Procedure section has been updated to include the rental op codes.</li> </ul>

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.

#### Original Publication Date: December 13, 2018

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

# SAFETY RECALL J05 (Interim Notice J15)

#### Certain 2008 – 2019 Model Year Land Cruiser Passenger Airbags Could Deactivate NHTSA Recall No. 18V-887

Involved Vehicles for this Safety Recall (Campaign Codes J15 & JS5)			
Model / Years	Production Period	Approximate Total Vehicles	Approximate Stop Sale Dealer Inventory
Land Cruiser 2008 - 2019	Early June 2007 – Early December 2018	33,900	900

**STOP! DO NOT SELL NEW VEHICLES IN DEALER INVENTORY.** *Refer to Dealer Inventory Procedures section for more details.* 

On December 13, 2018, 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 certain 2008 – 2019 model year Land Cruiser vehicles.

#### **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.

#### **Remedy**

This Safety Recall is being administered with multiple campaign codes. Toyota is currently preparing the remedy for vehicles covered by this campaign (J15) and will send interim notifications to owners by mid-February 2019.

#### **Covered Vehicles**

There are approximately 33,900 vehicles covered by this Safety Recall (administered under campaign codes J15 and JS5). Approximately 150 of those vehicles were distributed to Puerto Rico.

#### Owner Letter Mailing Date

Toyota expects to send interim notifications to owners by mid-February 2019. The interim notification will inform owners of the recall and that Toyota is currently preparing the remedy.

Toyota 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 900 vehicles in new dealer inventory, covered by campaigns JS5 and J15, 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.

Toyota reimburses dealers for flooring costs associated with new vehicles held in dealership inventory until the recall remedy becomes available. Toyota provides these flooring reimbursements at 60 day intervals. Toyota 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 TIS. We 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.toyota.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
00411-140003	Inspection Mirror Hang Tag	25 Per Pack

#### Pre-Owned Vehicles in Dealer Inventory

Toyota typically requests that dealers **NOT** deliver any pre-owned vehicles in dealer inventory that are covered by a Safety Recall unless the defect has been remedied. In this case, until remedy parts are available, delivery of a pre-owned vehicle is acceptable if disclosed to the customer that the vehicle is involved in this Safety Recall and that the remedy is currently being prepared by Toyota.

Toyota 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. Toyota 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 J05/J15" and include the VIN.

**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.toyota.com/). The Vehicle Inventory Summary may take up to 4 hours to populate information for newly launched campaigns.

#### Toyota Certified Used Vehicle (TCUV)

The TCUV 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 a TCUV until all applicable Safety Recalls, Special Service Campaigns, and Limited Service Campaigns have been completed on that vehicle.

#### Toyota Rent-A-Car (TRAC) & Service Loaners

Toyota requests that dealers remove all TRAC and Service Loaner vehicles from service that are covered 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 Toyota Customer Experience Center (1-888-270-9371) - Monday through Friday, 7:00 am to 7:00 pm, Saturday 7:00 am to 4:30 pm Central Time.

#### 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 Tania Saldana (859) 815-9968 in Toyota Corporate Communications. Please do not provide this number to customers. Please provide this contact only to media.

# **Warranty Reimbursement Procedures**

#### Loaner Vehicle Reimbursement Procedure

Toyota recommends that owners of vehicles affected by J05 (Interim J15) 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, a loaner vehicle or alternative transportation though Toyota Rent-A-CAR (TRAC) can be claimed for \$35 per day during the interim period.

Claims for rental during the interim phase must be filed under campaign designation J15.

Op Code Filed Under J15 Designation	Description
J15004	Vehicle Rental 1-30 Days
J15005	Vehicle Rental 31-60 Days
J15006	Vehicle Rental 61-90 Days

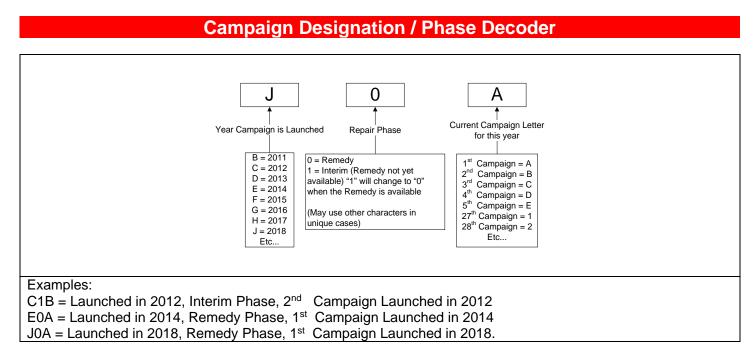
NOTE: Rental invoice *MUST* be attached to all rental claims. These claims may be subject to debit if rental invoice is not attached.

#### **Claim Filing Accuracy and Correction Requests**

It is the dealer's responsibility to file claims correctly for this Safety Recall. This claim filing information is used by Toyota 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.



Please review this entire package with your Service and Parts staff to familiarize them with the proper stepby-step procedures required to implement this Safety Recall.

Thank you for your cooperation. TOYOTA MOTOR SALES, U.S.A., INC.



# SAFETY RECALL J05 (Interim Notice J15)

Certain 2008 – 2019 Model Year Land Cruiser Passenger Airbags Could Deactivate

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Original Publication Date: December 13, 2018** 

	IPORTANT UPDATE
DATE	TOPIC
2/6/2019	<ul> <li>A5 updated to include details that Toyota will send an interim notification to owners.</li> <li>A new Q&amp;A 6 has been added.</li> </ul>

#### The most recent update will be highlighted with a red box.

#### 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 occupants in child restraint systems and other occupants who may be in the front passenger seat.

#### 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 Toyota dealer for diagnosis and appropriate repair as soon as possible.

SRS Warning Light	Front Passenger AIRBAG Status Indicator Light
	AIRBAG OFF

## Q3: What should I do if my Airbag Warning Light illuminates?

A3: 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 few second check period, you may be experiencing this condition, and the front passenger airbag, passenger knee airbag, and the passenger seat-mounted side airbag may not deploy as designed in a crash. Please contact your local authorized Toyota 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 Toyota 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. 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 Toyota going to do?

A5: This Safety Recall is being administered with multiple campaign codes. Toyota is currently preparing the remedy for vehicles covered by this campaign (J15) and will send interim notifications to owners by mid-February 2019.

#### **Q6:** What is Toyota doing in the interim?

A6: This Safety Recall is being administered with multiple campaign codes. Based on Toyota's engineering analysis, Toyota 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, Toyota dealers will begin modifying the seat belt assembly for vehicles that can receive this remedy under campaign designation JS5. The remaining vehicles are in this campaign (J15) and will be repaired once new seat belt assemblies become available. Toyota is currently preparing the remedy for these vehicles. When the remedy becomes available, any authorized Toyota dealer will replace the front passenger seatbelt assembly *FREE OF CHARGE* (remedy designation will be J05).

Note: J15 vehicles **ARE NOT** eligible for the JS5 seatbelt modification remedy.

Notification Type	TIS Designation
Interim	J15 (J05)
Remedy	JS5

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

A7: This There are approximately 33,900 vehicles covered by this Safety Recall (administered under campaign codes J15 and JS5). Approximately 150 of those vehicles were distributed to Puerto Rico.

Involved Vehicles for this Safety Recall (Campaign Codes J15 & JS5)		
Model Name	Model Year	Production Period
Land Cruiser	2008 - 2019	Early June 2007 – Early December 2018

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

A7a: Yes, there are certain 2008 -2019 Lexus LX 570 vehicles covered by this Safety Recall.

- Q8: My vehicle is involved in this Safety Recall, but the remedy is not yet available. Will Toyota provide a loaner vehicle until the remedy is available?
- A8: To minimize risk, Toyota recommends that no passengers sit in the front passenger seat. If this recommendation is not feasible for the customer's personal or business needs, alternative transportation may be made available.

#### 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 Toyota obtain my mailing information?

A10: Toyota 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 Toyota Customer Experience Center at 1-888-270-9371 Monday through Friday, 7:00 am to 7:00 pm, Saturday 7:00 am to 4:30 pm Central Time.



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

This is an important Safety Recall. The remedy will be performed **FREE OF CHARGE** to you.

## **IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL (Interim Notice)**

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

**Dear** (customer's First/Last name)

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

## What should you do?

We appreciate your patience while we prepare the remedy. We will notify you again when the remedy is available.

Your local Toyota dealer will be more than happy to answer any of your questions.

To find a dealer near you, visit <u>www.toyota.com/dealers</u>.

- For more information on this and other Safety Recalls, including Frequently Asked Questions, visit <u>www.toyota.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, you may contact the Toyota Customer Experience Center at 1-888-270-9371 Monday through Friday, 7:00 am to 7:00 pm, Saturday 7:00 am to 4:30 pm Central Time.

#### What will Toyota do?

Toyota is currently preparing the remedy for this condition. When the remedy becomes available, Toyota will send another owner notification by first class mail advising you to make an appointment with your local authorized Toyota dealer to have the front passenger seatbelt assembly replaced with a new one *FREE OF CHARGE*.

#### What should you do?

We appreciate your patience while we prepare the remedy.

#### You will receive a second owner notification when the remedy is available.

If this condition has occurred in your vehicle, 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 Toyota 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.

To minimize risk while the remedy is prepared, Toyota recommends that no passengers sit in the front passenger seat. If this recommendation is not feasible for the customer's personal or business needs, alternative transportation may be made available.

#### 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 Toyota's online, self-service portal. Log-in to your Toyota Owners account at <u>https://www.toyota.com/owners/</u>, click on the "Resources" tab, select "Safety Recall and Service Campaigns", and click on "Submit Reimbursement Request".

Alternatively, if you prefer to mail or fax this information for reimbursement consideration, please use the address or fax number shown below:

Toyota Customer Experience Center - TSR Toyota Motor Sales, USA, Inc. c/o Toyota Motor North America, Inc. P O Box 259001 – SSC/CSP Reimbursements Plano, Texas 75025-9001

FAX: 310-381-7756

Please refer to the attached Reimbursement 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 <u>www.toyota.com/owners</u>. You will need your full 17-digit Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) to input the new information.

If you believe that the dealer or Toyota 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 Toyota.

Sincerely,

Toyota Motor Sales, USA



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

# **CUSTOMER CONTACT & VEHICLE DISCLOSURE FORM**

This form is not applicable for new vehicles in dealership inventory and TCUV units.

This vehicle is involved in a Safety Recall. At this time, <u>remedy parts are not available</u> and the remedy has **NOT** been performed. I understand that the vehicle will need to be returned to an authorized Toyota dealer to have the remedy performed at **NO CHARGE** when the remedy is available.

Customer Signature

Toyota recommends that you register with the Toyota Owners Community at <u>http://www.toyota.com/owners/</u> and regularly check recall applicability using <u>www.toyota.com/recall</u> or <u>www.safercar.gov</u>. You will need to input your 17-digit Vehicle Identification Number (VIN).

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