◄ IMPORTANT UPDATE ►

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

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

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 Lexus Dealer Principals, General Managers, Sales Managers, Pre-Owned Managers, Service Managers, Parts Managers and Warranty Administrators

SAFETY RECALL JLL (Interim Notice J2L)

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

Model / Years	Production Period	Approximate Total Vehicles	Approximate Stop Sale Dealer Inventory
LX 570 2008 - 2019	Mid-July 2007 – Early December 2018	55,900	1,300

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.

<u>Condition</u>

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, 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 is currently preparing the remedy for vehicles covered by this campaign (J2L) and will send interim notifications to owners by mid-February 2019.

Covered Vehicles

There are approximately 55,900 vehicles covered by this Safety Recall (administered under campaign codes J2L and JSL). Approximately 200 vehicles involved in this Safety Recall were distributed to Puerto Rico.

Owner Letter Mailing Date

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

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 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.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

Lexus 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 Lexus.

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

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 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 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 (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

Lexus recommends that owners of vehicles affected by JLL (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, a loaner vehicle or alternative transportation 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 Filing Under J2L Designation	Description
J2L004	Vehicle Rental 1-30 Days
J2L005	Vehicle Rental 31-60 Days
J2L006	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.

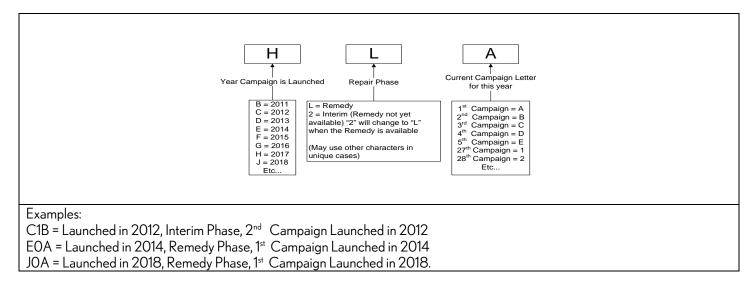
Claim Filing Accuracy and Correction Requests

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



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

Thank you for your cooperation.

LEXUS, A DIVISION OF TOYOTA MOTOR SALES, U.S.A., INC.



SAFETY RECALL JLL (Interim Notice J2L)

Certain 2008 – 2019 Model Year LX 570 Passenger Airbags Could Deactivate

Frequently Asked Questions Original Publication Date: December 13, 2018

IMPORTANT UPDATE		
DATE	TOPIC	
2/6/2019	 A5 updated to include details that Lexus will send an interim notification to owners. A new Q&A 6 has been added. 	

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, 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 restraint 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.

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 goes off 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 side and curtain shield airbags and/or front and knee airbags 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 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. 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 is currently preparing the remedy for vehicles covered by this campaign (J2L) and will send interim notifications to owners by mid-February 2019.

Q6: What is Lexus going to do in the interim?

A6: 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 campaign designation JSL. The remaining vehicles are in this campaign (J2L) and will be repaired once new seat belt assemblies become available. Lexus is currently preparing the remedy for these vehicles. When the remedy becomes available, any authorized Lexus dealer will replace the front passenger seatbelt assembly *FREE OF CHARGE* (remedy designation will be JLL).

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

Notification Type	TIS Designation
Interim	J2L (JLL)
Remedy	JSL

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

A7: There are approximately 55,900 vehicles covered by this Safety Recall. 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/Toyota/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.

Q8: My vehicle is involved in this Safety Recall, but the remedy is not yet available. Will Lexus provide a loaner vehicle until the remedy is available?

A8: To minimize risk, Lexus 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 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 (1-800-255-3987) - Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 8:00 pm, Saturday 9:00 am to 6:00 pm Eastern Time.



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 (Interim 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</u> and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. 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.

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 Lexus dealer will be more than happy to answer any of your questions.

- To find a dealer near you, visit <u>www.lexus.com/dealers</u>.
- 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 is currently preparing the remedy for this condition. When the remedy becomes available, Lexus will send another owner notification by first class mail advising you to make an appointment with your local authorized Lexus 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 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.

To minimize risk while the remedy is prepared, Lexus 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 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 reimbursement 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 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 http://drivers.lexus.com/lexusdrivers. 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 http://www.safercar.gov.

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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CUSTOMER CONTACT & VEHICLE DISCLOSURE FORM

This form is not applicable for L/Certified units.

This vehicle is involved in 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 Lexus dealer to have the remedy performed at *NO CHARGE* when the remedy is available.

Customer Signature

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

Model	Model Year	
Customer Information		
Customer Name		Customer Email
Customer Address		Home Phone #
		Mobile Phone #
		Date
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Dealer Name/Address		Dealer Code
		Dealer Phone Number
		Dealer Staff Name
		Dealer Staff Signature