



U.S. Department of Transportation
**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Cory Hoffman
General Manager
Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing
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NEF-107DR
22E-095

Subject: Seat Belt Assembly Malfunction

Dear Mr. Hoffman:

This letter serves to acknowledge Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

TOKAI RIKA CO. LTD/FRONT SEAT BELT ASSEMBLY/9999

Mfr's Report Date: November 10, 2022

NHTSA Campaign Number: 22E-095

Components:

SEAT BELTS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 93

Problem Description:

Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing (Toyota) is recalling certain Tokai Rika Co., LTD front-seat outer right-side seat belt assemblies with part numbers 73210-24171 and 73210-48130, and front-seat outer left-side seat belt assemblies with part numbers 73220-24131, 73220-33331, 73220-42221, 73220-47051, 73220-48040, 73220-48052, and 73220-48110, sold as replacement parts. The seat belt assembly force-limiter may not operate correctly, allowing the seat belt to extend further than intended after locking.

Consequence:

A seat belt assembly that extends further than intended may not properly restrain an occupant during a crash, increasing the risk of injury.

Remedy:

Dealers will inspect the front seat belt assembly and replace the assembly, if necessary, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed January 9, 2023. Owners may contact Toyota's customer service at 1-800-331-4331. Toyota's numbers for this recall are 22TH01/22LH01.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.nhtsa.gov.



Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of eight consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing's contact for this recall will be Darishea Rollins who may be reached by email at darishea.rollins@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Alex Ansley
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement