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

## SAFETY (NONCOMPLIANCE) RECALL 22TA09 (Interim Notice 22TB09)

### Certain 2022–2023 Model Year Tacoma Vehicles Upper Child Seat Anchor Welds May Fail During a Crash

Model / Years	Production Period	Approximate Total Vehicles	Approximate Stop Sale Dealer Inventory
2022 - 2023	Late October 2021 – Late May 2022	75,300	130



**STOP! DO NOT SELL NEW VEHICLES IN DEALER INVENTORY.**

*Refer to Dealer Inventory Procedures section for more details.*



On July 21, 2022, Toyota filed a Noncompliance Information Report (NCIR) with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) informing the agency of our intent to conduct a voluntary Safety (Noncompliance) Recall on certain 2022 - 2023 model year Tacoma vehicles.

#### Condition

The upper child seat anchors of the involved vehicles may not have been welded sufficiently and may not meet minimum strength requirements. Vehicles with upper child seat anchor welds that do not meet strength requirements do not comply with applicable regulations in the U.S. An insufficient weld may allow the child seat to move during a sudden stop or crash, increasing the risk of injury.

#### Remedy

Toyota is currently developing the remedy for this issue. Once the remedy is available, affected owners will be advised to take their vehicles to a Toyota dealer to have the repair performed.

#### Covered Vehicles

There are approximately 75,300 vehicles covered by this Safety (Noncompliance) Recall. There are no vehicles distributed to Puerto Rico involved in this Safety (Noncompliance) Recall.

**Owner Letter Mailing Date**

Toyota will notify owners by mid-September 2022.

*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 (Noncompliance) 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**.

## Dealer Inventory Procedures

**New Vehicles in Dealership Inventory**

There are approximately 130 vehicles in new dealer inventory as of July 15, 2022.



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:**

- ***New vehicles in dealer inventory subject to a Safety Recall must be remedied before delivery into commerce under a sale or lease. Dealer-to-dealer trades as well as vehicle sales between dealers should not be made until a vehicle is remedied.***
- Dealers can identify if any of their new and used inventory has any open campaigns in the Vehicle Inventory Summary available in Dealer Daily (**Non SET and GST dealers:** <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 (Noncompliance) 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 (Noncompliance) 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 (Noncompliance) 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](mailto:quality_compliance@toyota.com). In the subject line of the email, state "Disclosure Form 22TA08" 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 (**Non SET and GST dealers:** <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 (Noncompliance) 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 Brand Engagement Center (1-888-270-9371) - Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 8:00 pm, Saturday 9:00 am to 7:00 pm Eastern Time.

### **Salvage Title Vehicles**

Every attempt should be made to complete an open Safety Recall when circumstances permit, unless noted otherwise in the Safety Recall dealer letter.

For complete details on this policy, refer to Toyota Warranty Policy [4.17](#), "What Is Not Covered by The Toyota New Vehicle Limited Warranty".

### **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 Tyler Litchenberger (469) 292-2671 in Toyota Corporate Communications. Please do not provide this number to customers. Please provide this contact only to media.

## Warranty Reimbursement Procedures

### Loaner Vehicle or Alternative Transportation Reimbursement Procedure

Until the remedy is performed on the vehicle, customers are advised to refer to the owner's manual or other instructions provided with your child restraint system to determine if alternate means to secure the child seat are available. Alternatively, customers are advised to consider using a different vehicle to transport children until the remedy is performed. If these recommendations are not feasible for the customer, a loaner vehicle or alternative transportation through Toyota Rent-A-CAR (TRAC) can be claimed for \$42 per day.

Op Code	Description
TA29R1	Vehicle Rental 1-30 Days

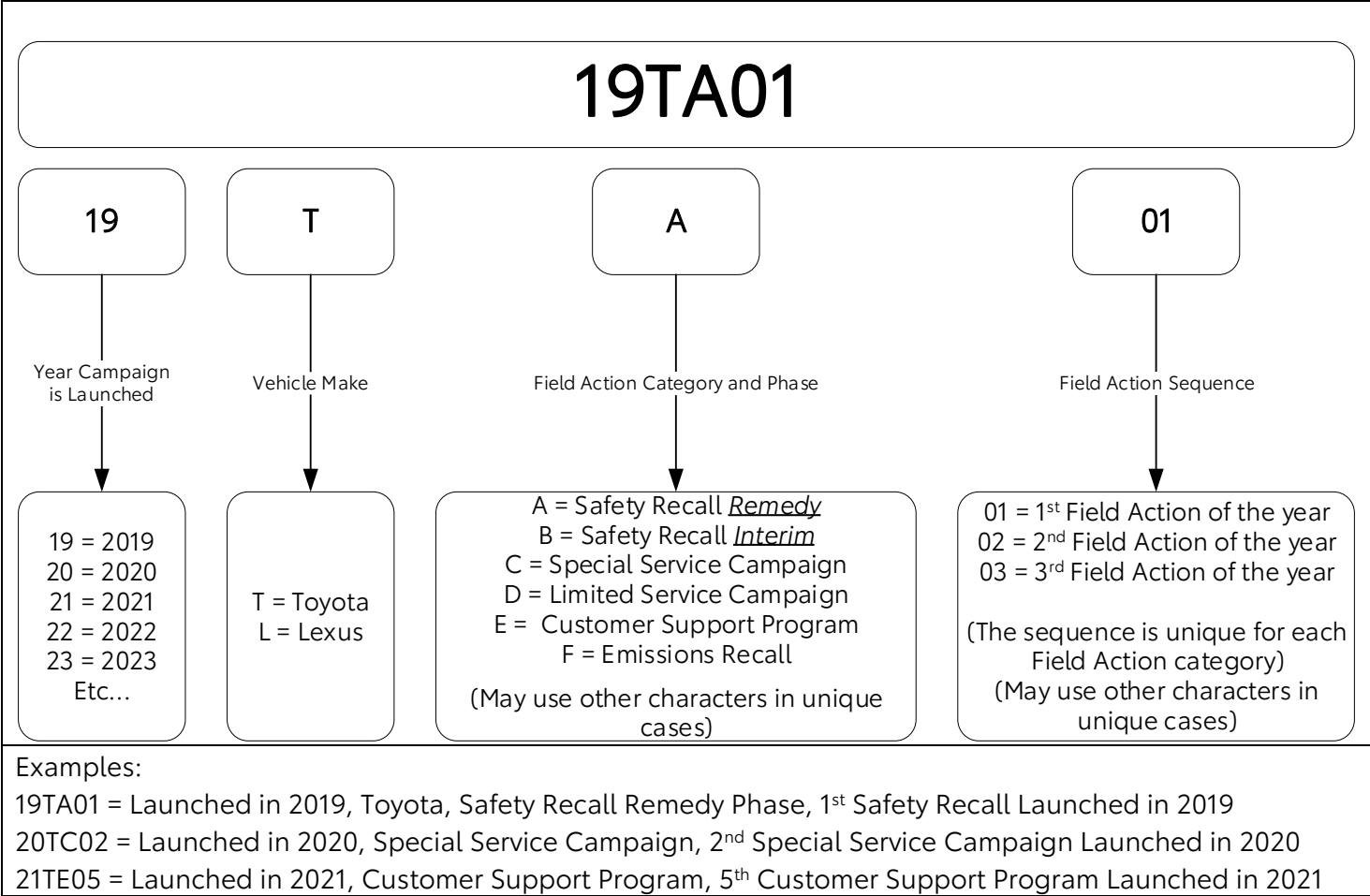
#### **NOTE:**

- Rental invoice ***MUST*** be attached to all rental claims. These claims may be subject to debit if rental invoice is not attached.
- Rentals that exceed the maximum allowable daily rate will require DSPM authorization per the Toyota Transportation Assistance Policy (TTAP).

### Claim Filing Accuracy and Correction Requests

It is the dealer's responsibility to file claims correctly for this Safety (Noncompliance) 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 [PRO17-03](#) to correct the claim.

## 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 (Noncompliance) Recall.***

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

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### Frequently Asked Questions

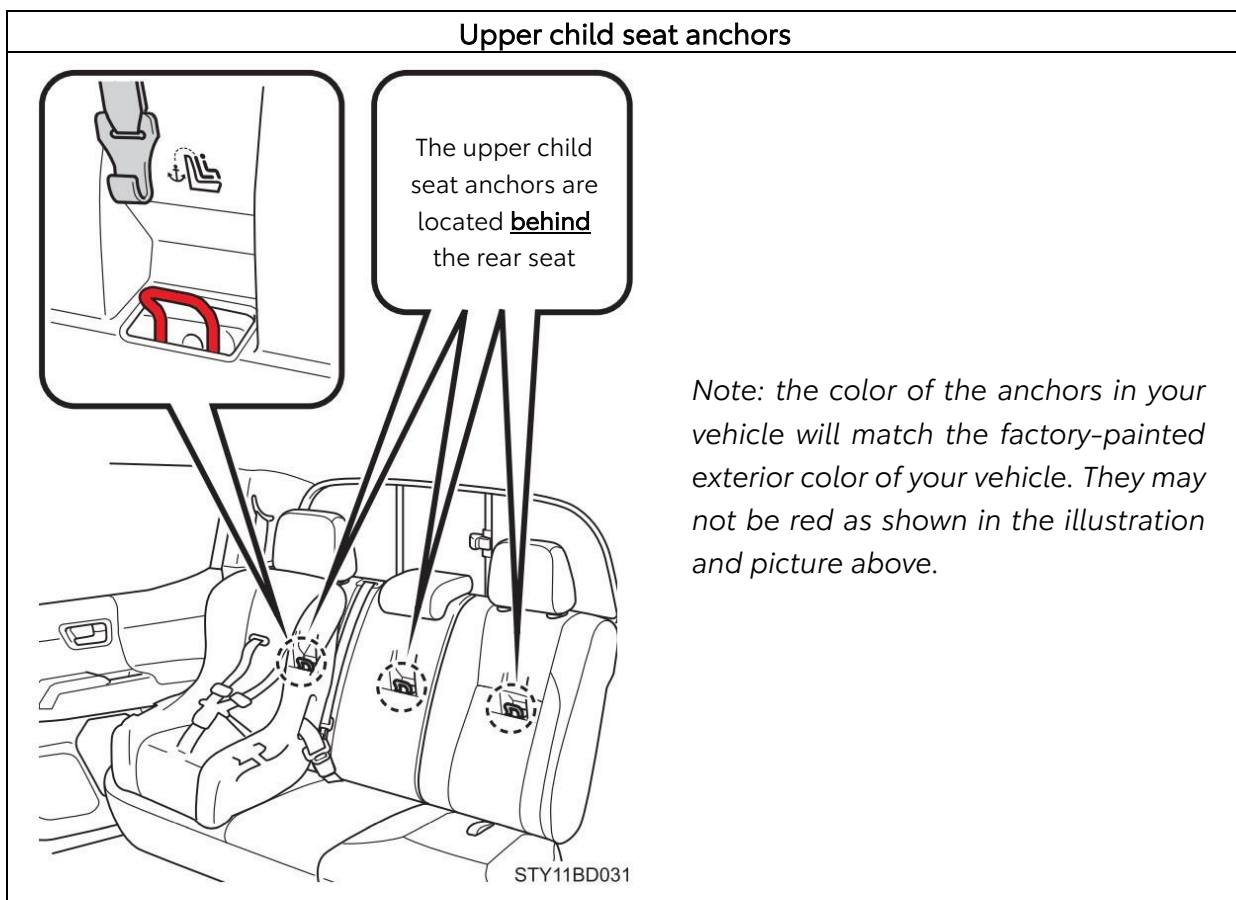
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**Q1:** *What is the condition?*

A1: The upper child seat anchors of the involved vehicles may not have been welded sufficiently and may not meet minimum strength requirements. Vehicles with upper child seat anchor welds that do not meet strength requirements do not comply with applicable regulations in the U.S. An insufficient weld may allow the child seat to move during a sudden stop or crash, increasing the risk of injury.

**Q1a:** *What are the child seat anchor?*

A1a: The subject vehicles are equipped with three (3) upper child seat anchors for the rear seat, shown in the illustration below. The upper anchors are designed to secure child restraint systems featuring a top "tether" strap.



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

A2: No. There are no warnings that this condition exists.

**Q3: Can I do anything to prevent the condition from happening?**

A3: Until the remedy is performed on your vehicle, please refer to the owner’s manual or other instructions provided with your child restraint system to determine if alternate means to secure your child seat is available. Always follow the instructions provided with your child restraint system. In addition, you may wish to you use a different vehicle to transport your child until the remedy is performed. Children should always be transported in a child seat that is appropriate for their age and weight.

**Q4: What is Toyota going to do?**

A4: Toyota is currently preparing the remedy for this issue and will inform affected customers to take their vehicle to a Toyota dealer for the free repair once it is available.

**Q5: When will the remedy become available?**

A5: Toyota estimates the remedy will be available by late August 2022.

**Q6: Which and how many vehicles are covered by this Safety (Noncompliance) Recall?**

A6: There are approximately 75,300 vehicles covered by this Safety (Noncompliance) Recall.

Model Name	Model Year	Production Period
Tacoma	2022 – 2023	Late October 2021 – Late May 2022

**Q7: How does Toyota obtain my mailing information?**

A7: 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.

**Q8: What if I have additional questions or concerns?**

A8: If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact the Toyota Brand Engagement Center at 1-888-270-9371 Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 8:00 pm, Saturday 9:00 am to 7:00 pm Eastern Time.





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## 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, remedy parts are not available 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 <http://www.toyota.com/owners/> and regularly check recall applicability using [www.toyota.com/recall](http://www.toyota.com/recall) or [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov). You will need to input your 17-digit Vehicle Identification Number (VIN).

VIN

Campaign Code

Model \_\_\_\_\_ Model Year \_\_\_\_\_

### Customer Information

Customer Name _____	Customer Email _____
Customer Address _____	Home Phone # _____
_____	Mobile Phone # _____
_____	Date _____

*Please provide this information so that Toyota or your dealer can notify you when the remedy becomes available. This information will only be used for campaign communications. If you'd like to update your preferred contact information in the future, visit [www.toyota.com/ownersupdate](http://www.toyota.com/ownersupdate) or contact us at 1-888-270-9371.*

### Dealer Information

Dealer Name/Address _____	Dealer Code _____
_____	Dealer Phone Number _____
_____	Dealer Staff Name _____
_____	Dealer Staff Signature _____