



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

**1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590**

February 03, 2026

26V049

Charmin Spencer
Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing

Subject: Unlocked Rear Door May Open Unexpectedly

Dear Charmin Spencer:

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:

TOYOTA/PRIUS/2023-2026

TOYOTA/PRIUS PRIME/2023-2024

TOYOTA/PRIUS PLUG-IN HYBRID/2025-2026

Mfr's Report Date: January 28, 2026

NHTSA Campaign Number: 26V049

Components:

LATCHES/LOCKS/LINKAGES:DOORS:LATCH

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:WIRING:SWITCHES/KNOBS/BUTTONS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 141,286

Problem Description:

Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing (Toyota) is recalling certain 2023-2024 Prius Prime, 2023-2026 Prius, and 2025-2026 Prius Plug-in Hybrid vehicles. Water may enter the rear door switch and cause a short circuit, allowing an unlocked rear door to open unexpectedly.

Consequence:

A door that unexpectedly opens while the vehicle is moving increases the risk of injury.

Remedy:

Dealers will modify the rear door switch circuits, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed March 15, 2026. Owners may contact Toyota's customer service at 1-800-331-4331.

Toyota's numbers for this recall are 26TB03 and 26TA03. This recall expands and replaces NHTSA

recall number 24V274. Vehicles repaired under the previous recall will need to have the new remedy performed.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-888-275-9171), or go to www.nhtsa.gov.

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 49 U.S.C. § 30118(f), submission of eight consecutive quarterly reports followed by three annual reports is required. As described in 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. The first of three consecutive annual status reports will be due on, or before, 1 year after the eighth quarterly report was submitted.

Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing's contact for this recall will be Debora Crews who may be reached by email at debora.crews@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Alex Ansley

Alex Ansley
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