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Administration

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

26V598

Manufacturer Name: Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing

Submission Date: Sep 17, 2026

NHTSA Recall No.: 26V598

Manufacturer Recall No.: 26TA19 / 26LA09

Manufacturer Information

Population

Manufacturer Name: Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing

Address: 6565 Headquarters Drive
Plano TX, 75024

Total number of potentially involved: 617

Estimated percentage with defect: 1%

Vehicle Information

Vehicle 1: 2026-2026 Lexus TX350

Product Category:

Product Type:

Fuel / Propulsion:

Production Dates: Jun 19, 2026 - Jun 25, 2026

Number of potentially involved: 61

Descriptive Information:

Although the involved vehicles are within the above production period range, not all vehicles in this range were sold in the U.S. This issue affects vehicles that are equipped with front steering knuckles from a specific production batch from a specific supplier. Other Toyota or Lexus vehicles sold in the U.S. are not equipped with these front steering knuckles. Unknown. Toyota is unable to provide an estimate of the percentage of vehicles to contain the defect. Whether the steering knuckle fractures in such a way that could create the issue in Section 5 depends on various conditions, as described further below. However, as NHTSA manufacturer portal requires an integer value be entered, Toyota has entered the value "1" in response to this question in the portal. For the purpose of this report, "1" means "unknown".

Vehicle 2: 2026-2026 Lexus RX350H

Product Category:

Product Type:

Fuel / Propulsion:

Production Dates: Jun 18, 2026 - Jun 24, 2026

Number of potentially involved: 83

Descriptive Information:

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Vehicle 3: 2026-2026 TOYOTA GRAND HIGHLANDER

Product Category: Light Vehicles

Product Type:

Fuel / Propulsion:

Production Dates: Jun 19, 2026 - Jun 26, 2026

Number of potentially involved: 126

Descriptive Information:

Although the involved vehicles are within the above production period range, not all vehicles in this range were sold in the U.S. This issue affects vehicles that are equipped with front steering knuckles from a specific production batch from a specific supplier. Other Toyota or Lexus vehicles sold in the U.S. are not equipped with these front steering knuckles. Unknown. Toyota is unable to provide an estimate of the percentage of vehicles to contain the defect. Whether the steering knuckle fractures in such a way that could create the issue in Section 5 depends on various conditions, as described further below. However, as NHTSA manufacturer portal requires an integer value be entered, Toyota has entered the value "1" in response to this question in the portal. For the purpose of this report, "1" means "unknown".

Vehicle 4: 2026-2026 Lexus RX500H

Product Category:

Product Type:

Fuel / Propulsion:

Production Dates: Jun 23, 2026 - Jun 23, 2026

Number of potentially involved: 1

Descriptive Information:

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Vehicle 5: 2026-2026 TOYOTA GRAND HIGHLANDER HYBRID

Product Category: Light Vehicles

Product Type:

Fuel / Propulsion:

Production Dates: Jun 19, 2026 - Jun 25, 2026

Number of potentially involved: 127

Descriptive Information:

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Vehicle 6: 2026-2026 Lexus RX350

Product Category:

Product Type:

Fuel / Propulsion:

Production Dates: Jun 18, 2026 - Jun 24, 2026

Number of potentially involved: 196

Descriptive Information:

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Vehicle 7: 2026-2026 Lexus TX500H

Product Category:

Product Type:

Fuel / Propulsion:

Production Dates: Jun 19, 2026 - Jun 25, 2026

Number of potentially involved: 23

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Descriptive Information:

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Defect / Noncompliance Description

Description of the defect or noncompliance:

The subject vehicles are equipped with two front steering knuckles made of forged aluminum. A specific batch of front steering knuckles were produced without completing part of the production process. This could cause a front steering knuckle to have a lower material strength that can allow it to fracture at the strut or tie rod attachment point after a sudden large impact force. If such a fracture occurs, vehicle steering control function may be reduced or lost. In some operating conditions this could lead to a loss of vehicle control, which may increase the risk of a crash.

FMVSS1:

FMVSS2:

Description of the safety risk, including crash, fire, death, injury:

If a front steering knuckle fracture occurs, vehicle steering control function may be reduced or lost. In some operating conditions this could lead to a loss of vehicle control, which may increase the risk of a crash.

Description of the cause:

Identification of any warning that can occur:

Component Manufacturer

Tier of Supplier:

Supplier Type:

Name: Bharat Forge Aluminum USA, INC

Address: 777 Kalyani WY
Sanford NC, 27330

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Involved Components

Component Name 1: KNUCKLE, STEERING, RH**Component Description:** Steering Knuckle**Component Part Number:** 43201-0E010**Component Name 2:** KNUCKLE, STEERING, LH**Component Description:** Steering Knuckle**Component Part Number:** 43202-0E010

Chronology

June 2026 – July 2026

In late June 2026, during a standard quality audit, a tier 1 supplier conducted tensile strength tests and found a production batch of front steering knuckles that had material strength below specification. The supplier contacted Toyota regarding the issue since the batch had already been shipped to the tier 2 supplier. Toyota initiated containment activities and determined that some parts flowed out to the Toyota manufacturing plants. Toyota was able to identify some of the affected parts based on their batch ID, however a small number of parts were not contained. Additionally, Toyota began an investigation of the tier 1 supplier's manufacturing process and documentation. As a result of the investigation, Toyota confirmed that only one batch did not go through the aging furnace step.

August 2026 – September 2026

In August to September 2026, Toyota investigated the impact of the below-specification material on the steering knuckle's performance. Toyota conducted CAE on models of the part with the below-specification material. The test results concluded that a fracture could occur at the strut attachment point and/or the tie rod attachment point after a sudden large impact force such as from hitting a pot hole or a curb. Toyota further assessed the impact to vehicle performance should the steering knuckle fracture at these locations while driving and determined that the vehicle steering control function may be reduced or lost. In some operating conditions this could lead to a loss of vehicle control, which may increase the risk of a crash.

September 11, 2026

Based on the results of the above investigation, Toyota decided to conduct a voluntary safety recall campaign.

As of September 9, 2026, based on a diligent review of records, Toyota's best engineering judgment is that there are no Toyota Field Technical Reports and no warranty claims that have been received from U.S. sources that relate or may relate to this condition.

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Description of Remedy

Remedy Type:

Consumer Advisories: ☐ Do Not Drive ☐ Park Outside

Description of remedy program:

All known owners of the subject vehicles will be notified to return their vehicles to a Toyota or Lexus dealer. The dealers will inspect the front steering knuckles to determine if it is from the affected production batch. Affected steering knuckles will be replaced at no charge.

How remedy component differs from recalled component:

Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:

Reimbursement Plan

Description of reimbursement program:

As the owner notification letters will be mailed out well within the active period of the Toyota or Lexus New Vehicle Limited Warranty ("Warranty"), all involved vehicle owners for this recall would have been provided a repair at no cost under the warranty.

Period of reimbursement:

Costs to be reimbursed:

Address for reimbursement claims:

Recall Schedule

Description of recall schedule:

Notifications to owners of the affected vehicles will occur by November 16, 2026. A copy of the draft owner notification will be submitted as soon as it is available. Notifications to distributors/dealers will be sent on September 17, 2026. Copies of dealer communications will be submitted as they are issued.

Planned Dealer Notification Date: Sep 17, 2026 - Sep 17, 2026

☐ No Dealers

Planned Interim Owner Notification Date:

☐ No Owners

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Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date: Nov 02, 2026 - Nov 16, 2026 ☐ Phased Recall

Date when VIN will be searchable: