

July 8, 2026

DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT

1. Vehicle Manufacturer Name:

Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Indiana, Inc. ["TMMI"]
4000 Tulip Tree Dr., Princeton, IN 47670-4000

Affiliated U.S. Sales Company:

Toyota Motor North America, Inc. ["TMNA"]
6565 Headquarters Drive, Plano, TX 75024

Manufacturer of Rear Axle Carrier:

Bharat Forge Aluminum USA, INC
777 Kalyani WY, Sanford, NC 27330
(984) 977 6777
Country of Origin: United States

2. Identification of Involved Vehicles and Affected Components:

Based on production records, we have determined the involved vehicle population to be the vehicles listed in the table below.

Make/Car Line	Model Year	Manufacturer	Production Period
Toyota / Grand Highlander	2026	TMMI	April 10, 2026 through April 27, 2026

Toyota / Grand Highlander Hybrid	2026	TMMI	April 10, 2026 through April 27, 2026
Lexus / TX350			April 10, 2026 through April 27, 2026
Lexus / TX500			April 10, 2026 through April 27, 2026
Lexus / TX550+			April 10, 2026 through April 21, 2026

Applicability	Part Number	Part Name	Component Description
MY2026 Grand Highlander/HV, TX/HV	42313-0E090	CARRIER, RR AXLE, RH	Rear axle carrier
	42314-0E130	CARRIER RR AXLE, LH	

- Note: (1) Although the involved vehicles are within the above production period range, not all vehicles in this range were sold in the U.S.
- (2) This issue affects vehicles that are equipped with rear axle carriers manufactured during a specific production period from a specific supplier. Other Toyota or Lexus vehicles sold in the U.S. are not equipped with these rear axle carriers.

3. Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved:

Grand Highlander	: 1,510
Grand Highlander Hybrid	: 2,449
TX350	: 1,191
TX500	: 212
TX550+	: 46
 Total	 : 5,408

4. Percentage of Vehicles Estimated to Actually Contain the Defect:

5% of the involved vehicles are estimated to contain the part that could be affected by the condition described in Section 5 below. Whether the issue in each case will lead to a reduced rear vehicle stability depends on the vehicle and vehicle operating conditions.

5. Description of Problem:

The subject vehicles are equipped with two rear axle carriers made of forged aluminum. Due to a manufacturing error at the supplier, certain rear axle carriers may have been produced with material strength below specification. This could cause a rear axle carrier to break at its attachment to the toe control arm. Breakage can result in loss of toe control function and reduced rear vehicle stability, increasing the risk of a crash in some operating conditions.

6. Chronology of Principal Events:

April 2026

In late April 2026, during routine machining by a tier 2 supplier, the supplier observed abnormal machining operation on the rear axle carriers supplied by the tier 1 supplier. The tier 2 supplier conducted a hardness test, and results were below design specifications. The tier 2 supplier notified Toyota and the tier 1 supplier of its findings. Toyota and the tier 1 supplier began an investigation.

May 2026 - June 2026

In May 2026, rear axle carriers were recovered from stock of both tier 1 and tier 2 suppliers, and analysis for material and supplier process were performed. Through the analysis, it was found that some batches of the parts had not gone through the ageing furnace process at the tier 1 supplier. To understand the impact of a part missing the ageing furnace process, Toyota began a design study, including comparing load inputs, and Computer Aided Engineering (CAE) stress analysis of a non-age furnaceed part. The analysis showed that the tensile strength and proof strength were lower than the design specifications. In addition, the analysis showed that breakage, if any, would most likely occur at the toe control arm attachment location. Toyota judged that such breakage can result in loss of toe control function and reduced rear vehicle stability, increasing the risk of a crash in some operating conditions.

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

As of June 30, 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.

7. Description of Corrective Repair Action:

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 rear axle carrier sub-assemblies for specific codes. Affected sub-assemblies will be replaced at no charge.

Reimbursement Plan for pre-notification remedies

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

8. Recall Schedule:

Notifications to owners of the affected vehicles will occur by September 6, 2026. A copy of the draft owner notification will be submitted as soon as it is available.

9. Distributor/Dealer Notification Schedule:

Notifications to distributors/dealers will be sent on July 8, 2026. Copies of dealer communications will be submitted as they are issued.

10. Manufacturer's Campaign Number:

Interim / Remedy (Toyota): 26TB13 / 26TA13

Interim / Remedy (Lexus): 26LB08 / 26LA08