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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

To:All Toyota Region General Managers/Vice PresidentsFrom:Bob Waltz,
Group Vice President, Product Quality and Service Support

Subject: Limited Service Campaign (LSC) E0J Certain 2013 – 2014 Model Year Avalon and Avalon Hybrid Vehicles Driver and Passenger Front Seatback Board

In our continuing efforts to ensure the best in customer satisfaction, Toyota is launching a Limited Service Campaign (LSC) on certain 2013 – 2014 Model Year Avalon and Avalon Hybrid vehicles. This LSC will cover approximately 77,600 vehicles.

Background

On 2013 and certain 2014 Model Year Avalon and Avalon Hybrid vehicles, the driver and passenger front seatback board could become loose and separate from the seat assembly.

Limited Service Campaign (LSC) Remedy

Authorized Toyota dealerships are requested to replace the driver and passenger front seatback board at **NO CHARGE** to the vehicle's owner.

This LSC will be available until July 31, 2017, and will only be available at an authorized Toyota Dealer.

1. Dealer Letter Mailing Date

The attached Dealer Letter will be sent to all Toyota dealers in late July, 2014.

2. Owner Notification Mailing Date

The owner notification will commence in late July, 2014, approximately one week after the Dealer Letter.

Please note that only owners of the covered vehicles will be notified. If a dealer is contacted by an owner who has not yet received a notification, please instruct them to **verify eligibility by confirming through TIS prior to performing repairs**. Dealers should perform the repair as outlined in the Technical Instructions found on TIS.

3. New and Used Vehicles in Dealership Inventory (In-Stock Vehicles)

To ensure customer satisfaction Toyota requests that dealers conduct this LSC remedy on any new or used vehicles currently in dealer inventory that are covered by this LSC prior to customer delivery.

4. Number and Identification of Covered Vehicles

There are approximately 77,600 Avalon and Avalon Hybrid Vehicles covered under this LSC.

5. Parts Ordering Process (Dealer Ordering Solutions)

Orders can be placed through the dealership's facing PDC. The Seatback Board kits have been placed on Dealer Ordering Solutions and will be systematically released daily based on dealer ordering criteria. Each dealer has received specific dealer ordering criteria in an email from their facing PDC Manager based on Repair Order Volume * PDC Affected UIO. Therefore, it is vital that each dealership work with both Parts and Service to immediately file claims and coordinate appropriate kit orders.

Additional Part Ordering information can be found in the dealer communication.

6. Region/District Summary Reports

We have enclosed the following LSC E0J Summary Reports in the Region/Private Distributor (PD) Service Manager/Customer Service Operations Manager/Director of Service package:

- Region/PD Summary Report that provides an overview of the entire Region/PD for this LSC.
- A District Summary Report that indicates the number of covered vehicles per dealership in each district for this LSC.

The attached Dealer Notification Letter contains additional details.

Please review this notification with your staff to assure that all relevant personnel have been briefed regarding this subject.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Enclosures

Region/Private Distributor Assistant General Managers CC: Region/Private Distributor Customer Service Operations Managers Region/Private Distributor Service Managers/Directors/VPs Region/Private Distributor Parts Managers/Directors/VPs Region/Private Distributor Customer Services Field Managers Region/Private Distributor Technical Services and Training Managers Region/Private Distributor District Service and/or Parts Managers Region/Private Distributor Customer Relations Managers Region/Private Distributor PDC Managers Region/Private Distributor Field Technical Specialists Region/Private Distributor Service Training Specialists Region/Private Distributor Vehicle Operations Managers All NAPC General Managers All TMS Sales Administration Managers All TMS Product Quality & Service Support Managers All Field Product Engineers