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The attached Dealer Letter has been updated. Refer to the details below.

DATE	TOPIC
September 11, 2018	A watermark has been added to the Dealer Letter to indicate that ZTP expired on September 10, 2018

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

Thank you for your cooperation.

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9/12/2011: Parts Ordering Update

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

Subject: Customer Support Program (CSP) – ZTP Certain 2001 to 2003 Model Year Prius Vehicles Extension of Warranty Coverage for Electronically-Assisted Power Steering Rack

In our continuing efforts to assure the best in customer satisfaction, Toyota is announcing a Customer Support Program (CSP) to extend the warranty coverage on the Electronically-Assisted Power Steering Rack of certain 2001 to 2003 model year (MY) Prius vehicles.

Background

Toyota has received reports of customer concerns regarding an unusual steering wheel vibration when the driver releases the steering wheel in certain 2001 to 2003 model year Prius vehicles.

Although the electronically-assisted power steering rack is covered by Toyota's New Vehicle Limited Basic Warranty for 3 years or 36,000 miles, whichever comes first, we at Toyota care about the overall ownership experience with the Prius. To assure our customers that we stand behind our product, we are offering an extension of the warranty coverage on the vehicle's electronically-assisted power steering rack.

The following vital information is provided to inform you and your staff of the program notification schedule and your degree of involvement.

1. <u>Owner Notification Letter Mailing Date</u>

The owner notification will commence in early July, 2011. We have attached a sample owner letter for your reference.

2. <u>CSP Coverage Details</u>

Toyota is offering a Warranty Coverage Extension (CSP) for the electronically assisted power steering rack for a vibration condition when the driver releases the steering wheel. This CSP is available until December 31, 2013 and has no mileage limitation. If the condition is verified the dealer will replace the Electronically-Assisted Power Steering Rack under the terms of this CSP.

Please note that damage incurred from abuse, a crash, vandalism or other similar events is not covered by the New Vehicle Limited Warranty or this Warranty Extension.

Number and Identification of covered Vehicles

There are approximately 52,100 Prius vehicles (Certain 2001 through Certain 2003 Model Year) covered by this Electronically-Assisted Power Steering Warranty Enhancement.

Please refer to Warranty Policy Bulletin (Bulletin No. POL11-03) for identification of vehicles covered by this CSP.

4. Warranty Claim Processing Instructions

Please refer to the Warranty Policy Bulletin (Bulletin No. POL11-03) for warranty claim processing instructions.

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5. <u>Technical Instructions/Procedures</u>

Please refer to the appropriate model year repair manual for the Technical Instructions.

6. Parts Ordering

As this is a warranty extension most customers will only request reimbursement from TMS for past replacements, dealers should not increase their stock of power steering racks. As always, if a customer experiences an unusual steering wheel vibration, dealers should conduct appropriate diagnosis and order the applicable parts. This warranty extension coverage is limited to the following:

- Electronically-assisted power steering rack
- Miscellaneous bolts and cotter pins for the removal and installation of the power steering rack (Use Campaign B0G Steering Gear Kit - Part Number 04001-31147)

7. <u>Customer Reimbursement</u>

Please refer to the attached owner letter for reimbursement consideration instructions.

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 CSP.

As part of our dedication to continuous improvement, changes have been incorporated in the production process to ensure the highest quality products are provided to our customers.

Thank you for your cooperation.

TOYOTA MOTOR SALES, U.S.A., INC.

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Customer Support Program (CSP) - ZTP Certain 2001 to 2003 Model Year Prius Vehicles Extension of Warranty Coverage for Electronically-Assisted Power Steering Rack

BACKGROUND

In our continuing efforts to assure the best in customer satisfaction, Toyota is announcing a Customer Support Program (CSP) to extend the warranty coverage on the Electronically-Assisted Power Steering Rack of certain 2001 to 2003 model year (MY) Prius vehicles.

Q1: What is the condition?

Toyota has received reports of customer concerns regarding an unusual steering wheel vibration when the driver releases the steering wheel in certain 2001 to 2003 model year Prius vehicles.

Although the electronically-assisted power steering rack is generally covered by Toyota's New Vehicle Limited Basic Warranty for 3 years or 36,000 miles, whichever comes first, we at Toyota care about the overall ownership experience with the Prius. To assure our customers that we stand behind our product, we are offering an extension of the warranty coverage on the vehicle's electronically-assisted power steering rack.

Q2: What is Toyota going to do? A2: Toyota is offering an Extension

Toyota is offering an Extension of the Warranty coverage for the Electronically-Assisted Power Steering Rack for this specific condition. The CSP is available until December 31, 2013, with no mileage limitation, for the condition described above. If the condition is verified, any Toyota dealer will replace the Electronically-Assisted Power Steering Rack under the terms of the CSP.

Owners of certain 2001 to 2003 Model Year Prius Vehicles covered by this CSP will receive an Owner Letter via first class mail starting in early July, 2011. Owners will be advised of the CSP coverage and, in the event they encounter this condition prior to December 31, 2013, to contact a Toyota dealership for diagnosis and repair. The repair will be conducted in accordance with the terms of the Warranty Extension (CSP).

Q3: Which vehicles are covered by this CSP?

A3: There are approximately 52,100 vehicles covered by this CSP.

Model	WMI	MY	VIN Range	
			VDS	UIO
	.01	2001	BK12U	15,810
Prius	JT2		BK18U	
		2002	BK12U	22,740
			BK18U	
		2003	BK12U	13,827
			BK18U	

Q4: What is the production period of the vehicles covered by this CSP?

A4: The affected Toyota Prius vehicles were produced from early May, 2000 through Late May, 2003.

Are there any other Toyota, Lexus or Scion vehicles involved in this CSP?

No. This specific condition only affects certain 2001 to 2003 Model Year Prius vehicles.

Q6: What are the details of this coverage?

Q5:

- *6: This warranty extension is available until December 31, 2013, with no mileage limitation, for a steering wheel vibration related to your Prius' electronically-assisted power steering rack assembly. The specific components covered by this warranty extension are as follows:
 - Electronically-Assisted Power Steering Rack Assembly
 - Miscellaneous bolts and cotter pins for the removal and installation of the power steering rack

Please note that damage incurred from abuse, a crash, vandalism, or other similar events is not covered by the New Vehicle Limited Warranty or this Warranty Extension.

Q7: How long will the repair take?

A7: The repair will take approximately3 hours; however, depending upon the dealer's work schedule, it may be necessary to make the vehicle available for a longer period of time.

<u>Q8: What should an owner do if they experience an unusual steering wheel vibration?</u>

- A8: For problems that occur prior to December 31, 2013, owners are requested to contact their local Toyota dealer for appropriate diagnosis and repair.
- <u>Q9:</u> Is there a problem with the electronically-assisted power steering racks in the covered Prius <u>vehicles?</u>
- A9: All vehicles comply with Toyota's rigorous durability and quality standards. The condition impacts only a small number of electronically-assisted power steering racks. The warranty extension reflects Toyota's desire to assure our customers that Toyota stands behind its products.

Q10: Why are only certain vehicles covered and not others?

A10: The electronically-assisted power steering racks used in the Prius are unique to the Prius. Toyota continually makes changes and improvements to both the manufacturing process and the product as new technological innovations are made. Vehicles produced after May 2003 feature design and manufacturing changes to the electronically-assisted power steering rack.

Q11: What if a customer has previously paid for repairs on their vehicle?

A11: Owners that have previously paid for repairs for this specific condition should refer to the owner letter for reimbursement consideration instructions.

Q12: What if an owner has additional questions or concerns?

A12: Owners with questions or concerns are asked to please contact the Toyota Customer Experience Center at 1-888-270-9371 Monday through Friday, 5:00 am to 6:00 pm, or Saturday 7:00 am through 4:00 pm Pacific Time

Certain 2001 to 2003 Model Year Prius Electronically-Assisted Power Steering Warranty Enhancement Notice

Re: <MY> <Prius> <VIN>

Dear Prius Owner:

At Toyota, we are dedicated to providing vehicles of outstanding quality and value. As part of our continual efforts to meet your product expectations, Toyota would like to advise you of an extension to portions of your Prius's New Vehicle Limited Basic Warranty. This is separate from the Safety Recall notice which is also enclosed.

Toyota cares about our customers

Toyota has received reports of customer concerns regarding an unusual steering wheel vibration when the driver releases the steering wheel in certain 2001 to 2003 model year Prius vehicles.

Although the electronically-assisted power steering rack is generally covered by Toyota's New Vehicle Limited Basic Warranty for 3 years or 36,000 miles, whichever comes first, we at Toyota care about your overall experience with the Prius. To assure you that we stand behind our product, we are offering an extension of the warranty coverage on your vehicle's electronically-assisted power steering rack.

This warranty extension is available until December 31, 2013, with no mileage limitation, for the condition described above related to your Prius's electronically-assisted power steering rack assembly. The specific component(s) covered by this warranty extension are as follows:

- Electronically-assisted power steering rack assembly
- Miscellaneous bolts and cotter pins for the removal and installation of the power steering rack

This offer is limited to your specific Prius whose VIN is provided above and is subject to the same conditions set forth in the New Vehicle Limited Warranty section of your Owner's Warranty Information booklet, with the exception of the extended warranty coverage on the electronically-assisted power steering rack assembly. Please note that this coverage is for warranty work performed at an authorized Toyota dealer only.

Please note that damage incurred from abuse, a crash, vandalism, or other similar events is not covered by the New Vehicle Limited Warranty or this Warranty Extension.

What should you do?

If you have not experienced this condition, please insert this letter into your Prius's Owner's Warranty Information booklet for future reference.

In the event that you experience the condition described above related to your Prius's electronicallyassisted power steering rack assembly prior to December 31, 2013, contact any Toyota dealer and make arrangements for diagnosis and, if applicable, repair. Please present this notice to the Toyota dealer when you bring the vehicle in for your appointment.

The repair will take approximately 3 hours; however, depending upon the dealer's work schedule, it may be necessary to make the vehicle available for a longer period of time.

If you would like to update your vehicle ownership or contact information, please go to <u>www.toyota.com/ownersupdate</u>. You will need your full 17-digit Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) to input the new information.

What if you have previously paid for repair or replacement of your Electronically-Assisted Power Steering Rack?

If you have previously paid for the repair or replacement of this component to address steering wheel vibration when releasing the steering wheel, please mail a copy of your repair order, proof-of-payment, and proof-of-ownership to the following address for reimbursement consideration:

Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc. Toyota Customer Experience, WC 10 19001 South Western Avenue Torrance, CA 90509 Include your name, address, and telephone number(s) in your request. Please allow 6 to 8 weeks to process your request.

We have sent this notice in the interest of your continued satisfaction with our products.

Sincerely, TOYOTA MOTOR SALES, U.S.A., INC.