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

# SAFETY (NONCOMPLIANCE) RECALL K01 Remedy Notice

Certain 2019 Model Year Toyota Avalon HV and Camry HV Vehicles Fuel May Leak from Fuel Filler Pipe Connection

Model / Years	Production Period	Approximate Total Vehicles	Approximate Stop Sale Dealer Inventory
2019 Avalon HV	Mid-October 2018 – Early November 2018	40	13
2019 Camry HV	Early October 2018 – Early November 2018	170	57

STOP

STOP! DO NOT SELL NEW VEHICLES IN DEALER INVENTORY. Refer to Dealer Inventory Procedures section for more details.

STOP

On February 14, 2019, Toyota filed a Non-Compliance Information Report (NCIR) with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) informing the agency of our intent to conduct a voluntary Safety (Noncompliance) Recall on certain 2019 model year Avalon HV and Camry HV vehicles.

### **Condition**

During a quality confirmation activity, there was a possibility that the fuel filler pipe may not have been properly reconnected to the fuel tank. In this condition, the vehicles could leak fuel and may not meet certain U.S. federal motor vehicle safety standard requirements. In the presence of an ignition source, a fuel leak could increase the risk of a fire.

### <u>Remedy</u>

Any authorized Toyota dealer will inspect the fuel filler pipe to confirm if it is properly installed and, *IF NECESSARY*, replace the fuel filler pipe *FREE OF CHARGE*.

### **Covered Vehicles**

There are approximately 210 vehicles covered by this Safety (Noncompliance) Recall. There are no vehicles which were distributed to Puerto Rico.

### Owner Letter Mailing Date

Toyota will begin to notify owners in mid-February 2019 by in-vehicle head unit notification, followed by first class letters.

Toyota makes significant effort to obtain current customer name and address information from each state through industry resources when mailing owner letters. In the event your dealership receives a notice for a vehicle that was sold prior to the Safety (Noncompliance) Recall announcement, it is the dealership's responsibility to forward the owner letter to the customer who purchased the vehicle.

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

### **Dealer Inventory Procedures**

### New Vehicles in Dealership Inventory

There are approximately 70 vehicles in new dealer inventory as of February 13, 2019.

Under Title 49, Section 30112 of the United States Code, a dealer cannot sell, offer for sale, or introduce or deliver for introduction in interstate commerce a new motor vehicle when it is aware that the vehicle does not comply with an applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard or contains a defect related to motor vehicle safety. Further, 49 Code of Federal Regulations §577.13 requires us to provide the following advisory: It is a violation of Federal law for a dealer to deliver a new motor vehicle or any new or used item of motor vehicle equipment (including a tire) covered by this notification under a sale or lease until the defect or noncompliance is remedied.

Toyota reimburses dealers for flooring costs associated with new vehicles held in dealership inventory until the recall remedy becomes available. Toyota provides these flooring reimbursements at 60 day intervals. Toyota reserves the right to withhold or charge-back any flooring reimbursement funds that may have been paid to the dealer if it determines that a new vehicle subject to a safety recall was sold without first being remedied.

Vehicle Safety Recall completion should always be verified through TIS. We request your assistance to ensure involved vehicles are identified and not delivered prior to performing the remedy.

**NOTE:** Dealers can identify if any of their new and used inventory has any open campaigns in the Vehicle Inventory Summary available in Dealer Daily (<u>https://dealerdaily.toyota.com/</u>). The Vehicle Inventory Summary may take up to 4 hours to populate information for newly launched campaigns.

### Inspection Reminder Mirror Hang Tags for Covered Vehicles in New Dealer Stock

To easily recognize vehicles involved in this Safety (Noncompliance) Recall, each dealership should utilize Inspection Reminder Hang Tags. Inside the vehicle's glove box are stickers containing the VIN. Apply one of these stickers to the hang tag and install the hang tag in the vehicle. A sample copy of the Inspection Reminder Hang Tag has been included for your reference.



NOTE: Dealerships can order hang tags from the Material Distribution Center (MDC).

Part Number	Description	Quantity
00411-140003	Inspection Mirror Hang Tag	25 Per Pack

### Pre-Owned Vehicles in Dealer Inventory

To ensure customer satisfaction, Toyota requests that dealers complete this Safety Recall on any used vehicles currently in dealer inventory that are covered by this Safety Recall prior to customer delivery. However, if the campaign cannot be completed (for example, due to remedy parts availability), delivery of a covered vehicle is acceptable if disclosed to the customer that the vehicle is involved in a Safety Recall.

Toyota expects dealers to use the attached Customer Contact and Vehicle Disclosure Form to obtain vehicle buyer information. Dealers are expected to provide a copy of the completed form, along with the most current FAQ, to the vehicle buyer. Toyota and the dealer may use this information to contact the customer when the remedy becomes available.

Keep the completed form on file at the dealership and send a copy to quality\_compliance@toyota.com. In the subject line of the email, state "Disclosure Form K01" and include the VIN.

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### Toyota Certified Used Vehicle (TCUV)

The TCUV policy prohibits the certification of any vehicle with an outstanding Safety Recall, Special Service Campaign, or Limited Service Campaign. Thus, no affected units are to be designated, sold, or delivered as a TCUV until all applicable Safety Recalls, Special Service Campaigns, and Limited Service Campaigns have been completed on that vehicle.

### Toyota Rent-A-Car (TRAC) & Service Loaners

Toyota requests that dealers remove all TRAC and Service Loaner vehicles from service that are covered by a Safety Recall unless the defect has been remedied.

### Customer Handling, Parts Ordering, and Remedy Procedures

### Customer Contacts

Customers who receive the owner letter may contact your dealership with questions regarding the letter and/or the Safety (Noncompliance) Recall. Please welcome them to your dealership and answer any questions that they may have. A Q&A is provided to assure a consistent message is communicated.

Customers with additional questions or concerns are asked to please contact the Toyota Customer Experience Center (1-888-270-9371) – Monday through Friday, 7:00 am to 7:00 pm, Saturday 7:00 am to 4:30 pm Central Time.

### Media Contacts

It is imperative that all media contacts (local and national) receive a consistent message. In this regard, all media contacts must be directed to Tania Saldana (859) 815-9968 in Toyota Corporate Communications. Please do not provide this number to customers. Please provide this contact only to media.

### Parts Ordering Process

Toyota expects that most vehicles will require an inspection only. If a vehicle is identified with the fuel filler pipe **NOT** properly connected and secure, dealer should contact <u>quality compliance@toyota.com</u>. Email subject line should be as follows: <u>"KOI Parts Request for (Dealer Name, Dealer Code) (Date: XX-XX-XXXX)"</u>. The email must include the following:

- VIN
- Photos of inspection results (refer to technical instructions for details)
- Address and contact person for parts shipment
- Dealer code and dealer name

For additional details on the inspection process, refer to the Technical Instructions.

### **Technician Training Requirements**

The repair quality of covered vehicles is extremely important to Toyota. All dealership technicians performing this repair are required to successfully complete the most current version of the E-Learning course "Safety Recall and Service Campaign Essentials". To ensure that all vehicles have the repair performed correctly, technicians performing this repair are required to currently hold at least one of the following certification levels:

- Certified Technician (any specialty)
- Expert Technician (any specialty)
- Master Technician
- Master Diagnostic Technician

Always check which technicians can perform the repair by logging on to <u>https://www.uotdealerreports.com</u>. It is the dealership's responsibility to select technicians with the above certification level or greater to perform this repair. Carefully review your resources, the technician skill level, and ability before assigning technicians to this repair. It is important to consider technician days off and vacation schedules to ensure there are properly trained technicians available to perform this repair at all times.

### **Remedy Procedures**

Refer to TIS for Technical Instructions on repair. Conduct all non-completed Safety Recalls and Service Campaigns on the vehicle during the time of appointment.

### **Repair Quality Confirmation**

The repair quality of covered vehicles is extremely important to Toyota. To help ensure that all vehicles have the repair performed correctly, please designate at least one associate (someone other than the individual who performed the repair) to verify the repair quality of every vehicle prior to customer delivery.

### Vehicles Emission Recall Proof of Correction Form (California only)

As this Safety (Noncompliance) Recall includes emission related parts, California dealers are requested to fill out the Vehicle Emissions Recall – Proof of Correction form after repairs have been completed. The vehicle owner may require this form for vehicle registration renewal. *It is important to note that the forms are an* 

official state document and blank forms must be secured to prevent misuse. Booklets can be ordered from the MDC (material number 00410-92007).

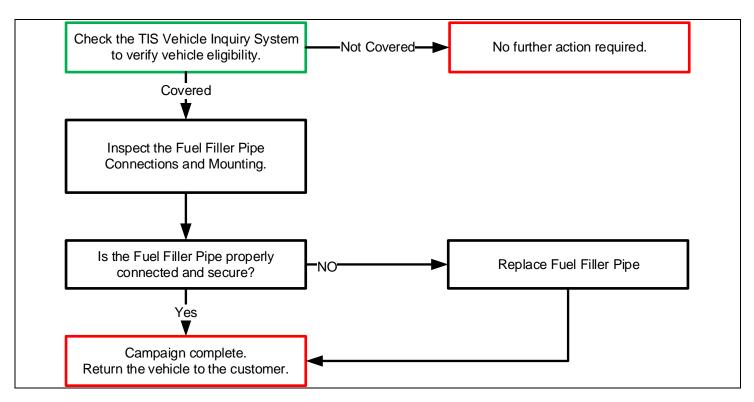
Please complete the form and provide it to the owner. The first non-completed VINs will be submitted to the California state DMV by September 30, 2019. If the vehicle owner's warranty

License Number	Make	Year Model	Body Type	Vehicle Identification Number
Manuta	cturer.			Recall Number
				ed, modified and/or equipped with new emission Emission Control Laws.
Dealer's N	lame	Add	ress, City, Sta	ste and Zip
Date		Deslambin	s Authorized	

claim will not be processed and paid prior to this date, please be sure to complete a form and provide it to a California owner.

## Warranty Reimbursement Procedures

Warranty Reimbursement Procedure



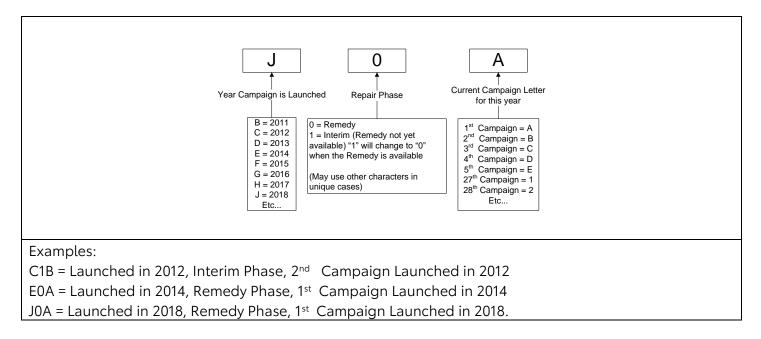
Op Code	Description	Flat Rate Hours
TBD	Fuel filler pipe Inspection – No Replacement Needed	TBD
TBD	Fuel filler pipe Replacement	TBD

- The flat rate times include 0.1 hours for administrative cost per unit for the dealership.
- A loaner vehicle or alternative transportation through the Toyota Rent-A-Car (TRAC) can be claimed up to a maximum of 30 days as a sublet type "RT" under Op Code TBD.
  - Rentals greater than 4 days or \$35.00 per day requires DSPM authorization as per the Toyota Transportation Assistance Policy (TTAP).
  - Rental invoice *MUST* be attached to all rental claims. These claims may be subject to debit if rental invoice is not attached.
- Toyota is currently preparing the warranty system and this document will be updated with Op Codes within one week of the publication date.

### **Claim Filing Accuracy and Correction Requests**

It is the dealer's responsibility to file claims correctly for this Safety (Noncompliance) Recall. This claim filing information is used by Toyota for various government reporting activities; therefore, claim filing accuracy is crucial. If it has been identified that a claim has been filed using an incorrect Op Code or a claim has been filed for an incorrect VIN, refer to Warranty Procedure Bulletin <u>PRO17-03</u> to correct the claim.

## Campaign Designation / Phase Decoder



Please review this entire package with your Service and Parts staff to familiarize them with the proper stepby-step procedures required to implement this Safety (Noncompliance) Recall.

Thank you for your cooperation. TOYOTA MOTOR SALES, U.S.A., INC.

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# SAFETY (NONCOMPLIANCE) RECALL KOI Remedy Notice

Certain 2019 Model Year Toyota Avalon HV and Camry HV Vehicles Fuel May Leak from Fuel Filler Pipe Connection

### Frequently Asked Questions Original Publication Date: February 14, 2019

### Q1: What is the condition?

A1: During a quality confirmation activity, there was a possibility that the fuel filler pipe may not have been properly reconnected to the fuel tank. In this condition, the vehicles could leak fuel and may not meet certain U.S. federal motor vehicle safety standard requirements. In the presence of an ignition source, a fuel leak could increase the risk of a fire.

### Q1a: What is the fuel filler pipe?

A1a: It is a pipe which connects the fuel inlet to the vehicle's fuel tank.

### Q1b: Are there any warnings that this condition exists?

A1b: No. However, if the condition is present, fuel may leak during refueling.

### Q2: What is Toyota going to do?

A2: Toyota will begin to notify owners in mid-February 2019 by in-vehicle head unit notification, followed by first class letters, advising owners to make an appointment with their authorized Toyota dealer to have the fuel filler pipe inspected to confirm if it is properly installed. *IF NECESSARY*, the dealer will replace the fuel filler pipe, *FREE OF CHARGE*.

### NOTE (Customers who live in the state of California)

The state of California requires the completion of Safety Recalls / Service Campaigns on emission related parts prior to vehicle registration renewal. In addition, the State requires that every vehicle must pass an emission test (SMOG Check) every two years and before it is sold. Without the completion of this *FREE* Safety Recall, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) will not allow your vehicle to be registered. State of California Regulations require Toyota to provide the Department of Motor Vehicles with a record of all vehicles that have not had the Safety Recall completed.

Your Toyota dealer will provide you with a Vehicle Emissions Recall Proof of Correction Form after the campaign has been completed. Please ensure you retain this form, because the DMV may require that you supply proof that the campaign has been completed during your vehicle registration renewal process.

### Q3: Which and how many vehicles are covered by this Safety (Noncompliance) Recall?

A3: There are approximately 210 vehicles covered by this Safety Recall. There are no vehicles which were distributed to Puerto Rico.

Model Name	Model Year	Approximate UIO	Production Period
Avalon HV	2019	40	Mid-October 2018 – Early November 2018
Camry HV	2019	170	Early October 2018 – Early November 2018

# Q3a: Are there any other Lexus/Toyota/Scion vehicles covered by this Safety (Noncompliance) Recall in the U.S.?

A3a: No, there are no other Lexus/Toyota/Scion vehicles covered by this Safety Recall. Toyota has confirmed that no other vehicles are involved because the issue of this Safety Recall stems from improper replacement work that took place for these specific vehicles during a quality confirmation process.

### Q4: How long will the repair take?

A4: The inspection takes approximately forty-five minutes. If replacement is required, the repair will take approximately one hour. However, depending upon the dealer's work schedule, it may be necessary to make the vehicle available for a longer period of time.

### Q5: How does Toyota obtain my mailing information?

A5: Toyota uses an industry provider who works with each state's Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to receive registration or title information, based upon the DMV records. Please make sure your registration or title information is correct.

### Q6: What if I have additional questions or concerns?

A6: If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact the Toyota Customer Experience Center at 1-888-270-9371 Monday through Friday, 7:00 am to 7:00 pm, Saturday 7:00 am to 4:30 pm Central Time.

This notice applies to your vehicle: [VIN]

### URGENT SAFETY RECALL

This is an important Safety Recall. The remedy will be performed <u>FREE</u> OF CHARGE to

you.

### IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL (Remedy Notice)

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Dear (customer's First/Last name)

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. Toyota has decided that certain 2019 model year Avalon HV and Camry HV vehicles fail to conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 301 "Fuel System Integrity".

You received this notice because our records, which are based primarily on state registration and title data, indicate that you are the current owner.

### What is the condition?

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### What should you do?

Please contact any authorized Toyota dealer to schedule an appointment to have the remedy performed as soon as possible. Your local Toyota dealer will be more than happy to answer any of your questions.

To find a dealer near you, visit www.toyota.com/dealers.

For more information on this and other Safety Recalls, including Frequently Asked Questions, visit <u>www.toyota.com/recall</u>. Input your full 17digit Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) noted above to review information specific to your vehicle.

✓ If you require further assistance, you may contact the Toyota Customer Experience Center at 1-888-270-9371 Monday through Friday, 7:00 am to 7:00 pm, Saturday 7:00 am to 4:30 pm Central Time.

### <u>What wi<mark>ll Toyota d</mark>o?</u>

Any authorized Toyota dealer will inspect the fuel filler pipe to confirm if it is properly installed and, *IF NECESSARY*, replace the fuel filler pipe *FREE OF CHARGE*.

### This is an important Safety Recall

The remedy will take approximately forty-five minutes for inspection. If replacement is required, the repair will take approximately one hour. However, depending on the dealer's work schedule, it may be necessary to make your vehicle available for a longer period of time.

**NOTE:** If the condition is present, you may notice a fuel leak during refueling. If the condition is present or you are uncomfortable driving your vehicle to the dealership, please contact your local authorized Toyota dealer who will arrange for vehicle pickup.

### What if you live in California and do not have this Safety Recall Campaign performed?

The state of California requires the completion of Safety Recalls / Service Campaigns on emission related parts prior to vehicle registration renewal. In addition, the State requires that every vehicle must pass an emission test (SMOG Check) every two years and before it is sold. Without the completion of this <u>FREE</u> Safety Recall Campaign the California Air Resources Board (CARB) will not allow your vehicle to be registered. State of California Regulations require Toyota to provide the Department of Motor Vehicles with a record of all vehicles that have not had the Safety Recall Campaign completed.

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### What if you are not the owner or operator of this vehicle?

*If you are a vehicle lessor,* Federal Law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

If you know the current owner or operator, please forward this letter to them.

*If you would like to update your vehicle ownership or contact information*, you may do so by registering at <u>www.toyota.com/owners</u>. You will need your full 17-digit Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) to input the new information.

If you believe that the dealer or Toyota has failed or is unable to remedy the defect within a reasonable time or without charge, you may submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E., Washington, D.C. 20590, or call the toll free Vehicle Safety Hot Line at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153), or go to http://www.safercar.gov.

We have sent this notice in the interest of your continued satisfaction with our products. We sincerely regret any inconvenience this condition may have caused you.

Thank you for driving a Toyota.

Sincerely,

Toyota Motor Sales, USA