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

## SAFETY RECALL J0T (Interim Notice) (Interim J1T)

### Certain 2016 – 2018 Model Year Prius Engine Wire Harness

Model / Years	Production Period	Approximate Total Vehicles	Approximate Stop Sale Dealer Inventory
Prius 2016 – 2018	Late June 2015 – Mid-May 2018	192,300	5,200



**STOP! DO NOT SELL NEW VEHICLES IN DEALER INVENTORY.**

*Refer to Dealer Inventory Procedures section for more details.*



On September 5, 2018, Toyota filed a Defect Information Report (DIR) with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) informing the agency of our intent to conduct a voluntary Safety Recall on certain 2016 – 2018 model year Prius vehicles.

#### Condition

The subject vehicles have an engine wire harness which is connected to the hybrid vehicle Power Control Unit. A portion of the wire harness could contact the cover at this connection and wear over time, causing an electrical short circuit, which can generate heat. If sufficient heat is generated, there is an increased risk of a vehicle fire.

#### Remedy

Toyota is currently preparing the remedy for this issue. When the remedy becomes available, Toyota dealers will check the engine wire harness assembly. If a wire core is exposed, the engine wire harness assembly will be replaced with a new one that includes a protective sleeve. If a wire core is not exposed, protective tape will be installed on the engine wire harness assembly. The repair will be performed **FREE OF CHARGE** to customers.

#### Covered Vehicles

There are approximately 192,300 vehicles covered by this Safety Recall. There were approximately 200 vehicles distributed to Puerto Rico covered by this Safety Recall.

#### Owner Letter Mailing Date

Toyota expects to begin notifying owners within September 2018.

*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 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.**

## Dealer Inventory Procedures

### New Vehicles in Dealership Inventory

There are approximately 5,200 vehicles in new dealer inventory as of September 5, 2018.



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 (<https://dealerdaily.toyota.com/>). 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 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**

Toyota typically requests that dealers **NOT** deliver any pre-owned vehicles in dealer inventory that are covered by a Safety Recall unless the defect has been remedied. In this case, until remedy parts are available, delivery of a pre-owned vehicle is acceptable if disclosed to the customer that the vehicle is involved in this Safety Recall and that the remedy is currently being prepared by Toyota.

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](mailto:quality_compliance@toyota.com). In the subject line of the email, state "Disclosure Form J0T/J1T" 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

**Customer Contacts**

Customers who receive the owner letter may contact your dealership with questions regarding the letter and/or the Safety 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.

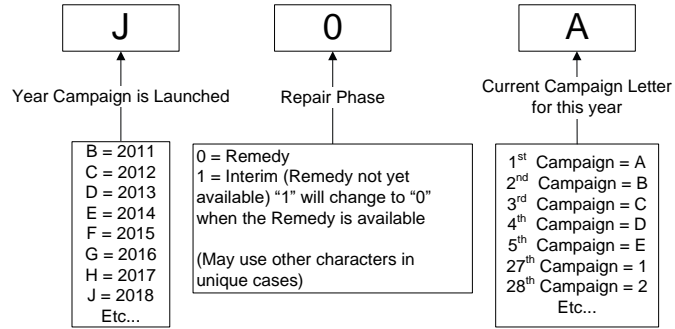
**Media Contacts**

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 prior to customer delivery.

**Customer Reimbursement**

Reimbursement consideration instructions will be included in the owner letter.

## Campaign Designation / Phase Decoder



**Examples:**

C1B = Launched in 2012, Interim Phase, 2<sup>nd</sup> Campaign Launched in 2012  
 E0A = Launched in 2014, Remedy Phase, 1<sup>st</sup> Campaign Launched in 2014  
 J0A = Launched in 2018, Remedy Phase, 1<sup>st</sup> Campaign Launched in 2018.

***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 Safety Recall.***

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



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Certain 2016 – 2018 Model Year Prius  
Engine Wire Harness

### Frequently Asked Questions

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## ◀ IMPORTANT UPDATE ▶

DATE	TOPIC
September 5, 2018	QAs have been added to clarify which vehicles are involved in this Safety Recall.

The most recent update will be highlighted with a **red box**.

**Q1: What is the condition?**

A1: The subject vehicles have an engine wire harness which is connected to the hybrid vehicle Power Control Unit. A portion of the wire harness could contact the cover at this connection and wear over time, causing an electrical short circuit, which can generate heat. If sufficient heat is generated, there is an increased risk of a vehicle fire.

**Q1a: Are there any warnings that this condition will occur?**

A1a: No. In some cases, if this condition does occur, a warning light could illuminate, depending on the extent and location of the damage.

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

A2: Toyota is currently preparing the remedy for this condition. When the remedy becomes available, Toyota dealers will check the engine wire harness assembly. If a wire core is exposed, the engine wire harness assembly will be replaced with a new one that includes a protective sleeve. If a wire core is not exposed, protective tape will be installed on the engine wire harness assembly. The repair will be performed **FREE OF CHARGE** to customers.

When this remedy becomes available, Toyota will send an owner notification by first class mail advising owners to make an appointment with their authorized Toyota dealer to have the remedy performed.

**Q3: Which and how many vehicles are covered by this Safety Recall?**

A3: There are approximately 192,300 vehicles covered by this Safety Recall.

Model Name	Model Year	Production Period
Prius	2016 – 2018	Late June 2015 – Mid-May 2018

**Q3a: Are there any other Lexus/Toyota/Scion vehicles involved in this Safety Recall in the U.S.?**

A3a: No. There are no other vehicles involved in this Safety Recall in the U.S. In other countries, there are certain Prius Prime vehicles and certain C-HR Hybrid vehicles involved in this Safety Recall. Prius Prime vehicles that have been distributed to the U.S. are not involved in this Safety Recall and C-HR Hybrid vehicles are not distributed in the U.S.

**Q3b: Why are Prius Prime vehicles not involved in this Safety Recall in the U.S?**

A3b: The routing of the engine wire harness in Prius Prime vehicles distributed to the U.S. is different from Prius Prime vehicles in certain other markets. Therefore, Prius Prime vehicles distributed to the U.S. are not affected by the condition.

**Q3c: Are C-HR (Non-Hybrid) vehicles involved in this Safety Recall?**

A3c: No. C-HR (Non-Hybrid) vehicles are not involved in this Safety Recall.

**Q4: What if I previously paid for repairs related to this Safety Recall?**

A4: Reimbursement consideration instructions will be provided in the owner letter.

**Q5: What if I have additional questions or concerns?**

A5: 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.

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## CUSTOMER CONTACT & VEHICLE DISCLOSURE FORM

This form is not applicable for new vehicles in dealership inventory and TCUV units.

This vehicle is involved in a Safety Recall. At this time, remedy parts are not available and the remedy has **NOT** been performed. I understand that the vehicle will need to be returned to an authorized Toyota dealer to have the remedy performed at **NO CHARGE** when the remedy is available.

Customer Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Toyota recommends that you register with the Toyota Owners Community at <http://www.toyota.com/owners/> and regularly check recall applicability using [www.toyota.com/recall](http://www.toyota.com/recall) or [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov). You will need to input your 17-digit Vehicle Identification Number (VIN).

VIN 

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Campaign Code 

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Model \_\_\_\_\_ Model Year \_\_\_\_\_

### Customer Information

Customer Name _____	Customer Email _____
Customer Address _____	Home Phone # _____
_____	Mobile Phone # _____
_____	Date _____

*Please provide this information so that Toyota or your dealer can notify you when the remedy becomes available. This information will only be used for campaign communications. If you'd like to update your preferred contact information in the future, visit [www.toyota.com/ownersupdate](http://www.toyota.com/ownersupdate) or contact us at 1-888-270-9371.*

### Dealer Information

Dealer Name/Address _____	Dealer Code _____
_____	Dealer Phone Number _____
_____	Dealer Staff Name _____
_____	Dealer Staff Signature _____