

Toyota Recall

DAS Fleet owns and operates 344 Toyota brand products. All of which are the Prius hybrid sedans ranging from 2001 to 2009 model year.

As you may have heard Toyota Motor Co. is having issues with a number of models in their product line. With the recent media attention we have received a number of inquires. This is what we know today.

Toyota has recently released two safety recalls.

1. **Floor Mat Entrapment** – Among the models involved are the 2004-2009 Prius. Basically this instructs owners to remove the driver's floor mat to prevent the potential for it interfering with the accelerator pedal. Replacement mats are to be available at some point.
2. **Pedal** - This includes installing a reinforcement bar to eliminate the potential for the accelerator pedal from sticking. Currently the Prius is **NOT** involved in this recall.

Another issue recently in the media is a reported brakes problems. CNN reports that Toyota and the National Highway Safety Administration (NHTSA) has received nearly 100 complaints relating to poor brake system performance. This appears to be limited to the third generation 2010 model Prius.

This morning Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood told a House panel that he would advise owners not to drive recalled vehicles. He later told the press that that this was "obviously a misstatement". He now says to take the vehicle to the dealer if it is recalled and/or you feel there is a problem. This in itself has generated a number of inquires.

At this point neither Toyota nor NHSTA has instructed owners to cease driving any Prius for any reason. Below is the link to Toyota's recall website for up to date information. Additionally we will provide updated information on our website as it becomes available.

First and foremost the safety of our drivers and passengers is our number one priority. Therefore, should you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call or e-mail me directly.

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Toyota Recall Website:

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