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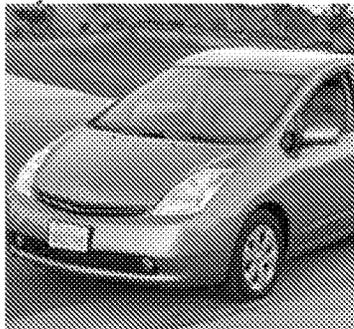
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# Toyota Prius Unintended Acceleration

Consumers have complained for years about unintended acceleration in the Toyota Prius, but their complaints – like those below – have fallen on deaf ears. Conversely, consumers who live in snowy regions complains of a complete loss of forward motion when roads are slippery.

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[Redacted] of Elgin , IL May 26, 2009

I was driving my 2007 Toyota Prius on I-90 westbound in Wisconsin heading toward Minnesota. I was driving at or around 68 mph (speed limit 65)as I had the car on cruise control. There was a sign that the left lane was going to end, so I started to speed up to pass a freight truck that was in the next lane. Concurrently, I saw two police cars on the left shoulder.

As I started to accelerate, the truck sped up and I realized that there was no way I would be able to pass and eased back the accelerator. The problem was that the accelerator stuck and the car started speeding forward. The good news is that I was in the free lane with no one in front of me to hit, the back news is that it took me a bit of time to use my shoe to disengage the accelerator. I was startled and

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shaken by the experience and had planned to get off at the next exit to re-group. That is when one of the police officers pulled me over for speeding. He said he clocked me at over 85 miles per hour in a 65 per hour zone. I told him that the accelerator stuck and told him that I thought it may have been the rubber mats (bought at Toyota dealership for the car) in the car. I had recently had the car cleaned inside and out and once stopped I noticed that they had not put them back in the spot where they won't move. While the officer was checking out my license, etc., I looked to adjust the mats and found that while they did not seem to be in the correct slots, they weren't anywhere near the accelerator. Also, the accelerator stuck on the "top" of the pedal, not the bottom.

I would think that the officer could see that I was noticeably rattled when he returned to my car as I explained what had transpired, but it did not prevent him from issuing the citation.

I have owned my Prius for just over 2 years and have it serviced regularly. I absolutely love the car, but this was alarming. This had happened once before right after I got the car, but the speed and circumstances were such that I shrugged it off as a fluke.

██████████ of Westport, MA May 4, 2009

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I had an unexpected acceleration incident with my 2007 Prius Hybrid on March 25, 2009. As I was backing into a parking space, my Prius accelerated, and jumped the curb within seconds and hit a brick pier attached to the roof of the building. The bricks flew off. Fortunately, there was no one on the sidewalk. The bricks were on the facade with a metal pipe in the middle which remained intact.

██████████ of Morganton,, GA October 23, 2008

We live in a mountainous area of North Georgia. We purchased our 2005 Toyota Prius three years ago, and almost immediately got stuck on the gravel road leading up to our home. If the car hit a bump, all forward motion would stop and the wheels would

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