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Toyota to recall floor mats for crash risk

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration warns that, depending on vehicle design, floor mats could trap the accelerator pedal in a wide range of vehicles.

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NEW YORK (CNNMoney.com) -- Toyota Motor Corp. says it will recall floor mats in its 2007 Lexus ES 350 and the 2007 Camry models that, if not secured in place, could slip and get trapped under or over the accelerator. This could cause a car to accelerate even after the driver lifted his or her foot off the gas pedal.

Toyota (Charts) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration issued a consumer advisory Wednesday urging all owners of the affected models to make sure all driver's side all-weather floor mats are secured before driving.

While not affected by the recall, NHTSA also urges drivers of other Toyota models, including Avalons and Prius hybrids to make sure floor mats are installed correctly.

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NHTSA adds that, depending on vehicle design, it is possible for unsecured floor mats to interfere with accelerator or brake pedals in a wide range of vehicles, and reminds drivers of all makes and models to check that their floor mats are secured according to manufacturer instructions for installing the mats.

For more information on the recall, consumers can contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration or their Toyota or Lexus dealer.

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