



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration

**DOT Auto Safety Hotline**  
**Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire**  
**To Report Vehicle Safety Defects**  
**1-888-DASH-2-DOT**  
**(1-888-327-4236)**  
**INTERNET:www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline**

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**OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)**

Name			Daytime Telephone Number		E-mail Address	
Address			Evening Telephone Number			
City DOVER		State TN	Zip Code			

Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of this report to the manufacturer of your vehicle?  YES  NO  
In the absence of an authorization, NHTSA WILL NOT provide your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.  
Signature of Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**VEHICLE INFORMATION**

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side 5TELU42N67Z		Make TOYOTA	Model TACOMA	Model Year 2007
Date Purchased 31-OCT-06	Dealer's Name and Telephone Number PEPPERS TOYOTA 731/642-3900		Engine: No: Cylinders 6	Fuel Type: Gas
Original Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dealer's City PARIS	State TN	Zip Code 38242	
Transmission Type AUTOMATIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Antilock Brakes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cruise Control	Powertrain 4 WHEEL DRIVE	Vehicle Component Code 180000 VEHICLE SPEED CONTROL	
Multiple Failure: 5				

**FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION**

Incident Date(s) 08-JUN-2007	Failure Mileage 16200	Failure Speed 55	
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**ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE**

Tire Make	Tire Model (Name or Number)	Tire Size (Example P215/65R15)
DOT No. (Example: DOTM19ABC036)	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Prior Repair	Failure Location:
Tire Component Code	Tire Failure Type	

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A CHILD SEAT FAILURE**

Make:	Date Manufactured:	Model No./Name:
Seat Type:	Installation System:	
Child Seat Component Code:	Failed Part:	

**APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION**

(Please describe in detail the incident(s), Failure(s), Crash(es), and injury(ies).)

Crash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Fire <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Number of Persons Injured 1	Number of Deaths 0	Reported to Police Y
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**Narrative Description of Incident(S), Crash(es), and Injury(ies).**  
Please describe (1) events leading up to the failure, (2) failure and its consequences, and (3) what was done to correct the failure; i.e. parts repaired or replaced (and if old part is available).

OVER A PERIOD OF SEVERAL MONTHS AFTER PURCHASING A NEW 2007 TOYOTA TACOMA, I EXPERIENCED FIVE INCIDENTS OF BRAKE/ACCELERATION PROBLEMS FINALLY RESULTING IN A CRASH. FIRST INCIDENT: STOPPED AT A TRAFFIC LIGHT WITH MY FOOT ON THE BRAKE, THE TRUCK LUNGED FORWARD A FEW FEET. THE DEALERSHIP TOLD ME THEY COULD NOT FIND ANY PROBLEM. A MONTH LATER, STOPPED IN A GAS STATION DRIVE WITH MY FOOT ON THE BRAKE WAITING TO EXIT, THE REAR WHEELS BEGAN SPINNING OUT OF CONTROL. I PRESSED ON THE BRAKE AS HARD AS I POSSIBLY COULD TO KEEP FROM ENTERING TRAFFIC. THREE WEEKS LATER, APPROACHING THE BOTTOM OF A HILLY SHARP TURN, I TAPPED THE BRAKES TO SLOW DOWN. AGAIN THE REAR WHEELS ACCELERATED TO A HIGH RATE OF SPEED. I COULD NOT STOP THE TRUCK TO KEEP FROM STRIKING A VAN IN FRONT OF ME SO I CROSSED OVER A DOUBLE YELLOW LINE TO AVOID A COLLISION. IT TOOK ABOUT A THOUSAND YARDS TO GAIN CONTROL. THE DEALERSHIP SAID, "WE CAN'T FIX THE PROBLEM" UNTIL WE CAN DUPLICATE IT". I CALLED TOYOTA OF AMERICA, AGAIN ONLY TO BE TOLD THAT TOYOTA COULD DO NOTHING. THE FOURTH INCIDENT OCCURRED ON AN ENTRANCE RAMP TO A HIGHWAY. I TAPPED THE BRAKES TO SLOW DOWN. THE VEHICLE ACCELERATED TO A HIGH RATE OF SPEED. I GOT IT UNDER CONTROL QUICKLY. FINALLY THE FIFTH AND FINAL INCIDENT. COMING OUT OF NASHVILLE WHERE IT WAS RAINING HARD, I GOT FURTHER NORTHBOUND ON THE I-24 WHERE IT WAS RAINING LESS AND THE PAVEMENT WAS WET. WHILE IN THE

Include, if available: Police/Fire Department Report, Photos, and Repair Invoice. ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

The Privacy Act of 1974-Public Law 93-579 This information is requested pursuant to authority vested in the National Highway Traffic Safety Act and subsequent amendments. You are under no obligation to respond to this questionnaire. Your response may be used to assist the NHTSA in determining whether a Manufacturer should take appropriate action to correct a safety defect. If the NHTSA proceeds with administrative enforcement or litigation against a manufacturer, your response, or a statistical summary thereof, may be used in support of the agency's action.