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Owners Report Problems With Toyota Tacomas

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## Foresthill Man Says His Truck Lunges

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**FORESTHILL, Calif.** -- Days after taking ownership of a 2007 Toyota Tacoma, Foresthill resident [REDACTED] noticed a serious problem with the vehicle surging.

He said acceleration of the truck was sudden and it was difficult to control.

A Call 3 consumer investigation found that [REDACTED] is not the only person to experience such problems.

The trouble with Tacomas is so widespread that federal traffic safety investigators are now looking into complaints.

[REDACTED] said he does not like driving the truck, calling it "uncomfortable." He said he sees the problem when shifting from fourth to fifth gear, noting that the truck lunges.

He said that other times, the truck wants to "keep going" as he tries to slow down when coming off a freeway.

So far this year, 20 complaints related to Tacomas have been filed with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Joan Claybrook, former director with the NHTSA, called the problem a potential defect of "significant proportions."

Downin said he tried to work directly with a local Toyota dealership to solve the problem, but representatives of the dealer told him there is little they can do.

[REDACTED] filed a complaint with the NHTSA.

Tonight on KCRA 3 Reports at 11 p.m., learn more about what happened when Downin tried to return his truck to the dealer.

Plus, another Tacoma owner will talk about how he feels he is lucky to be alive after his truck suddenly accelerated.



### CALL 3 INVESTIGATION

- [Slideshow: Read Complaints About Tacoma](#)
- [Document: Tacoma Complaints](#)

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