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Subject: Re: Urgent : NHTSA's question : Prius and other model's AWFM.

Ken-san

Thank you very much for your big effort and cooperation.
You are always very much helpful. I appreciate that.

Thanks,
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Subject Re: Urgent : NHTSA's question : Prius and other model's AWFM

Nishiwaki-san, I have reviewed the request you provided me today and answered in bold.

So they have asked us to provide the following information on the Prius AWFM.

[NHTSA's inquiries]-----

1. The reason for the design change (source, condition etc.)

Improve the mat function as the drivers heel could catch the mat when moving away from the pedal.

2. The detailed description of the design change

Remove Rib section at point closest to Acc Pedal

3. When the design change was made (when the production of the new mat was started)

Prius 12/8/2006 for design change.

#2 : Please provide us with the detail of the design changes, if possible, with design drawing or sketch. Hardcopy provided for Prius and GS. IS could not be obtained for tonight.

#3 : Please ask Thermoflex when they started to produce the new design mats.
Prius 12/8/2006 for design change.
GS 300/430 2/15/2005 for design change.
IS250 2/15/2007 for design change.

#5 : Please confirm whether similar changes have been made on any other vehicle mats.
If yes, please provide us with the detailed information about the changes. (Make, Model, and the same information as 1. through 3. mentioned above)

(see #1 below)

6. Who was the supplier of older style AWFM? (before TMS started to use the Thermoflex mats, and current Corolla AWFM)
VIAM Manufacturing

If the design change of the Prius AWFM relates to the interference with the accelerator pedal, are there any other vehicle mats that have had changes like the Prius case or similar?

Yes.

GS300/430 2WD only. Engineering Change to improve clearance to Acc Pedal.

1. The reason for the design change (source, condition etc.)
Improve the mat function as the drivers heel could catch the mat when moving away from the bottom hinged pedal.

2. The detailed description of the design change
Remove Rib section at point closest to Acc Pedal

3. When the design change was made (when the production of the new mat was started)
2/15/2005

IS250/350 2wd only. Engineering change to improve clearance for clutch operation.

1. The reason for the design change (source, condition etc.)
Improve the mat function as the drivers heel could catch the mat when moving away from the clutch pedal.

2. The detailed description of the design change
Change leading edge of mat near clutch section.

3. When the design change was made (when the production of the new mat was started)
2/15/2007

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Subject Urgent : NHTSA's question : Prius and other model's AWM

Hi Bill-san

As I mentioned yesterday, we got detail requests from TMC(J-CQE) on the Prius AWM ECI issue. We have to answer to TMC(J-CQE) following matters within today in order to meet NHTSA's request. Please see below E-Mail from J-CQE.

Your quick action would be highly appreciated.

Thanks,
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Subject NHTSA's question : Prius and other model's AWM

TMS-CAD Nishiwaki-san,

Thank you for your great cooperation and support on the ES & Camry AWM issue.

I'm sorry for sending this email to you directly This kind of email (requests to TMS-CAD) should go through TMC-CADD, but as talking to you on the phone today, this is urgent issue.

As you learned from Mr. Yamamoto of PQSS last Friday, NHTSA has been very curious about the Prius AWM because they found that there are two part numbers for the Prius AWM and the earlier mats had a different ridge area near the accelerator pedal.

So they have asked us to provide the following information on the Prius AWFM.

[NHTSA's inquiries]-----

The reason for the design change (source, condition etc.)

The detailed description of the design change

When the design change was made (when the production of the new mat was started)

Sales volume : pre and post change

In addition

If the design change of the Prius AWFM relates to the interference with the accelerator pedal, are there any other vehicle mats that have had changes like the Prius case or similar?

Who was the supplier of older style AWFM? (before TMS started to use the Thermoflex mats, and current Corolla AWFM)

#1 : I have already received the answer to this question from you. So no need to respond.

#2 : Please provide us with the detail of the design changes, if possible, with design drawing or sketch.

#3 : Please ask Thermoflex when they started to produce the new design mats.

#4 : I have data of the sale volume by each model which TMS-CAD gave us early this month. So I will use this data. No need to respond.

#5 : Please confirm whether similar changes have been made on any other vehicle mats.

If yes, please provide us with the detailed information about the changes. (Make, Model, and the same information as 1. through 3. mentioned above)

#6 : I received from Wada-san of TMC-CADD the information on the supplier of the previous style mats used for the ES, IS, Camry, Avalon, Prius.

He said that the supplier was VIAM. So I will give it to NHTSA.

I would like you to provide us with the above information today, Sept. 25.

I'm sorry for the rush, but NHTSA has been waiting for our reply.

Thank you again for your support.

Best regards,

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