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Call from NHTSA about brake surging

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#16

Official TN Member

Join Date: Aug 2006
Location: Nor-cal
Posts: 429
Trader Rating: (0)



they called me about a complaint i filed. you can file a complaint online with them tho.

2006 Tacoma Double Cab 4x4 6speed TRD Sport - Traded
2007 Tacoma Double Cab 4x4 AT TRD Off-Road - LOADED - every option but leather

2004 IS300 Auto.

09-08-2007, 10:02 PM

#17

MD-80 PILOT



Yes...I received a call **again** from the NHTSA. I would have hoped this process was advancing to a some higher state. Rather, the call I received was from another NHTSA engineer, following up on my initial complaint I filed several months ago. I advised him I hadn't already spoke with an engineer at his office about this exact issue **several times** in the last 4-6 months. He advised he was not aware anyone from his office had down **any** leg

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Join Date: Mar 2007
 Location: Poland, Ohio
 Posts: 349
 Trader Rating: (0)

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work on **any** of these complaints. Good to see out tax dollars hard at work again! When I told him there were at least 6-8 formal complaints logged well over the last 4 to 6 months..I wanted to know why has this process is taking so long? Of course..he had no answer.

This issue is not related to the brakes or the A/C solenoid. Rather, I believe, it's directly related to the transmissions extremely high 'head pressure' and/or torque converter.

<http://www.tundrasolutions.com/forum...ates-lurching/>

<http://www.toyotanation.com/forum/t182096.html>

Again, as I've posted several times before, anyone experiencing or have in the past experienced the notorious 'lurch' please report it it to to your local Toyota service center and the following addresses below:

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Toyota Customer Experience
 Phone: 800-331-4331
 Mon - Fri, 5:00 am - 6:00 pm PT
 Sat, 7:00 am - 4:00 pm PT
 Fax: 310-468-7814

Or send correspondence to:
 Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc.
 19001 South Western Ave.
 Dept. WC11
 Torrance, CA 90501

Ajit Alkondon
 Safety Defects Engineer
 U.S. Department of Transportation
 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
 Office of Defects Investigation
 400 7th Street SW, Room 5319-G, NVS-211
 Washington, D.C. 20590
Ajit.Alkondon@nhtsa.dot.gov

Quote:

Originally Posted by [REDACTED]

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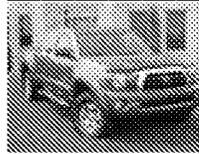
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I get it, and mine happens when the AC compressor kicks in, the rpm's come up and drive the truck forward a bit is my take on it.

any way to get ahold of these guys, or do they call you?



2007 TRD OFF-ROAD, Auto, VSC, Truxedo LoPro Soft Cover, Stainless Factory Tube Steps(Challenger's), EGR In Channel Window Shades, Black headlight Mod, EGR AERO Bug Guard, Amsoil series 2000 synthetic 0W-30

Last edited by flyman767 : 09-09-2007 at 01:51 PM.



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#18

Alis votat propis...*



Join Date: Sep 2007
Location: The Ville, KY
Posts: 30
Trader Rating: (0)

Yeah, my 07 does it too. My foot could be to the floor on the brake, it still does it. It's rather strange. 'Only other car I ever saw do this was a Ford Windstar which had BAD tranny problems. I'm hopin' this doesn't go on long and maybe it's gonna chill out after I get 1k miles on the truck or so. I'm feeling a little trepidation about all the weird sh*t goin' on with this truck. It steers maniacally and then this surging thing. Good lord. I love the truck but WTF it already needs the rear end TSB, it steers like crap and it surges. *sigh* This is not a good feeling. 🙄

GEAUX SAINTS!!!



[07 Taco Radiant Red 4x4 DC SR52+TRD/OR]



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#19

Shop Smart...Shop S-Mart

Join Date: Jul 2005

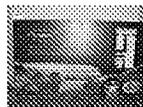
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Location: Maine
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Trader Rating: (1)

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Mine did the same thing for awhile, then calmed down. I **Had** an 05 with 83,000 miles and it run very nice....☺ Just give some time and miles.

Friends don't let friends listen to crappy music



09-09-2007, 12:20 PM

#20

OSTACO



Join Date: Oct 2006
Location: Phoenix,AZ
Posts: 117
Trader Rating: (0)

Like I said (Thanks Flyman) when I discovered my tranny fluid was low I had a feeling that was causing my surge. Checking the fluid level is a pain in the ass cause you have to it to the exact temp and then crawl under your truck. Mine was 1/4 quart low and obviously that was enough to cause the surge cause it's gone.☺

2005 4.0 White SR5 DC PreRunner - 6 spd A/T - Tow Pkg - Factory Fogs - Mods: Blackout Headlights - DTRL - Rear Crtsy Lites - Lighted Cup Holder - Custom Airbox - Map/Dome Lites - Custom Black Badges - Reversed Helper Coil Springs - Next: Upgrade Exhaust - New Bilstien 5100's - Bed Lights.



09-09-2007, 03:30 PM

#21

Official TN Member

Join Date: Oct 2004

I've got an 07 Auto and I don't know what kinda of surging you guys are describing....

It's an auto and there are soooooo many different inputs/sensors that feed the computer

Location: Landisville, PA
Posts: 447
Trader Rating: (0)

with data which is translated and fed back to the engine that'll control all sorts of things (rpm's, shiftings, yadda yadd yadda).

Perhaps Toyota needs to look at the computer programming and come up with a 'computer flash' that'll correct most of these surging problems....?? I highly doubt its anything mechanical or tranmission related.

It's pretty normal if you ask me.....

All my children....



"Jandy"



09-09-2007, 06:03 PM

#22

[Redacted]

New TN User

Join Date: Jul 2007
Location: Los Angeles
Posts: 21
Trader Rating: (0)

I've had this "surging" and dont see it as a problem...but rather a quirk. Typically it happens when I come to a red light and wait there for a minute. From what I know about the truck it feels like the truck's computer is revving the engine a little bit to compensate for something else going on. For example if you turn your steering wheel while in neutral, you'll notice the RPMs jump a bit. Since this truck is drive by wire the computer is in complete control of the throttle and is constantly making minor adjustments. I don't know much about the brake system but the RPMs and brakes may somehow be related in the compter...complete speculation on that one.

So unless you're right on someone's ass I don't see how this could be problemmatic...annoying yes. However if you get more than a slight bunp it might be something to worry about.



2006 TRD Access Cab Prerunner

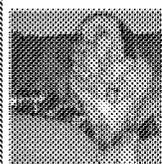


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#23

[Redacted]

The Dawg



Join Date: Jul 2007
Location: Murrells Inlet SC
Posts: 263
Trader Rating: (0)

Quote:

Originally Posted by [Redacted]
So unless you're right on someone's ass I don't see how this could be problemmatic...annoying yes. However if you get more than a slight bunp it might be something to worry about.

While I generally agree with you, I don't make monthly payments on new vehicles only to have to tolerate "annoying quirks".

[Redacted]

2007 Toyota Tacoma PreRunner SR5 V6 DC/SB



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09-10-2007, 12:56 PM

#24

[Redacted]
New TN User

Join Date: Jul 2007
Location: Los Angeles
Posts: 21
Trader Rating: (0)

Well I have never been on a forum that didnt have people complaining about some annoying quirk their car/truck has and the Taco is absolutely no exception. I don't think you can find a vehicle that doesnt have something that some group of people out there isn't going to gripe about. Personally I don't find this issue annoying and have yet to find something on my Taco that does annoy me...so as far as I am concerned this vehicle is free of annoyances.

The car is a love affair. You find that person you love and you learn to live with their little quirks. If that fatefull day comes when you can no longer tolerate those quirks then there is a whole sea of new options to choose from.

Last edited by TRDTaylor : 09-10-2007 at 12:57 PM.



09-10-2007, 01:08 PM

#25

[Redacted]
LOUCZAR



Join Date: Aug 2007
Location: NB, TX
Posts: 169
Trader Rating: (0)

I posted this statement in another post.

My 06 had done the exact same thing. It would happen about 1 out of 5 times. And it almost felt like you got bumped from behind. I spoke to the dealer and they said it was the the Torque converter releasing that causes the surge.

I thought it was crappy that it did it, but I always made sure to give myself enough room.

any yes, a new vehicle you are paying money for should not have quirks...

08 Radiant Red, DC, SB 4x4 6SP TRD Sport, Leather Int
265/70/17 Yokohama Geolander AT-S

Opinions are like Buttholes...Everyone has one! They all can stink at one time or another!
Just because you have one doesn't mean you have to act like one!
Have you hugged your kids today?



09-10-2007, 01:42 PM

#26

[Redacted]
Official TN Member

Join Date: Aug 2006
Location: Nor-cal
Posts: 429
Trader Rating: (0)

Quote:

Originally Posted by [Redacted]

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lol, well stated



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#27

07 DC LB TRD Sport



Join Date: Apr 2007
Location: Cape Cod
Posts: 188
Trader Rating: (0)

Quote:

Originally Posted by [REDACTED]
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I have this 'quirk' too, and I can survive with it. It wouldn't be the end of the world, just bugs me in heavy traffic. HOWEVER.... could you live with **THIS** quirk? It honestly scares me because my wife drives the truck more than I do, and I don't want to have to worry about her like I do now that I found this information:

<http://www.toyotanation.com/forum/sh...d.php?t=209274>

stop by and give a read if you haven't already



2007 / 4x4 / TRD Sport / Radiant Red / Long Bed / Double Cab



09-10-2007, 02:30 PM

#28

[REDACTED]
New TN User

I saw that the other day...thats not a quirk thats a lawsuit.

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Join Date: Jul 2007
Location: Los Angeles
Posts: 21
Trader Rating: (0)

Correct me if I am wrong on this but in that case where the guy crashed and was taken to the hospital, he could sue Toyota and use the black box that we all have aboard our trucks and that should show everything that was going on in the truck prior to the accident. It sounds like a problem with the drive by wire system and not a stuck pedal. I wonder if the data would show the amount the pedal was depressed compared to the amount of throttle the computer was using.



09-10-2007, 04:49 PM

#29



OSTACO



Join Date: Oct 2006
Location: Phoenix,AZ
Posts: 117
Trader Rating: (0)

This thread really needs to be merged with the one above which is about the exact same issue. I received a PM from a reporter in Nashville doing a followup story on a very bad accident that occurred evidently due to "throttle surge". Anyone else heard from this guy yet. I'll call him when I get a chance and let you know details.

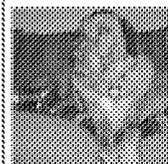


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#30



The Dawg



Join Date: Jul 2007
Location: Murrells Inlet SC
Posts: 263
Trader Rating: (0)

^I also received an email from him. I will email him shortly. I don't know how much info I can provide since I just bought mine a month ago but maybe the fact that a new car is exhibiting this behavior is what he's after.



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