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Subject: BuzzAlert: Owner reports 2009 Tacoma sudden acceleration.

Good morning,

On February 17, 2009, the owner of a 2009 Toyota Tacoma 2.7L 4-cylinder 5-sp manual 4x4 not equipped with cruise control reports an incident of sudden acceleration. Other Toyota Tacoma owners weigh-in, offering their opinion; some are dismissive of the original poster, questioning why he did not visit the dealership to determine if something is wrong. Some state having experienced such an issue, which was related to interference from floor mats, while others question if a serious problem exists.

Original Post:

"WARNING! WARNING!

The vehicle I own has gone to full throttle acceleration out-of-the-blue by itself! Will yours?

Here is the vehicle: '09 std. cab, Tacoma, 2.7L, 4cyl., 5 speed manual, 4WD. It does not have cruise control.

I took delivery of this new Tacomain early December. From the outset I noticed periodic minor to moderate surges in acceleration. At first I wanted to blame it on myself as a possible bridging of both the brake and accelerator peddles by my foot. So I became conscious of this and began to purposely think about where my foot was when driving and especially braking.

No more blame of self! This afternoon I had the golden opportunity proof positive that this is not driver error.

I live in the RockyMtns. and there is a stretch of interstate highway I was on with a number of miles of moderate to steep grade. I was driving this stretch against a strong headwind and had to downshift early from 5th to 4th because of the grade and strong wind.

The moment I pushed in the clutch the engine suddenly surged to about 4,000+ RPM. I'm a moxie guy and figured this was probably not going to trash the engine at this point but would allow me a chance to observe a number of things that might be wrong. Traffic was light and I was not worried about a wreck.

Once again, this truck does not have cruise control. I did not complete the downshift but went to neutral instead and placed both feet under the front seat; I then reached down under the accelerator peddle with my hand to pull it up -- no good. I then took my right foot and placed it under the peddle and pulled up as hard as I could with my foot -- no effect.

The Tacomais starting to slow because of gravity but the engine is now beginning to increase its RPM's. Finally, I looked for possible carpet interferences -- nope.

The traffic is still light at this point and time has been on my side so it has given me probably a minute to two minutes to examine things. Since I can find nothing, I decide to leave neutral and complete the downshift. Now the fun begins.

Full open throttle by itself with both of my feet on the floor, but they are not under the seat now but well away from the peddles. I was starting to get concerned because I wanted all options open at this point and stay in full control. But as the truck neared the top of the hill and 75+/- mph I decided the primary importance here on was safety to others and myself, so I upshift at a point where I thought the combination of gear, speed and distance would allow me to go to neutral, kill the engine and coast to an off point I know of where I could then safely stop this experience.

When Audi owners first reported this problem, the company did the wrong thing and decided to trash the owners. It almost ruined Audi. What will Toyotado? I will give them the chance to see. But imagine being somewhere in bumper-to-bumper traffic in first or second gear and your throttle goes wide open by itself. How many cars would you domino before you got the clutch in or it shifted to neutral or you killed the engine?

Sorry, placing the blame on driver error is not going to work on this guy. I shall keep you posted....

Note: this is such a serious safety issue that I will be posting this elsewhere."

TacomaTerritory.com, February 17, 2009, author:

Direct Link to Tacomaterritory.com: <http://www.tacomaterritory.com/forum/showthread.php?t=124839>

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