Prius Unintended (unwanted) Acceleration

Statement

Background:
On April 22nd, Paul Knight, a staff writer for the Houston Press posted a story titled: Just how safe is that Prius? on houstonpress.com. Variants of this story are also posted on other Web sites, such as westword.com

Statements:
Isolated allegations of unintended acceleration have been an industry issue for many years.

The National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) has also opened investigations on Toyota products with similar allegations in the past. Neither Toyota nor NHTSA have identified a vehicle-based cause or uncovered any evidence to indicate that a throttle control system failure and braking system failure has occurred.

We will continue to investigate future allegations on a case-by-case basis and assist NHTSA when necessary with its future investigations.

Total Prius sales: 690,181 as of 4/23/09

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