

How To Find Manufacturer EWR Reports Based on NHTSA Death & Injury Inquiries

Every Death and Injury Inquiry (DI) has the year and quarter in which the EWR Report was filed along with the Sequence Number for the manufacturer in that quarter. An individual DI often requests multiple EWR reports. Take for example DI10-001 submitted by NHTSA to Toyota. DI10-001 required Toyota to submit 6 EWR reports as follows:
For the 4th Quarter of 2003, EWR Report Sequence # 107.
For the 2nd Quarter of 2007, EWR Report Sequence # 29
For the 2nd Quarter of 2008, EWR Report Sequence # 10
For the 2nd Quarter of 2008, EWR Report Sequence # 31
For the 4th Quarter of 2008, EWR Report Sequence # 27
For the 3rd Quarter of 2009, EWR Report Sequence # 6

After finding the Quarter and Sequence # for a particular EWR report requested by a DI, go to NHTSA's Early Warning Reporting - Data Search at: <http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/ewr/qb/index.cfm>. Enter the manufacturer (Toyota in this case), the Report Type (Death & Injury Records) followed by the Reporting Period from a drop down menu of year & quarter with the most recent at the top (2003, Quarter 4). That gives you another menu which includes light vehicles & the number of records. Click on light vehicles which gives you a list by make and model of all Toyota EWR reports in that quarter. At the bottom of the middle column for each EWR report. Scroll down the list of EWR reports until you come to the Sequence # sought (107 in this case). It just happens to be the last one in the list and reveals the following information:

Make: TOYOTA
Model: TUNDRA
Model Year: 2002
VIN: 5TBBT48112S...
Deaths: 1
Injuries: 0
Incident Date: 10/31/2002
State/Foreign Country: NC
Sequence ID: 107
Reported Components:
Rollover
Speed Control

So on February 17, 2010, just 6 days before the [first Congressional hearing on Toyota unintended acceleration](#) at which DOT Secretary Raymond LaHood testified, we find NHTSA requesting the underlying records for a North Carolina fatal crash of a 2002 Toyota Tundra occurring on October 31, 2002 where the claimed defective component was Speed Control and a Rollover. The actual records with personal identifiers redacted (unless they are contained in a lawsuit or newspaper article) are available upon the filing of a FOIA request to NHTSA.

One can repeat the same process for the next 5 EWR Reports in DI10-001 and obtain similar details for each of those Death or Injury Reports submitted to NHTSA by Toyota. (All 5 of

these Toyota EWR reports are also death claims that list speed control as the component on which the claim is based. The 6th and last one is the infamous San Diego unintended acceleration crash that killed California Highway Patrolman Mark Saylor and 3 members of his family.

The additional five EWR Reports covered by DI10-001 are:

Make: TOYOTA

Model: CAMRY

Model Year: 1999

VIN: JT2BG28K9X0...

Deaths: 1

Injuries: 0

Incident Date: 03/18/2007

State/Foreign Country: GA

Sequence ID: 29

Reported Components:

Speed Control

Make: LEXUS

Model: RX

Model Year: 2004

VIN: JTJGA31U640...

Deaths: 1

Injuries: 0

Incident Date: 05/23/2006

State/Foreign Country: FL

Sequence ID: 10

Reported Components:

Fire Related

Rollover

Speed Control

Other

Make: TOYOTA

Model: CAMRY

Model Year: 2005

VIN: 4T1BE32K95U...

Deaths: 1

Injuries: 0

Incident Date: 04/19/2008

State/Foreign Country: MI

Sequence ID: 31

Reported Components:

Steering

Seat Belts

Speed Control

Make: TOYOTA
Model: CAMRY
Model Year: 2005
VIN: 4T1BE32K15U...
Deaths: 1
Injuries: 1
Incident Date: 09/20/2007
State/Foreign Country: OK
Sequence ID: 27
Reported Components:
Speed Control

Make: LEXUS
Model: ES
Model Year: 2009
VIN: JTHBJ46G792...
Deaths: 4
Injuries: 0
Incident Date: 08/28/2009
State/Foreign Country: CA
Sequence ID: 6
Reported Components:
Fire Related
Service Brake
Speed Control
Other

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