

ODI RESUME

INVESTIGATION : PE92-065 DATE UPGRADED: 18-DEC-92
 SUBJECT : THROTTLE STICKING (EA 92-044) *J. Abbott*
 PROMPTED BY : CONSUMER REPORTS
 PRINCIPAL ENGINEER: G. PERSON *J. Abbott* DID INVESTIGATOR: J. ABBOTT

MANUFACTURER: TOYOTA
 MODEL YEAR(S): 1987-1989 VEHICLE POPULATION: 813,879
 MODEL(S): CAMRY, CELICA WITH 2.0L ENGINE

SYNOPSIS: STICKING THROTTLE CAN CAUSE UNWANTED ENGINE POWER.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	MANUFACTURER	TOTAL
COMPLAINTS:	53	503	556
ACCIDENTS:	3	27	30
INJ ACCID:	1	*	1
# INJURIES:	1	*	1
FAT ACCID:	0	*	0
# FATALS:	0	*	0
OTHER:	0	0	0

DESCRIPTION OF OTHER: • ACCIDENT REPORTS NOT YET ANALYZED.

ACTION: UPGRADE TO EA

BRCH CHF *Richard Ray* DIV CHF *Louis Brown* OFC DIR *J. Abbott*
 DATE 12/3/92 DATE 12/18/92 DATE 12/18/92

SUMMARY: THE HIGH NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS INDICATE THAT THE INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE UPGRADED TO THE ENGINEERING ANALYSIS LEVEL FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

THE MANUFACTURER STATED THAT THE ACCIDENTS IN WHICH THE DRIVER ALLEGE THROTTLE STICKING AS A CAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT ARE, IN FACT, CLASSIC SUDDEN ACCELERATION ACCIDENTS CAUSED BY PEDAL MISAPPLICATION. ACCORDINGLY, THE MANUFACTURER FEELS THAT THIS THROTTLE STICKING PROBLEM, WHICH IT ALLEGES IS CAUSED BY CARBON BUILDUP IN THE THROTTLE BODY, IS NOT SAFETY RELATED. THIS CONCLUSION CANNOT BE CONFIRMED AT THIS TIME FROM THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE.

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