



TOYOTA PRIUS RECALL

Further to Notice 02/10, you will be aware that some Toyota vehicles are subject to a manufacturers recall campaign. Toyota GB has now announced a further voluntary recall for the Toyota Prius model as a potential fault with the braking system has been identified. The recall is being taken in response to reports of inconsistent brake feel during slow and progressive braking on bumpy or slick surfaces when the anti-lock braking (ABS) is activated.

Toyota has identified the problem and the recall will consist of a software upgrade in the anti-lock braking system which will eliminate the problem. Toyota has advised owners that the cars are safe to drive as at no time will drivers be without brakes.

Given the information available to TfL we do not believe it is appropriate or necessary to place a “stop” notice on affected models but it is imperative that anyone using the affected models as private hire vehicles are aware of the issue and take appropriate action. We will, however, continue to monitor the situation very closely and may take further action if necessary.

Whilst Toyota will be writing directly to affected model owners in due course, we strongly recommend all drivers /owners of private hire vehicles licensed by TfL to either make contact with your local Toyota dealership or the **Toyota Customer Relations line on 0800 1388744** (Mon-Fri: 8am-8pm, Sat: 8am-4pm, Sun 10am-4pm).

Toyota Model affected by the Recall

Prius, third generation (August 2009 – February 2010)

Further and more detailed information is available to the Toyota recall website: www.toyota.co.uk

You can also contact our Private Hire Vehicle Licensing team on 020 3054 3189 or email them at TPH.PHVvehicles@tfl.gov.uk

The Taxi and Private Hire team will be writing to all affected owners to ensure that they have their vehicles checked by Toyota as soon as possible.

Should you experience any adverse or unusual braking performance you are advised not to operate your vehicle until it has been checked by a qualified Toyota technician at a Toyota approved service centre.



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