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To:

All Lexus Dealer Principals, General Managers, Service Managers, Parts Managers and Warranty Administrators

# SAFETY RECALL 20LA01 (Interim Notice 20LB01)

#### Multiple Models and Model Years Vehicle May Stall During Driving at Higher Speed

Model / Years	Production Period	Approximate Total Vehicles	Approximate Stop Sale Dealer Inventory
2018 - 2019 RX 350	Early August 2018 – Late January 2019	42,400	130
2018 - 2019 RC 300		1,000	30
2018 - 2019 RC 350		1,100	10
2018 - 2019 LX 570		3,500	60
2018 - 2019 LS 500		3,400	130
2018 - 2019 LC 500		700	10
2018 - 2019 IS 300		7,500	20
2018 - 2019 GX 460		15,500	50
2018 - 2019 GS 350		3,000	60
2019 NX 300		23,900	30
2019 RX 350 L		5,000	120
2019 ES 350		24,000	170
2019 GS 300	Mid- September 2018 – Mid-January 2019	10	0



#### STOP! DO NOT SELL NEW VEHICLES IN DEALER INVENTORY. Refer to Dealer Inventory Procedures section for more details.



On January 13, 2020, Lexus filed a Defect Information Report (DIR) with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) informing the agency of our intent to conduct a voluntary Safety Recall on certain 2018 – 2019 model year RX 350 vehicles, certain 2018 – 2019 model year RC 300 vehicles, certain 2018 – 2019 model year RC 350 vehicles, certain 2018 – 2019 model year LX 570 vehicles, certain 2018 – 2019 model year LX 570 vehicles, certain 2018 – 2019 model year LC 500 vehicles, certain 2018 – 2019 model year IS 300 vehicles, certain 2018 – 2019 model year GX 460 vehicles, certain 2018 – 2019 GS 350 vehicles, certain 2019 model year NX 300 vehicles, certain 2019 model year RX 350 L vehicles, certain 2019 model year ES 350 vehicles, and certain 2019 model year GS 300 vehicles.

#### **Condition**

The subject vehicles are equipped with a low-pressure fuel pump which may stop operating. If this were to occur, warning lights and messages may be displayed on the instrument panel, and the engine may run rough. This may result in a vehicle stall, and the vehicle may be unable to be restarted. If a vehicle stall occurs while driving at higher speeds, this could increase the risk of a crash.

#### Remedy

Lexus is currently investigating this issue and will be developing a remedy. When the remedy is available, it will be free of charge to vehicle owners.

#### **Covered Vehicles**

There are approximately 131,010 vehicles covered by this Safety Recall. Approximately 400 vehicles involved in this Safety Recall were distributed to Puerto Rico.

#### Owner Letter Mailing Date

Lexus will notify owners by mid-March 2020.

Lexus makes significant effort to obtain current customer name and address information from each state through industry resources when mailing owner letters. In the event your dealership receives a notice for a vehicle that was sold prior to the Safety Recall announcement, it is the dealership's responsibility to forward the owner letter to the customer who purchased the vehicle.

Please note that only owners of the covered vehicles will be notified. If you are contacted by an owner who has not yet received a notification, please *verify eligibility by confirming through TIS.* 

# **Dealer Inventory Procedures**

#### New Vehicles in Dealership Inventory

There are approximately 820 vehicles in new dealer inventory as of January 13, 2020.



Under Title 49, Section 30112 of the United States Code, a dealer cannot sell, offer for sale, or introduce or deliver for introduction in interstate commerce a new motor vehicle when it is aware that the vehicle does not comply with an applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard or contains a defect related to motor vehicle safety. Further, 49 Code of Federal Regulations §577.13 requires us to provide the following advisory: It is a violation of Federal law for a dealer to deliver a new motor vehicle or any new or used item of motor vehicle equipment (including a tire) covered by this notification under a sale or lease until the defect or noncompliance is remedied.

Lexus reimburses dealers for flooring costs associated with new vehicles held in dealership inventory until the recall remedy becomes available. Lexus provides these flooring reimbursements at 60-day intervals. Lexus reserves the right to withhold or charge-back any flooring reimbursement funds that may have been paid to the dealer if it determines that a new vehicle subject to a safety recall was sold without first being remedied.

Vehicle Safety Recall completion should always be verified through TIS. We request your assistance to ensure involved vehicles are identified and not delivered prior to performing the remedy.

#### NOTE:

- New vehicles in dealer inventory subject to a Safety Recall must be remedied before delivery into commerce under a sale or lease. Dealer-to-dealer trades as well as vehicle sales between dealers should not be made until a vehicle is remedied.
- Dealers can identify if any of their new and used inventory has any open campaigns in the Vehicle Inventory Summary available in Dealer Daily (<u>https://dealerdaily.lexus.com/</u>). The Vehicle Inventory Summary may take up to 4 hours to populate information for newly launched campaigns.

#### Inspection Reminder Mirror Hang Tags for Covered Vehicles in New Dealer Stock

To easily recognize vehicles involved in this Safety Recall, each dealership should utilize Inspection Reminder Hang Tags. Inside the vehicle's glove box are stickers containing the VIN. Apply one of these stickers to the hang tag and install the hang tag in the vehicle. A sample copy of the Inspection Reminder Hang Tag has been included for your reference.

	NOTE: Dealerships can order hang tags from the Material Distribution Center (MDC).			
Hold For	Part Number	Description	Quantity	
Inspection	00241-INSPT	Inspection Mirror Hang Tag	25 Per Pack	

**NOTE:** Dealers can identify if any of their new and used inventory has any open campaigns in the Vehicle Inventory Summary available in Dealer Daily (<u>https://dealerdaily.lexus.com/</u>). The Vehicle Inventory Summary may take up to 4 hours to populate information for newly launched campaigns.

#### Pre-Owned Vehicles in Dealer Inventory

Lexus typically requests that dealers *NOT* deliver any pre-owned vehicles in dealer inventory that are covered by a Safety Recall unless the defect has been remedied. In this case, until remedy parts are available, delivery of a pre-owned vehicle is acceptable if disclosed to the customer that the vehicle is involved in this Safety Recall and that the remedy is currently being prepared by Lexus.

Lexus expects dealers to use the attached Customer Contact and Vehicle Disclosure Form to obtain vehicle buyer information. Dealers are expected to provide a copy of the completed form, along with the most current FAQ, to the vehicle buyer. Lexus and the dealer may use this information to contact the customer when the remedy becomes available.

Keep the completed form on file at the dealership and send a copy to quality\_compliance@toyota.com. In the subject line of the email, state "Disclosure Form 20TA02/20TB02" and include the VIN.

**NOTE:** Dealers can identify if any of their new and used inventory has any open campaigns in the Vehicle Inventory Summary available in Dealer Daily (<u>https://dealerdaily.lexus.com/</u>). The Vehicle Inventory Summary may take up to 4 hours to populate information for newly launched campaigns.

#### L/Certified Vehicles

L/Certified policy prohibits the certification of any vehicle with an outstanding Safety Recall, Special Service Campaign, or Limited Service Campaign. Thus, no affected units are to be designated, sold, or delivered as L/Certified until all applicable Safety Recalls, Special Service Campaigns, and Limited Service Campaigns have been completed on that vehicle.

#### LCCS Service Loaners

Lexus requests that dealers remove all LCCS Service Loaner vehicles from service that are covered by a Safety Recall unless the defect has been remedied.

## **Customer Handling**

#### Customer Contacts

Customers who receive the owner letter may contact your dealership with questions regarding the letter and/or the Safety Recall. Please welcome them to your dealership and answer any questions that they may have. A Q&A is provided to assure a consistent message is communicated.

Customers with additional questions or concerns are asked to please contact the Lexus Guest Experience Center (1-800-255-3987) -Monday through Friday, 7:00 am to 7:00 pm, Saturday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Central Time.

#### Salvage Title Vehicles

Every attempt should be made to complete an open Safety Recall when circumstances permit, unless noted otherwise in the Safety Recall dealer letter.

For complete details on this policy, refer to Lexus Warranty Policy <u>4.15</u>, "What Is Not Covered by The Toyota New Vehicle Limited Warranty".

#### Media Contacts

It is imperative that all media contacts (local and national) receive a consistent message. In this regard, all media contacts must be directed to Tania Saldana (859) 815-9968 in Toyota Corporate Communications. Please do not provide this number to customers. Please provide this contact only to media.

#### Customer Reimbursement

Reimbursement consideration instructions will be included in the owner letter.

## Warranty Reimbursement Procedure

#### Loaner Vehicle Reimbursement Procedure

If a customer is uncomfortable driving their vehicle during the interim period of this Safety Recall, a loaner vehicle or alternative transportation may be provided and claimed at a maximum rate of \$45.00 per day.

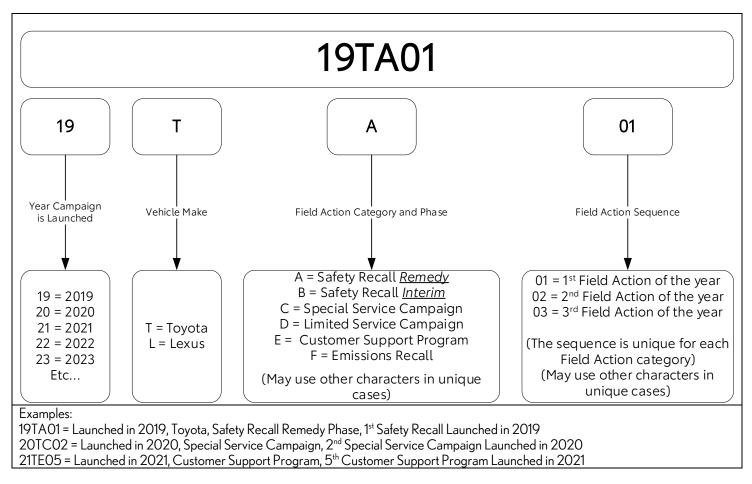
OpCode	Description
TBD	Vehicle Rental 1-30 Days
TBD	Vehicle Rental 31 – 60 Days

This document will be updated with the OpCodes at a later date.

NOTE:

- Rental invoice MUST be attached to all rental claims. These claims may be subject to debit if rental invoice is not attached.
- Rentals that exceed the maximum allowable daily rate will require DSPM authorization.

# Campaign Designation / Phase Decoder



# Please review this entire package with your Service and Parts staff to familiarize them with the proper step-by-step procedures required to implement this Safety Recall.

Thank you for your cooperation.

#### LEXUS, A DIVISION OF TOYOTA MOTOR SALES, U.S.A., INC.



# SAFETY RECALL 20LA01 (Interim Notice 20LB01)

### Multiple Models and Model Years

Vehicle May Lose Motive Power During Driving at Higher Speed

#### Frequently Asked Questions Original Publication Date: January 13, 2020

#### **Q1:** What is the condition?

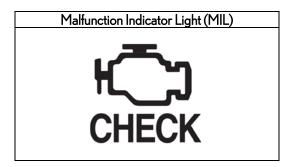
A1: The subject vehicles are equipped with a low-pressure fuel pump which may stop operating. If this were to occur, warning lights and messages may be displayed on the instrument panel, and the engine may run rough. This may result in a vehicle stall, and the vehicle may be unable to be restarted. If a vehicle stall occurs while driving at higher speeds, this could increase the risk of a crash.

#### Q1a: Are there any symptoms/warnings before the condition appears in a vehicle?

A1a: Drivers may experience rough engine running, warning lights or messages on the instrument panel, engine no start, and loss of motive power.

#### Q1b: Which warning lights and messages may be displayed if the condition is present?

A1b: If the condition were to occur, the malfunction indicator lamp (MIL) shown below, may illuminate in the instrument panel cluster. In addition to the malfunction indicator lamp, other warning lamps and messages may also be displayed. The specific lamp(s) and message(s) that is/are displayed may vary depending upon the specific model of vehicle.



**Note:** The malfunction indictor lamp (MIL) and other lamps and messages can be displayed for other issues unrelated to this Safety Recall.

#### Q2: What is Lexus going to do?

A2: Lexus is currently investigating this issue and will be developing a remedy. When the remedy is available, it will be free of charge to owners. Lexus will notify all owners by mid-March 2020.

#### **Q3:** Which and how many vehicles are covered by this Safety Recall?

A3: There are approximately 131,010 vehicles covered by this Safety Recall.

Model Name	Model Years	Production Period
RX 350		
RC 300		
RC 350		
LX 570		
LS 500	2018 - 2019	
LC 500		Early Assess 2018 Late Lawrence 2010
IS 300		Early August 2018 – Late January 2019
GX 460		
GS 350		
NX 300	2019	
RX 350 L		
ES 350	2019	
GS 300		Mid- September 2018 – Mid-January 2019

#### Q3a: Are there any other Lexus/Toyota/Scion vehicles covered by this Safety Recall in the U.S.?

A3a: Yes, there are approximately 557,100 total Toyota vehicles covered by this Safety Recall. The following vehicles are covered: certain 2018 – 2019 model year 4Runner, certain 2018 – 2019 model year Camry, certain 2018 – 2019 model year Highlander, certain 2018 – 2019 Land Cruiser, certain 2018 – 2019 model year Sequoia, certain 2018 – 2019 model year Sienna, certain 2018 – 2019 model year Tacoma, certain 2018 – 2019 model year Tundra, certain 2019 model year Corolla, and certain 2019 model year Avalon vehicles.

#### **Q4:** What if I previously paid for repairs related to this Safety Recall?

A4: Reimbursement consideration instructions will be provided in the owner letter.

#### **Q5:** How does Lexus obtain my mailing information?

A5: Lexus uses an industry provider who works with each state's Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to receive registration or title information, based upon the DMV records. Please make sure your registration or title information is correct.

#### **Q6:** What if I have additional questions or concerns?

A6: If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact the Lexus Guest Experience Center at 1-800-255-3987 Monday through Friday, 7:00 am to 7:00 pm, Saturday 7:00 am to 5:00 pm Central Time.



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# CUSTOMER CONTACT & VEHICLE DISCLOSURE FORM

This form is not applicable for new vehicles in dealership inventory and L/Certified units.

This vehicle is involved in a Safety Recall. At this time, <u>the remedy is not available</u> and the remedy has *NOT* been performed. I understand that the vehicle will need to be returned to an authorized Lexus dealer to have the remedy performed at *NO CHARGE* when the remedy is available.

#### **Customer Signature**

Lexus recommends that you register with the Lexus Drivers Community at <u>http://www.lexus.com/drivers/</u> and regularly check recall applicability using <u>www.lexus.com/recall</u> or <u>www.safercar.gov</u>. You will need to input your 17-digit Vehicle Identification Number (VIN).

		Campaign Code	
Model	Model Year		
Customer Information			
Customer Name		Customer Email	_
Customer Address		Home Phone #	_
		Mobile Phone #	_
		Date	
	communications. If you'd like to updat	you when the remedy becomes available. This information will te your preferred contact information in the future, visit	
Dealer Information			
Dealer Name/Address		Dealer Code	-

Dealer Phone Number

Dealer Staff Name

Dealer Staff Signature