Toyota dealers recall models

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Toyota Motor Sales announced a recall of 15.8 million vehicles. To date, the company has not identified the cause of the problem, which affects all local dealers and is not uncommon.

Mike Robinson, a consultant with Toyota in Kirksville, said there have been recalls on multiple vehicles throughout the years and that active media coverage does not make this recall any more severe than others. This recall affects eight models produced from 2004 to 2010, involving 2.8 million vehicles. Toyota announced the recall after investigating technical service bulletins. The “shoe” of the pedal and an adjoining surface wear down from friction, causing a delay return to idle.

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