

Wiper blade failure due to faulty wiper arms

Part numbers: VM107, VM7, V55, V51

Toyota has recalled certain vehicle models from 2006 to 2012, Lexus IS250 2008 to 2011 and Lexus IS-F 2007 to 2011 due to wiper blades failing. The nuts that fasten the wiper arms may be insufficiently tightened, causing the wiper arm to slip under load, e.g. a build up of snow.

A similar issue has also been reported on the Ford Transit Connect on models built in 2011. Poor wiper performance is causing wiper function failure and there may be instances where the wiper arms become loose from the wiper arm holders. This is usually caused by a loosened hinge pin that connects the wiper arm to the holder. A poor wiping pattern, due to low contact force, may also be indicative of loose wiper arms

Although the vehicle manufacturers have already addressed the issue and notified owners of affected models, it must be assumed that not all vehicles have been checked or modified. If your vehicle shows signs of any of the issues described above, please locate your nearest dealership and inform them of the problem. Inoperative wipers could reduce driver visibility and increase the risk of a vehicle accident.