

Faulty airbag forces Toyota recall

TOKYO, JAPAN: Japanese automotive giant Toyota said Wednesday (30 January) it would recall more than 900,000 vehicles in Canada, Japan, Mexico and the United States because of an airbag problem.



Toyota will replace parts used in some 907,000 hatchbacks, named Voltz in Japan and Corolla and Corolla Matrix overseas, that were produced between 2001 and 2004, a company spokesman said.

The control unit of the vehicles' airbags could be damaged by minor electrical noise, and "the airbag could open wrongly in a worst scenario," the spokesman said.

At least 47 cases of the malfunction had been reported, mainly in the United States.

"Two of them may be linked to accidents but there has been no reports of deaths due to faulty airbags," the spokesman said, adding that Toyota would exchange the affected parts under each country's recall guidelines at no charge to the owners.

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