

[Federal Judge Inclined to Let Toyota Personal Injury and Wrongful Death Lawsuits Proceed](#)

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In the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California, Judge James V. Selna has issued a preliminary opinion denying Toyota Motor Corporation's motion to dismiss several key causes of action in 51 lawsuits claiming negligence, design defects, failure to warn and fraudulent concealment by the Japanese automaker.

Toyota had argued that the plaintiffs had been unable to prove that a design defect was responsible for a sudden-acceleration problem and instead blamed driver error, faulty floor mats and accelerator pedals that stuck.

Selna, who had already ruled that he would not dismiss lawsuits filed by those who claimed that the defects had caused the value of their vehicles to drop significantly, is overseeing the economic class action and personal injury lawsuits against Toyota, which has recalled over 10 million vehicles in the past year.

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