

Toyota recalls SUVs in Middle East, fires reported

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Toyota Motor Corp. said Monday it is recalling 13,000 FJ Cruiser sport-utility vehicles, mostly in the Middle East, for fuel tubes that may overheat, melt and set off a gas leak.

The automaker said five fires have been reported related to the defect. There have been no reports of injuries or deaths.

The recall announced covers FJ Cruisers manufactured between October 2012 and January 2014.

Some 10,180 of the vehicles are in the Middle East and 2,500 in Australia, with the rest in Africa and Panama.

Monday's recall follows a bigger one last week covering 1.9 million Prius cars globally for a software problem and 294,000 vehicles in North and South America for a different software glitch. Models affected by the second software glitch were the RAV4 sport utility, Tacoma pickup and Lexus RX 350 luxury model.

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