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**Toyota wins  
dismissal of  
some claims**

Toyota Motor Corp. won tentative dismissal of some claims by car owners who said their vehicles lost value because of recalls for sudden, unintended acceleration-related issues.

U.S. District Judge James Selna in Santa Ana, in a tentative order, agreed with Toyota that the New York and Florida class representatives in the consolidated lawsuits can't bring claims under their states' laws if they didn't allege their cars experienced sudden, unintended acceleration.

The judge disagreed with Toyota and said New York law didn't preclude the claims of a plaintiff who said she traded in her Prius for a reduced amount because of the alleged defect even if she didn't claim that her car manifested the defect. Selna will make a final decision on Toyota's request to dismiss the claims after a hearing on April 23.