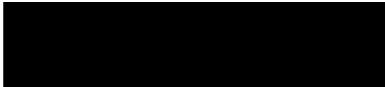




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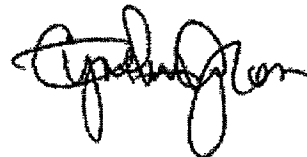
Dear :

Thank you for your e-mail concerning the Nexxon P23540Z18 tires in your 2002 Altima and the failures you experienced. Your correspondence was received by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Office of Defects Investigation on February 5, 2007. We regret any inconvenience our delay in responding may have caused you.

NHTSA is the Federal agency responsible for improving safety on our Nation's highways. In order for the agency to initiate a safety-related defect investigation, we look carefully at the body of consumer complaints and other available data to determine whether a defect may exist. We appreciate the report you provided. Reports from motorists are a very important source of information for us. Each report is analyzed and entered into a database to determine whether an investigation into a possible safety defect or safety defect recall adequacy is warranted. A review of our database relative to Nexxon P23540Z18 tire failures revealed insufficient evidence to warrant opening a safety defect investigation at this time. The information you provided has been entered into our database. It will be considered with future reports to identify any safety defect trends that may require our attention.

Additionally, we have an Internet Web site at <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov> that you may want to visit. A Monthly Defect Report is available on that site that provides a listing of current investigations.

Sincerely,



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