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of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
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Washington, D.C. 20590

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Ref. No. 10187902

Dear ██████████

Thank you for your correspondence dated March 14, 2007, concerning your Model Year (MY) 2006 Nissan Altima vehicle. Your correspondence was received by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Office of Defects Investigation on March 30, 2006. 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. We are authorized to order manufacturers to recall and repair vehicles or items of motor vehicle equipment when our investigations indicate that they contain serious safety defects in their design, construction, or performance. We also monitor the adequacy of manufacturers' recall campaigns. In order for the agency to initiate an investigation, we look carefully at the body of consumer complaints and other available data to determine whether a defect may exist; however, we cannot act on isolated problems or resolve disputes between individual owners, dealers, or manufacturers.

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 help us determine whether an investigation into a possible safety defect is warranted.

At the time of your purchase (March 11, 2006), your vehicle did not have any outstanding recalls. In June 2006, Nissan North America, Inc, notified NHTSA that it would conduct a recall, (NHTSA Recall Campaign 06V-223), regarding engine oil consumption. A copy of the recall notification is enclosed for your information. Nissan has extended the warranty under the recall campaign (No. 06V223) for only the engine portion of the Powertrain Coverage to 84 months or 100,000 miles, whichever comes first. This warranty does not cover all other warranty terms, limitation and conditions. A copy of the extended warranty notice is enclosed for your information.

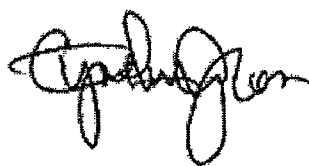


VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE
888-327-4236

We sympathize with you concerning your request for a rental vehicle; however, this type of request does not fall under our jurisdiction. If you have not done so, you may consider contacting your local Consumer Protection Agency, Better Business Bureau, or the Maryland Office of the Attorney General regarding your problem.

Also, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has jurisdiction over non-safety defects, paint, fraud or deception, warranty and dealership problems, remuneration matters, and fair trade practices. There are three ways you can contact the FTC: by toll free telephone at 1-877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357); by mail at Federal Trade Commission, CRC-240, Washington, DC 20580; and by using the Internet complaint form at <http://www.ftc.gov/ftc/complaint.htm>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cynthia Glass', is positioned above the typed name.

Cynthia Glass, Acting Chief
Correspondence Research Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement

Enclosure(s)

OWNER'S LETTER (initial campaign notification)

Dear Nissan Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. Nissan has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in some 2006 model year Nissan Altimas (Sentras) equipped with four cylinder 2.5L engines. Our records indicate that you own or lease the Nissan vehicle identified by the VIN on the cover of this notice.

Reason for Recall

On some 2006 model year Nissan Altima (Sentra) vehicles equipped with four cylinder 2.5L engines, there is a possibility of an engine compartment fire. This is caused by extremely low engine oil level resulting from higher than normal engine oil consumption due to a manufacturing problem in some engines.

What Nissan Will Do

Nissan will take the following actions at no cost to you for parts or labor:

- In order to prevent a fire from occurring, Nissan will reprogram the Electronic Control Module (ECM or engine computer) (Item 1 below).
 - Nissan will also take additional steps to help assure your continued satisfaction, by evaluating your vehicle to determine if it exhibits abnormal oil consumption. In a small percentage of vehicles, engine replacement will be needed (Item 2 below).
1. In order to prevent a fire from occurring, your Nissan dealer will reprogram the Electronic Control Module (ECM or engine computer). This reprogramming will ensure that the engine will go into a "limp home" mode in the event that your engine oil drops to an unacceptable level. If this occurs, the "Service Engine Soon" light will illuminate and the vehicle engine RPM will not exceed 1800. Reduced drivability will result, but you will be able to drive the vehicle to your Nissan dealer for service.

The ECM reprogramming should take about one hour to complete, but your Nissan dealer may require your vehicle for a longer time based upon their work schedule.
 2. In addition to the ECM reprogramming, Nissan will also inspect your vehicle to determine if it has been consuming engine oil at a higher than normal rate. In many cases, your Nissan dealer will be able to make this diagnosis during the same visit as the ECM reprogramming.
 - If oil consumption is determined to be normal, your oil and filter will be changed and your vehicle returned to you.
 - If oil consumption is determined to be abnormal, the engine in your vehicle will be replaced.
 - In some cases, analysis of the engine oil will be necessary to determine if the engine needs to be replaced.

If engine oil analysis is necessary, your Nissan dealer will take an oil sample at the time of ECM reprogramming and send it to a separate laboratory. Your oil, filter, and oil pan will be replaced and your vehicle will then be returned to you. After the oil sample analysis is completed, Nissan will inform you of the results in approximately 2-3 weeks by mail. In the meantime, it is safe to continue to drive your vehicle, but as always regularly check your engine oil level as specified in your Owner's Manual.

In a few cases, the results of the oil sample will indicate engine replacement is necessary. In those cases, we will ask you to return your vehicle to the dealership to have the engine replaced. If it is necessary to replace your engine, a rental vehicle will be provided while you leave your vehicle at the dealer for the repair.

Warranty Extension

Nissan has extended the engine portion of the Powertrain Coverage of your 2006 Nissan New Vehicle Limited Warranty to 84 months or 100,000 miles, whichever comes first. All other warranty terms, limitations, and conditions remain unchanged. This warranty extension applies to your vehicle whether your engine is replaced or not.

What You Should Do

Contact your Nissan dealer at your earliest convenience in order to arrange an appointment to have your vehicle repaired.

As with any vehicle, be sure to regularly check engine oil level as specified in your Owner's Manual. If the vehicle shows any signs of more than ½ quart of oil use in 3,500 miles, you should contact your dealer as soon as possible to have your vehicle inspected.

Please bring this notice with you to your service appointment. Instructions have been sent to your Nissan dealer. If the dealer fails, or is unable to make the necessary repairs free of charge, you may contact the National Consumer Affairs Department, Nissan North America, Inc., P.O. Box 685003, Franklin, TN 37068-5003. The special toll free number is 1-800-240-9924. You may also contact the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20590; or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

Nissan will reimburse you for any oil expenses required to top off your engine's oil level prior to the completion of this recall. You can visit your nearest Nissan dealer for reimbursement. If you prefer, you may instead send your original oil receipts and proof of vehicle ownership (copy of your vehicle registration) to the following address:

Nissan North America
Consumer Affairs
P.O. Box 685003
Franklin, TN 37067-5003

Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact a Nissan representative at 1-800-240-9924.

Thank you for your cooperation. We are indeed sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused you.