



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE.
Washington, DC 20590

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Virginia Beach, VA ██████████

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Ref. # 10239350

Dear ██████████

Thank you for your correspondence dated August 14, 2008, concerning your model year (MY) 1988 Nissan Maxima. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Office of Defects Investigation received your correspondence on August 21, 2008.

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 safety defects in their design, construction, or performance. However, we cannot act on isolated problems or resolve disputes between individual owners, dealers, or manufacturers.

We have reviewed our database in an effort to identify whether a safety defect trend exists with regard to rack and pinion problem, specifically the leaking internal seals in MY 1988 Nissan Maxima vehicles. At this time, there is insufficient evidence to warrant opening a safety defect investigation. A brochure explaining the investigation process is enclosed for your information. 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.

Should you encounter a safety-related problem with a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment in the future, you can complete an electronic Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire online at



<http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/ivoq>. Also, a summary listing of vehicle owners' complaints, safety recalls, manufacturers' service bulletins, etc. can be obtained at <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frank S. Borris II". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "F" and "S".

Frank S. Borris II, Acting Chief
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