



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

DOT Auto Safety Hotline

Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire
To Report Vehicle Safety Defects
1-888-DASH-2-DOT
(1-888-327-4236)
INTERNET: www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline

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10244208

OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name

Address

City

PORT TOWSEND

State

WA

Zip Code

Daytime Telephone Number

E-mail Address

Evening Telephone Number

Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of this report to the manufacturer of your vehicle? ☐ YES ☒ NO
In the absence of an authorization, NHTSA WILL NOT provide your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.

Signature of Owner _____ Date ____/____/____

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side

1N4AL11E85C

Make
NISSAN

Model
ALTIMA

Model Year
2005

Date Purchased

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number

Wildcat Auto Center

Engine:

No: Cylinders

Fuel Type:

Original Owner

Dealer's City

Port Angeles

State

WA

Zip Code

98362

Transmission Type

☒ Antilock Brakes

Powertrain

☒ Cruise Control

Vehicle Component Code
160000 STRUCTURE

Multiple Failure: *Front doors design*

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s)
10-MAR-2008

Failure Mileage
21000
+21

Failure Speed
0

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Make

Tire Model (Name or Number)

Tire Size (Example P215/65R15)

DOT No. (Example: DOTM9ABC036)

☐ Original Equipment
☐ Prior Repair

Failure Location:

Tire Component Code

Tire Failure Type

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A CHILD SEAT FAILURE

Make:

Date Manufactured:

Model No./Name:

Seat Type:

Installation System:

Child Seat Component Code:

Failed Part:

APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION

(Please describe in detail the incident(s), failure(s), crash(es), and injury(ies).)

Crash

☐ Yes ☒ No

Fire

☐ Yes ☒ No

Number of Persons Injured

1

Number of Deaths

0

Reported to Police

N

Narrative Description of Incident(S), Crash(es), and Injury(ies).

Please describe (1) events leading up to the failure, (2) failure and its consequences, and (3) what was done to correct the failure; i.e, parts repaired or replaced (and if old part is available).

TL*THE CONTACT OWNS A 2005 NISSAN ALTIMA. THE CONTACT OPENED THE DRIVER'S SIDE DOOR AND THE SHARP POINT AT THE BOTTOM EDGE SEVERELY CUT HER RIGHT LEG. SHE WAS TAKEN TO THE DOCTOR FOR TREATMENT. THE FAILURE OCCURRED ON THREE SEPARATE OCCASIONS. THE CONTACT WAS TAKEN TO THE EMERGENCY ROOM TWICE DUE TO HER LEG INJURIES. THE CONTACT STATED THAT THIS WAS A MANUFACTURER DESIGN DEFECT. SHE WAS HIGHLY CONCERNED OF THE SAFETY RISK INVOLVED. THE FAILURE MILEAGE WAS 21,000 AND CURRENT MILEAGE WAS 27,000.

no records from police. Dr. visits + Emergency room visits billed directly to insurance

Include, if available: Police/Fire Department Report

ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

The Privacy Act of 1974-Public Law 93-579 This information is requested pursuant to authority vested in the National Highway Traffic Safety Act and subsequent amendments. You are under no obligation to respond to this questionnaire. Your response may be used to assist the NHTSA in determining whether a Manufacturer should take appropriate action to correct a safety defect. If the NHTSA proceeds with administrative enforcement or litigation against a manufacturer, your response, or a statistical summary thereof, may be used in support of the agency's action.

Narrative Description of Incident(s), Failure(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies)

Front doors have a flanged bottom wider than door. It is thinner and sharp.

Opening the door is deceiving since one would naturally judge the width at handle level to be the same as floor level. 1 injury required many stitches & was a deep wound.

2nd was not as severe but emergency room required to stitch it up.

3rd was not as deep & treated at home. Bad door design

ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

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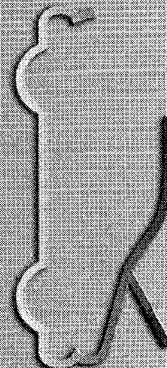
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has a safety defect?**



If so:

**Use the enclosed
form to file a report.**

or visit:

www.safercar.gov

or call:

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