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DOT Auto Safety Hotline

Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire

To Report Vehicle Safety Defects

2008 NOV - 1-888-DASH-2-DOT

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15-OCT-2008

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10245597

OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name

Address

City

LA SELVA BEACH

State

CA

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?
In the absence of an authorized signature, please print name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.
Signature of Owner _____ Date 10/27/08 10/27/08

VEHICLE INFORMATION

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

JN1AZ34E83T

Make

NISSAN

Model

350Z

Model Year

2003

Date Purchased

11-14-2002

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number

My Nissan (Salinas, CA) 831-444-8888

Engine:

No: Cylinders

6

Fuel Type:

Unleaded

Original Owner

☒

Dealer's City

Salinas, CA

State

CA

Zip Code

93907

Transmission Type

6 SP
Manual

☒ Antilock Brakes

☒ Cruise Control

Powertrain

Transmission
Synchro out!

Vehicle Component Code

100000 POWER TRAIN

Multiple Failure: Synchro in
Transmission & clutchassy

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s)
29-SEP-2008

Failure Mileage
17000

Failure Speed
60

Clutch, flywheel throw out bearings
disc assembly pressure plate (see enclosed invoice)

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Make

tire feathering

Tire Model (Name or Number)

also

Tire Size (Example P215/65R15)

DOT No. (Example: DOTM19ABC036)

☐ 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

0

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 2003 NISSAN 350Z. THE CONTACT PURCHASED THE VEHICLE ONLY FOR LONG DISTANCE DRIVING. AS SOON AS SHE BEGAN DRIVING THE VEHICLE, SHE SMELLED RUBBER INSIDE THE PASSENGER COMPARTMENT. THE DEALER STATED THAT THE SMELL WOULD DISSIPATE AND WAS PRESENT BECAUSE THE VEHICLE WAS NEW; HOWEVER, THE ODOR REMAINED. WHILE DRIVING 60 MPH, THE VEHICLE WOULD NOT SHIFT FROM SECOND INTO THIRD GEAR. THE FAILURE OCCURRED WITHOUT WARNING. THE VEHICLE COASTED TO THE SIDE OF THE ROAD AND WAS TOWED TO THE DEALER. THE DEALER STATED THAT THE CLUTCH AND THE FLY WHEEL WERE BURNT. THE CONTACT CALLED NISSAN CUSTOMER SERVICE TO ASSIST WITH THE COST BECAUSE IT WAS NO LONGER UNDER WARRANTY; HOWEVER, THEY DENIED HER CLAIM. SHE WANTS NISSAN TO ASSIST WITH THE \$2,300 REPAIR COST. THE FAILURE MILEAGE WAS 17,000.

Should be a recall.

Transmission problem verified too. (see attached) problem is widespread
(synchro failure) *shifting from 4th to 5th & not an isolated incident.

Include, if available: Police/Fire Department Report, Photos, and Repair Invoice.

ATTACH 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.

BURNING
smell!

See enclosed supporting
documentation

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

Please consider a recall - This is a huge problem with the 350Z. Even the 2007 Nissan 350Z has a recall on the clutch assembly. Nissan tries to pass it off as driver error. We've seriously babied our car, tried to preserve it. That's why we only have 17,000 miles on it. We didn't drive it to work or around town much for that matter. Most of the mileage was put on freeway on vacations. It is our vacation holiday, day off car and probably only was driven once a month or every other month for that matter. This is why the problems ~~were~~ ^{ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY} weren't detected until the warranty period expired. The clutch transmission problem only occurs occasionally so we weren't sure what was happening there. Confirmed online.

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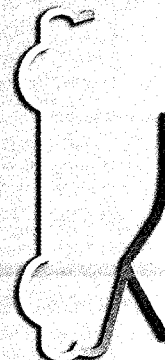
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BAR # AJ-035673

EPA # CAR 000008797

CUSTOMER No. _____		ADVISOR ERIC DUNBAR		TAG No. _____	INVOICE DATE 10/31/07	INVOICE No. _____
		LABOR RATE _____	LICENSE No. _____	MILEAGE 16,285	COLOR SILVER/	STOCK No. _____
LA SELVA BEACH, CA _____		YEAR / MAKE / MODEL 03/NISSAN/350Z/2 DOOR COUPE			DELIVERY DATE 11/14/02	DELIVERY MILES _____
		VEHICLE I.D. No. J N 1 A Z 3 4 E 8 3 T			SELLING DEALER NO. _____	PRODUCTION DATE 10/10/02
		F.T.E. No. _____			P.O. No. _____	R.O. DATE 10/31/07
RESIDENCE PHONE _____		BUSINESS PHONE _____		COMMENTS _____		REPRINT# _____
						MO: 16286

LABOR & PARTS
J# 1 76NIZ CAMPAIGN TECH(S):8166 WARRANTY
FUEL TANK???????
REPLACED FUEL VAPOR HOSES PER RECALL

PARTS	QTY	FP NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	
JOB # 1	1	PK350ZTANK	350Z TANK		WARRANTY
JOB # 1	1	A7226-CD01A	HOSE VENT		WARRANTY
JOB # 1	1	20692-65J00	GASKET-CATALYST		WARRANTY
JOB # 1	1	37120-AL625	BOLT KIT		WARRANTY
JOB # 1 TOTAL PARTS				0.00	
JOB # 1 TOTAL LABOR & PARTS				0.00	

J# 2 01NIZ-01 LOF TECH(S):8166 14.67
PERFORM LUBE OIL AND FILTER WITH "CASTROL" OIL TOP OFF ALL
ENGINE BAY FLUIDS (CHECK AND SET TIRE PRESSURES)
PERFORMED LUBE, OIL AND FILTER SERVICE.

PARTS	QTY	FP NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	
JOB # 2	1	PKN15	LOF	****	****
JOB # 2	1	15208-65F0A	FILTER ASSY-OIL@	11.05	11.05
JOB # 2	1	11026-01M02	WASHER-DRAIN	1.48	1.48
JOB # 2 TOTAL PARTS				12.53	
JOB # 2 TOTAL LABOR & PARTS				27.20	

J# 3 01NIZCOUPON D-MAIL TECH(S):8166 INTERNAL
100 PT INSPECTION
COMPLETED

PARTS	QTY	FP NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	
JOB # 3 TOTAL PARTS				0.00	
JOB # 3 TOTAL LABOR & PARTS				0.00	

J# 4 73NIZ-03 WASH EXTERIOR TECH(S):8374
PARTS SERVICE
JOB # 4 TOTAL PARTS 0.00
JOB # 4 TOTAL LABOR & PARTS 0.00

G.O.G. & SUPPLIES
JOB # 2 5.0 CASTROL 5W30 OIL @ 2.550 /UNIT 12.75
TOTAL - GOG 12.75

MISC	CODE	DESCRIPTION	CONTROL NO	
JOB # 2	HAZN	NI/VW HAZARDOUS WASTE FEE		1.52
JOB # 2	ADPN	NI/VW PARTS ADVERTISING ADJ		-5.00
JOB # 2	ADSN	NI/VW SVC ADVERTISING ADJ		-5.00
TOTAL - MISC				-8.48

NOTE:
100 PT
inspection
also performed
during this
visit.
Nissan
said All OK!

3rd gear synchro bad
not detected at this time & it would've
been under warranty still

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CUSTOMER No.	ADVISOR GLENN MCPHERSON	TAG No.	INVOICE DATE 09/29/08	INVOICE No.
	LABOR RATE	MILEAGE 17,076	COLOR SILVER/	STOCK No.
LA SELVA BEACH, CA	YEAR / MAKE / MODEL 03/NISSAN/350Z/2 DOOR COUPE		DELIVERY DATE 11/14/02	DELIVERY MILES
	VEHICLE I.D. No. J N 1 A Z 3 4 E 8 3 T		SELLING DEALER NO.	PRODUCTION DATE 10/10/02
	F. T. E. No.	P.O. No.	R.O. DATE 09/24/08	
RESIDENCE PHONE	BUSINESS PHONE	COMMENTS	MO: 17078	

LABOR & PARTS-----
J# 1 40NIZ-01 MANUAL TRANS INOP TECH(S):8267 654.00
 CUSTOMER REPORTS TRANSMISSION INOP, HAS NO MOVEMENT, CHECK AND ADVISE.

PARTS-----	QTY----	FP-NUMBER-----	DESCRIPTION-----	UNIT PRICE-	
JOB # 1	1	30100-CD019	DISC ASSY-CLUTC	124.85	124.85
JOB # 1	1	30210-CD020	COVER ASSY-CLUT	227.34	227.34
JOB # 1	1	32202-B950A	BUSH 1ST SHAFT	5.31	5.31
JOB # 1	1	30501-S0284	SLEEVE-BEARING	36.15	36.15
JOB # 1	1	30502-69F10	BEARING RELEASE	54.96	54.96
JOB # 1	1	12310-CD001	FLYWHEEL ASSY	1078.92	1078.92
				JOB # 1 TOTAL PARTS	1527.53
				JOB # 1 TOTAL LABOR & PARTS	2181.53

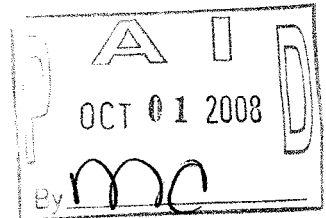
J# 2 28NIZ-15 SUSPENSION NOISE TECH(S):8267
 CUSTOMER REPORTS NOISE WHILE DRIVING, SUSPECTS TIRE GROWL CHECK AND ADVISE.
 ROAD TESTED AND VERIFIED, RECOMMEND TIRES BE REPLACED AND ALIGNMENT SET BEFORE FURTHER INSPECTION FOR NOISE NO CORRECTIVE ACTION TAKEN AT THIS TIME.

PARTS-----	QTY----	FP-NUMBER-----	DESCRIPTION-----	UNIT PRICE-	
				JOB # 2 TOTAL PARTS	0.00
				JOB # 2 TOTAL LABOR & PARTS	0.00

J# 3 73NIZ-03 WASH EXTERIOR TECH(S):9999

PARTS-----	QTY----	FP-NUMBER-----	DESCRIPTION-----	UNIT PRICE-	
				JOB # 3 TOTAL PARTS	0.00
				JOB # 3 TOTAL LABOR & PARTS	0.00

ESTIMATE
 CUSTOMER HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIVING
 ORIGINAL ESTIMATE OF \$218.00 (+TAX)
 APPROVED REVISED ESTIMATE (# 1) OF \$1100.00 (+TAX) ON 09/24/08 AT 02:24pm
 BY TONETTE GONSALVES COMMENTS ORDER CLUTCH PARTS AND INSPECT, MAY STILL NEED FLYWHEEL.
 APPROVED REVISED ESTIMATE (# 2) OF \$2200.00 (+TAX) ON 09/25/08 AT 04:41pm
 BY TONETTE GONSALVES COMMENTS FLYWHEEL OK'D
 COMMENTS-----



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	F. T. E. No.	P.O. No.		
RESIDENCE PHONE	BUSINESS PHONE	COMMENTS		

MO: 1707

TOTALS

* THANK YOU FOR PATRONIZING *
* SANTA CRUZ *
* NISSAN-DODGE-VOLKSWAGEN *

TOTAL LABOR.... 654.00
TOTAL PARTS.... 1527.53
TOTAL SUBLET... 0.00
TOTAL G.O.G.... 0.00
TOTAL MISC CHG. 0.00
TOTAL MISC DISC 0.00
TOTAL TAX..... 129.84

TOTAL INVOICE \$ 2311.37

PARTS SOLD WITH A * MAY BE NON-FACTORY PARTS.
TO OUR VALUED CUSTOMERS: IF FOR ANY REASON YOUR SERVICE
EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN ANYTHING BUT EXCELLENT, WE WANT TO KNOW.
YOU MAY RECEIVE A SURVEY FROM THE MANUFACTURER TO GRADE OUR
DEALERSHIP. PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO FILL IT OUT AND MAIL IN.
THANK YOU. HARRY WEIGANDT PARTS AND SERVICE DIRECTOR

CUSTOMER SIGNATURE



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	VEHICLE I.D. No. J N 1 A Z 3 4 E 8 3 T		SELLING DEALER NO.	PRODUCTION DATE 10/10/02
	F. T. E. No.		P.O. No.	R.O. DATE 10/17/08
	COMMENTS		MO: 17133	
RESIDENCE PHONE	BUSINE			

LABOR & PARTS-----
J# 1 40NIZ MANUAL TRANS TECH(S):8267 INTERNAL
CUSTOMER REPORTS BURNT SMELL FROM TRANSMISSION AND TROUBLE
GETTING INTO 3RD GEAR, GRINDS, CHECK AND ADVISE.
CHECKED AND ROAD TESTED, WAS UNABLE TO DUPLICATE CUSTOMER
CONCERN AT FIRST, WAS ABLE TO DUPLICATE LIGHT SYNCRO FEEL
ON QUICK SHIFT FROM 2ND TO 3RD GEAR, WOULD RECOMMEND
SYNCRO GEAR REPLACEMENT.
DID NOT DUPLICATE BURNING SMELL FROM TRANSMISSION ON
ANY OF THE ROAD TESTS.

JOB # 1 TOTAL LABOR & PARTS 0.00

ESTIMATE-----
CUSTOMER HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIVING
ORIGINAL ESTIMATE OF \$0.00 (+TAX)

COMMENTS-----
CALLED NISSAN FOR ASSISTANCE, NONE OFFERED.

TOTALS-----

* THANK YOU FOR PATRONIZING *
* SANTA CRUZ *
* NISSAN-DODGE-VOLKSWAGEN *

TOTAL LABOR.... 0.00
TOTAL PARTS.... 0.00
TOTAL SUBLET... 0.00
TOTAL G.O.G.... 0.00
TOTAL MISC CHG. 0.00
TOTAL MISC DISC 0.00
TOTAL TAX..... 0.00

TOTAL INVOICE \$ 0.00

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*All Problems
we have*

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4) →

radio leaves something to be desired, but I end up spending more time listening to the exhaust note which is just heavenly. Strut bar in the rear is functional but also restricts storage capacity. The cigarette lighter is strangely placed behind the driver (fixed in the 04 model). Visibility through the rear view is like looking at a widescreen movie. Blind spots may be blocks by headrests.

On the exterior, the car is simply amazing from any angle. Great curb appeal and very eye-catching.

Now for the not-so-good:

The 03 model is a first year production run. Mine in particular is a pre-order. Like many first year cars, it has its share of quirks. Thankfully, nothing really serious regarding engine. Here is a short list of what I know *could* be an issue on 03s.

*Uneven Tire Wear on Front Tires due to improper suspension/alignment settings. The only fix is to get a good alignment shop to do your alignment and get some coilovers. Should be fixed as of 2004.5
*Transmission grinding on gear shift. Very early models only. Nissan replaces it through warranty. *Make sure you push down ALL THE WAY on the clutch when shifting*
*Grease streak on the windows. Fixable through warranty. No problem on later 03s
*Noisy AC. Fixable through warranty. No problem on newer models.
*Bose improper Auto Volume Adjustment. Fixable through warranty. No problem on newer models.

See a trend? My suggestion if you are looking for a Z is to buy a 2004 model. I love my 350Z but it has some 'personality quirks' that only a diehard Z enthusiast can live with. :)

Finally, there is an oft debated question of which trim to get. IMO there are only 3 ways of thinking on this car...

1) Tight Budget. No modification. Go with the Enthusiast model. HIDs, TCS, LSD, Cruise Control. Best bang for your buck.
2) No limit Budget. No modification. Go with the Track model. Lightest rims, Best Brakes, HIDs, and the whole gambit of electronic traction control.
3) No limit Budget. Want to modify the car. Go with the Base model. The LSD, VDC and TCS are all really safety features that you pay a lot for and they will screw up the car's telemetry if your tires are out of spec. There is a price difference of nearly 10K between base and track. That's your rims|turbo|bodykit|brakes|lsd|hid etc. right

Support Documentation

The following has been extracted from online Nissan forum websites found at the bottom of the pages. These comments show how widespread these problems are. Should be recalled for clutch assembly & transmission issues.



Custom Report on 2003 NISSAN 350Z

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Created on: 10/15/2008
Report Type: COMPLAINTS
Prepared for:
Warranty Expires On: Unknown
Sponsored in Part By: myCarStats Notification Service

CONSUMER COMPLAINT: ODI Case Number: 10025521

Component: POWER TRAIN:MANUAL TRANSMISSION

Details: TRANSMISSION GRIND WHEN GOING FROM 2ND TO 3RD. *AK

Occurrences: 1 **Injuries:** 0
Fail Date: 07/03/2003 **Deaths:** 0
Date added to database: 7/7/2003

[FILE] your own complaint on this model car.

CONSUMER COMPLAINT: ODI Case Number: 10037034

Component: POWER TRAIN:MANUAL TRANSMISSION

Details: TRANSMISSION PROBLEM WITH MY 2003 NISSAN 350Z. 3RD GEAR SYNCHRONIZERS ARE DEFECTIVE. DID A RESEARCH AND FOUND HUNDRED OF OTHER BRAND NEW 350Z'S HAVING THE SAME PROBLEM. RECALL MUST BE DONE.*AK

Occurrences: 1 **Injuries:** 0
Fail Date: 08/27/2003 **Deaths:** 0
Date added to database: 9/2/2003

[FILE] your own complaint on this model car.

CONSUMER COMPLAINT: ODI Case Number: 10046038

Component: POWER TRAIN:MANUAL TRANSMISSION

Details: VARIOUS THINGS GONE WRONG WITH THIS CAR: -RACK AND PINION / STEERING PUMP FAILED AT 4000 MILES. CAR REFUSED TO STEER WHEN AT IDLE. VERY DANGEROUS. REPLACED UNDER WARRANTY AFTER 2 WEEKS. -TWO TRANSMISSION REPLACEMENTS. SECOND TRANSMISSION REPLACEMENT REQUIRES NEW FLYWHEEL, CLUTCH DISC, AND PRESSURE PLATE. BOTH UNDER WARRANTY. -UNEVEN TIRE WEAR. DEALER TOLD ME THAT I'M A "YOUNG SPEED RACER" AND THAT I NEED TO "SLOW DOWN". DENIED MY APPEAL FOR NEW TIRES, I BOUGHT NEW, WIDER RIMS AND TIRES, ALIGNMENT, AND PROBLEM WENT AWAY. TIRE SIZES ARE 245/40/18 AND 275/40/18. BRIDGESTONE POTENZA S03. NO FEATHERING AFTER 11000 MILES. UNFORTUNATELY, THIS CAR IS NOT VERY SAFE... AND NISSAN SERVICE / CUSTOMER SERVICE IS VERY UNCOURTEOUS AND RUDE IN THEIR APPROACH TO THE SITUATION AT HAND. *LA

Occurrences: 4 **Injuries:** 0
Fail Date: 11/04/2003 **Deaths:** 0
Date added to database: 11/12/2003

[FILE] your own complaint on this model car.

CONSUMER COMPLAINT: ODI Case Number: 10058164

Component: POWER TRAIN:CLUTCH ASSEMBLY

Details: NISSAN 350Z CLUTCH FAILURE, 2ND TIME IN FIRST YEAR OF OWNERSHIP. AFTER MUCH HAGGLING, NISSAN REPLACED THE CLUTCH AT 6000 MILES AND IT HAS JUST FAILED AGAIN AT 13,000 MILES. THIS IS MY THIRD NISSAN, LOYAL CUSTOMER. I HAVE DRIVEN A MANUAL TRANSMISSION FOR 14 YEARS AND NEVER REPLACED A CLUTCH OR TRANSMISSION. THIS IS A PRODUCT DEFECT THAT NISSAN IS RELUCTANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE. THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF SIMILAR COMPLAINTS ON THE INTERNET.*AK

Occurrences: 2 **Injuries:** 0
Fail Date: 02/12/2004 **Deaths:** 0
Date added to database: 2/14/2004

[FILE] your own complaint on this model car.

CONSUMER COMPLAINT: ODI Case Number: 10065306

Component: POWER TRAIN:CLUTCH ASSEMBLY

Details: THE CLUTCH FAILED. WHEN THIS OCCURRED VEHICLE WAS UNDRIVERABLE. UPON INSPECTION OF THE CLUTCH BY THE DEALERSHIP THEY NOTICED THAT IT DISINTEGRATED. THE CLUTCH WAS REPLACED BUT PROBLEM RECURRED WITHIN MONTHS. *AK *NM

Occurrences: 2 **Injuries:** 0
Fail Date: 12/13/2003 **Deaths:** 0
Date added to database: 3/31/2004

[FILE] your own complaint on this model car.

CONSUMER COMPLAINT: ODI Case Number: 10068155

Component: POWER TRAIN:CLUTCH ASSEMBLY

Details: I HAVE HAD MY CAR FOR 9000 MILES AND THE CLUTCH GAVE OUT. IT WAS REPLACED BY THE DEALER AND THE SAME PROBLEM HAPPENED A FEW MONTHS LATER.*AK

Occurrences: 1 **Injuries:** 0
Fail Date: 04/30/2004 **Deaths:** 0
Date added to database: 5/1/2004

[FILE] your own complaint on this model car.

CONSUMER COMPLAINT: ODI Case Number: 10102820

Component: POWER TRAIN:MANUAL TRANSMISSION

Details: PURCHASED A BRAND NEW 2003 350Z CLUTCH BLEW AT 9000 MILES 11000 MILES LATER CLUTCH GO'S AGAIN THIS IS NOT JUST THE CLUTCH ITS THE TRANSMISSION WHICH MAKES THIS A HORRIBLE PROBLEM WHICH MEANS THIS IS PROBABLY A LEMON I RECOMMEND NO 1 TO PURCHASE A 350Z MANUAL U MUST GET AUTOMATIC

Occurrences: 2 **Injuries:** 0
Fail Date: 12/06/2004 **Deaths:** 0
Date added to database: 12/13/2004

[FILE] your own complaint on this model car.

CONSUMER COMPLAINT: ODI Case Number: 10103465

Component: POWER TRAIN:MANUAL TRANSMISSION

Details: THE CONSUMER EXPERIENCED TRANSMISSION PROBLEMS. WHEN DRIVING IN 5TH GEAR, HE WAS UNABLE TO CHANGE GEARS. APPROXIMATELY 500 MILES AGO, THE VEHICLES THIRD GEAR BLEW OUT WHILE DRIVING.*JB

Occurrences: 2 **Injuries:** 0
Fail Date: 12/04/2004 **Deaths:** 0
Date added to database: 12/9/2004

[FILE] your own complaint on this model car.

CONSUMER COMPLAINT: ODI Case Number: 10130480

Component: POWER TRAIN:AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION

Details: DT: CONSUMER OWNED A NISSAN 350Z TRACK VERSION 2003. HE TOOK VEHICLE TO DEALER FOR RECALL REPAIR ABOUT A YEAR AGO. CONSUMER STATED IT WAS A RECALL, HOWEVER, COULD NOT FIND RECALL ON NHTSA WEB SITE. NTB03-046 WAS THE NUMBER IDENTIFYING THE RECALL THAT CONSUMER HAD. REPAIR WORK WAS DONE ON 6-11-04. THEN, ON JULY 19, 2005 CONSUMER TOOK VEHICLE TO GARDENA NISSAN IN CALIFORNIA, AND THEY TOLD HIM THAT THE PROBLEM INVOLVED FRONT TIRES WEARING OUT ON THE INSIDE DURING REPAIR WORK THEY REPLACED THE RIGHT FRONT COMPRESSION ROD. CONSUMER CONTACTED NISSAN, AND THEY TOLD HIM THAT AFTER RECALL AND WARRANTY REPAIR WORK WAS ONLY GOOD FOR 10,000 MILES. CONSUMER BELIEVED THAT RECALL REPAIRS DID NOT FIX PROBLEM, PER GARDENA NISSAN. SIX MONTHS AFTER CONSUMER BOUGHT VEHICLE WHEN SHIFTING UP OR DOWN AT ANY SPEED PERIODICALLY IT WILL NOT GO INTO GEAR. NISSAN WAS AWARE OF THE SITUATION, AND THEY DID NOT WANT TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT.*AK

Occurrences: 3 **Injuries:** 0
Fail Date: 07/19/2005 **Deaths:** 0
Date added to database: 7/28/2005

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CONSUMER COMPLAINT: ODI Case Number: 10164991

Component: POWER TRAIN:MANUAL TRANSMISSION

Details: I HAVE A 2003 NISSAN 350Z AND I'M HAVING PROBLEMS WITH GRINDING WHEN I SHIFT INTO 3RD GEAR(MANUAL) I HAVE ONLY 20K MILES ON MY STOCK CAR NO MAJOR MODIFICATIONS DONE. I HAVE TAKEN IT TO NISSAN AND THEY TRIED TO DUPLICATE THE PROBLEM BUT NOTHING WAS FOUND AND WHEN THEY TOLD ME TO DRIVE IT I FOUND MY CAR SHIFTING LIKE BUTTER I WAS AMAZED ON HOW SMOOTH IT WAS. AFTER A FEW DAYS THE PROBLEM IS BACK LIKE IT WAS TEMPORARILY FIXED OR SOMETHING BECAUSE IT GRADUALLY STARTED GETTING TO WHERE IT WAS BEFORE I TOOK IT IN. NOW I DON'T KNOW IF I SHOULD TAKE IT BACK OR AM I STUCK. I HAVE DONE SOME TALKING WITH OTHER "Z" OWNERS ON A WELL KNOWN MESSAGE BOARD AND OVER THE YEARS HUNDREDS HAVE GOT THEIR TRANSMISSION REPLACED AND HUNDREDS HAVEN'T DEPENDING ON DEALERSHIPS. *NM

Occurrences: 1 **Injuries:** 0
Fail Date: 08/02/2006 **Deaths:** 0
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#1 (permalink)

lingling

Registered User

Join Date: May 2008
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Posts: 18
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grinding into 3rd gear

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#2 (permalink)

teh215

Registered User

There is a technical service bulletin on this *I think*. Take it to the dealer for a new transmission if you're still under warranty.

words

Last edited by teh215; 05-16-2008 at 09:38 AM.

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Join Date: Jan 2003
Location: Charlottesville, VA
Posts: 694
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06-10-2008, 06:27 PM

redz33350zt
Registered User

Join Date: May 2008
Posts: 38
iTrader: (0)



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my grinds whenever i downshift from 4th to 3rd and sometime when i upshift

06-10-2008, 09:41 PM

Zguy254
My kid ^^



Join Date: Jun 2008
Location: Texas
Posts: 323
iTrader: (0)



[Quote](#)

Try this out try to match engine Rpm's on upshifts without power shifting barely tap gas , don't blip the throttle, if the sound is absent when you shift like that then your synchros are worn out. If you have an aftermarket flywheel then you'll get crunching sounds but that's normal with a lighter then oem flywheel. Well that's all I know about crunchy gearbox sounds I hope this helps.

06-10-2008, 09:49 PM

DemitriHKS
Moderator



Join Date: Mar 2005
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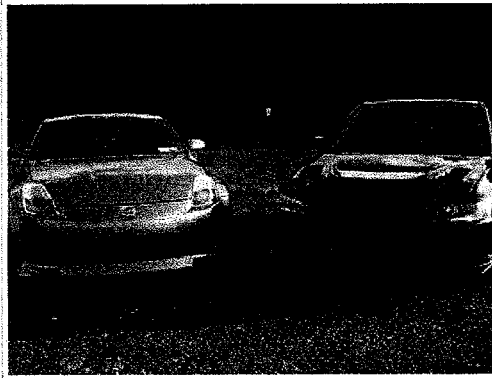


What year is your Z? If its an 2003 or early 04 welcome to the world of crappy ass transmissions from Nissan. It's most likely your synchro unfortunately and it will only get worst as time goes on. I had mine replaced at 29K miles with an 07 tranny. Sucks but yeah...it's probably what it is, the Z's are well known for that. Even the '1990 300ZX TT's had the same freaking issues

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#6 (permalink)

Zguy254

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Oh god avoid the 03 like the plague, very stupid rear wheel camber problem too with those.

↑
Avoid 2003 350Z



Quote

06-10-2008, 10:08 PM

#7 (permalink)

redz33350ztt

Registered User

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yea its a 03 im gonna bring it in tommorow and yea i have the nismo clutch and flywheel thanks for your help



Quote

06-12-2008, 04:02 PM

#8 (permalink)

blue20051

Registered User

Join Date: Jun 2008

Location: dfw

Posts: 32

iTrader: (0)



Sorry to bump in. But how much will it cost to replace the transmission if you dont have warranty?



Quote

06-12-2008, 04:14 PM

#9 (permalink)

Zguy254

My kid ^^

1500-ish depends if you shop around should be 1k for tranny 500 bucks installed.

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#21 (permalink)

nissan350Ztt
Registered User



Join Date: Jul 2008
Posts: 19
iTrader: (0)

04 Crap Transmissions

Quote:

Originally Posted by **chizarium**
hey, i have a 2004 touring with only 20,000 miles and the tranny blows!!

the car is fun as hell but the transmission is clunky, grindy, and everything in between.

i've been reading a lot about this issue but i have not seen anyone with the same situation as me... my gear grinding is WORSE at low RPMs around town but if i really let it rip on the parkway and bring it up to 5k+ RPMs the tranny is SMOOTH LIKE BUTTA

does this make any sense?!?! i guess a solution to my problem is just to race around all the time, but i dont want tickets, and i dont want to die in my car ☹

it doesnt grind every time i shift, only about 50% of the time, so i dont think nissan will consider the problem bad enough to replace the tranny, what do you guys think should i try anyway?

i get grinds sometimes going into 2nd, 3rd and 4th, but the most frequent grinds are 2nd and 4th -- i also heard 2nd gear and 4th gear are on the same synchro or something is that true?

thanks!!

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Join Date: Jun 2008
Location: Texas
Posts: 323
iTrader: (0)



Quote:

06-13-2008, 05:08 PM

#10 (permalink)

BlueGixerR00

Registered User



Join Date: May 2005
Location: Cleveland
Posts: 78
iTrader: (0)



350Z Touring Redline
2000 GSX-R600



Quote:

06-14-2008, 12:47 AM

#11 (permalink)

franky K.

The Drill Doc



Join Date: Apr 2004
Location: Chicago
Posts: 722
iTrader: (0)



Quote:

Originally Posted by **BlueGixerR00**

Yeah, this also happened to my 2003. thankfully, nissan covered everything under warranty--brand new tranny. they also basically installed a new clutch for me for free(if i bought parts, they did the labor free). overall, i was very pleased with the service they provided.

Same here. Except Nissan charged me \$700. And I was still in the 5 year powertrain warranty.

Nissan service claimed since there was a minimal dealer service history, that it "needed to be brought up to warranty standards...."

I told them I do all the regular maint myself and had the one major TSB (feathering) fixed by another dealer. I also said I could return with all the receipts from Amsoil and my service log...

But they weren't having any of it...There first service quote was \$~1500... before I got on the phone with Nissan North America... It was a real joke...

ANYWAY>....I got a new 0008 trans, new clutch, coolant flush, injector and fuel rail cleaning, and the gas filler hose recall for ~\$700 out the door. I'm still pissed at Nissan that they charged me a dime, but I guess for the price I got somewhat of a 'deal'.



my name isn't frank



Quote:

06-14-2008, 12:36 PM

#12 (permalink)

dynamic21

Awaiting Email Confirm

Join Date: May 2008

Quote:

Originally Posted by **lingling**

when i shift from 2nd to 3rd it makes a grind noise. the only way i can get

Posts: 4
iTrader: (0)

it not to grind is if i ease it in real gently. sometimes it makes the same noise going from 3rd to 4th. do i need a new clutch or are my gears all messed up?

I bought a used 2003 Z with like 80k miles. It has the infamous 3rd gear grind, but I found it's really easily avoidable. For the first 15-20 minutes of driving, shift slowly in and out of gears (especially 3rd and 5th). By then, you should be able to shift in and out of every gear as quickly as you want and at any RPM.

I've only been driving stick for about 5 months, and didn't realize some people don't press their clutch all the way to the floor for every gear change. In fact, I didn't even know that was possible? Anyways, my n00b advice: Easy n' Careful shifting for first 15-20 minutes, clutch pedal to the floor every time. =)



Quote

06-14-2008, 03:13 PM

#13 (permalink)

Zguy254

My kid ^^



Join Date: Jun 2008
Location: Texas
Posts: 323
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Clutch to floor is sign of bad clutch or you're driving a truck.

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#14 (permalink)

BlueGixerR00

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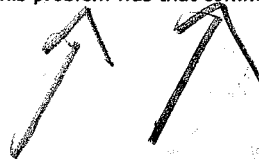


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I guess i got lucky then.. I think my tranny went around 50k miles...

i wasnt even aware that this problem was that common.. i figured mine broke on a fluke.. guess not.

350Z Touring Redline
2000 GSX-R600



Quote

06-14-2008, 07:03 PM

#15 (permalink)

Zguy254

My kid ^^



Join Date: Jun 2008
Location: Texas
Posts: 323
iTrader: (0)

Yep here's the funny part 07's have a recall on slave clutch cylinder, where the part can fail leading to tranny failure, yup nissan says its a new problem.

See reverse of this page too.



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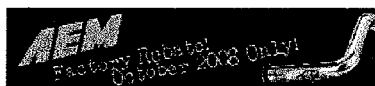
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#1 (permalink)

350ztrack
OBZEZZED

Join Date: Nov 2003
Location: Newnan Ga.
Posts: 204
iTrader: (0)

Question about manual transmission

Does anyone know if there is a bulletin or recall on the problems with the transmission (6mt). Like alot of other people here I have experienced the 3rd gear grind .It only seems to do it when its really cold. Please let me know I m going back to dealer tomorrow to get my new cloth seats installed.I would like to address this problem along with my tire problem too.

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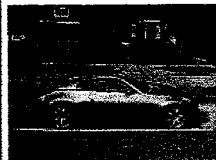
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#2 (permalink)

Richard 350z

Banned



Join Date: Aug 2003
Posts: 898
Trader: (0)

I'm sure this does not apply to you, but after thinking about it and talking to a Nissan dealer that does high-performance mods and is really on the cutting edge, I am becoming convinced that most of these so-called transmission problems are caused by owners who do not know what they are doing driving a 6MT. My gearbox and clutch are perfect. I never have any problems shifting. But I have been driving stick shift cars for 30 years now. A lot of the young guys who buy 350Zs don't really know what they are doing with the 6MT.

Let the flames begin.

Wait & see



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#3 (permalink)

Richard 350z

Banned



Join Date: Aug 2003
Posts: 898
Trader: (0)

I forgot my smile



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12-08-2003, 02:25 AM

#4 (permalink)

350ztrack OBZEZZED



Join Date: Nov 2003
Location: Newnan Ga.
Posts: 204
Trader: (0)

I have been driving sticks for about 16 years and Im not one who always getting on my car .I treat all my cars well until they leave me stranded.i have babied this car ,so I can tell you its not me its the car.On cold mornings when Im leaving work it will always do it a couple of times.And thats it .Its too much of a coincidence that alot of others are having the same problem with the same gear 3rd.I do understand what you are trying to say .Some cases could be that but not this one.☺☺



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12-08-2003, 03:05 AM

#5 (permalink)

blake 350zST



Join Date: Oct 2003
Location: Minneapolis, Minnesota
Posts: 621
Trader: (0)

No problems for me yet. i have a 04' and i live in minnesota. no harsh starts even at 20degrees, and no grinding in any gear



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12-08-2003, 03:40 AM

#6 (permalink)

zslinger

Will race for food



Join Date: Sep 2003
Location: Chicago/Rockford
Posts: 315
iTrader: (0)

I don't believe there is a TSB for the transmission grinding. Its been resolved (or not) on a case by case basis. Check with C1_Bender or Nizmo, I believe one of them has had the trans problems. They may be able to give you some advice on approaching the dealer with this problem.



Quote

12-08-2003, 11:20 AM

#7 (permalink)

Andre the Giant

I am the Barbecue KING!



Join Date: Oct 2003
Location: Cape Girardeau, MO
Posts: 73
iTrader: (0)

I test drove a M/T '03 Z with 4k miles on it before buying our '04 A/T. EVERY TIME I shifted from second into third, there was a grinding crunch from the gearbox. I've driven manuals for a long time. The last car I had was a MG Midget, not a car known for taking too much drivetrain abuse, so I know how to experiment to find the tranny's "sweet spot" if you will. I even tried pushing the Z's clutch to the floorboard when making the shift, CRUNCH! The only time the tranny didn't crunch into 3rd was when my wife missed 3rd all together, and shifted into 5th.

After reading posts about MT problems on this board, I thought they must be isolated cases, but after my test drive, I think it may be a bit more widespread. ←

Good luck everyone.

Manual Trans (MT)

"What kind of clown are you"

"The crying on the inside kind I guess"

-Quickchange (with Bill Murray, Jeanna Davis, Randy Quaid)



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12-08-2003, 11:31 AM

#8 (permalink)

hornet59

Hawaiian Zee Rider



Join Date: Oct 2003
Location: Hawaii
Posts: 80
iTrader: (0)

I too bought the Touring 5AT because the wifey loves AT and also because of so many negative posts of the infamous third gear grind. I didn't see any negative post about the AT's. I'm not sorry about my decision either. I drove MT's for 25+ years so I'm no stranger to the manual side of the house.

'04 SilverStone Touring 5AT
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3M Clear Bra
Huper Optik 35% Tint
All Mats
Big A\$\$ Grin



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#9 (permalink)

reiver

HEBREW HAMMER



Join Date: Nov 2003
Location: Round Rock TX
Posts: 1,518
iTrader: (0)

All my gears seem to be working fine....no problem here. I hate that stupid flywheel rattling when I'm at a stop light though and the clutch isn't pressed.

Reiver

flywheel issues

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Tampa racer

Registered User



Join Date: Jan 2003
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Posts: 219
iTrader: (0)

#10 (permalink)

I haven't had any problems with my tranny either 20 K (I live in Florida, we don't know what cold is ☺ - it's probably a mixture of inexperience and just flat-out bad tranny's. The day I bought this car a friend of mine said DONT rest your hand on the shifter while driving because you'll destroy the synchros ... not sure if this is true - but I broke that habit quickly.

Just a little advice to pass on - not sure how true it is - but since then I've heard many people mention it!

12-19-2003, 01:11 PM

detailz

Senior Member



Join Date: Jun 2003
Location: worcester, ma
Posts: 143
iTrader: (0)

#11 (permalink)

No problems with my 6m/t yet(imagine fingers crossed0. I had a Mits. Eclipse turbo a few years back and the 1st to 2nd gear change made a grinding noise. I ignored it for a while until it became hard to shift. I brought it to the dealer and was told that the flywheel had malfunctioned and was spinning too fast when it met the clutch fork. the service tech then presented me with my clutch fork, IN TWO PIECES! The flywheel had apparently sawed the thing off. He said that it was the first one he'd ever seen. I'm not trying to scare you, it probably has nothing to do with your problem, just watch it carefully. Like a member previously wrote, others have had grinding probs., ask them. Good luck.

lemanz sunset touring 6spd.

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12-19-2003, 01:27 PM

love2ridepow

National Mortgage Pimp



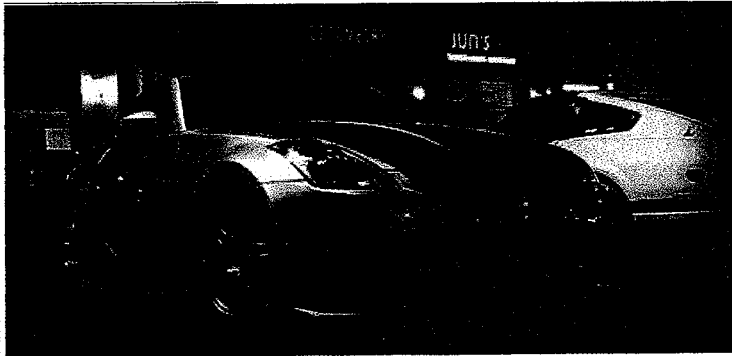
Join Date: Apr 2003
Location: Vegas Baby, YA!
Posts: 4,203
iTrader: (0)

#12 (permalink)

Quote:

All my gears seem to be working fine....no problem here. I hate that stupid flywheel rattling when I'm at a stop light though and the clutch isn't pressed.

Mine does that too. I am taking to dealer to fix all the noises and tire roar at once. I think there is a problem with the release bearing. I'll let you know soon, it'll be a few before I take it in.



12-19-2003, 02:09 PM

#13 (permalink)

I am having trouble getting the car in gear when cold. 1st and second gear

Fly wheel prob. too

<http://www.350zmotoring.com/forums/350z-problems-troubleshooting/5467-question-ab...> 10/15/2008

gtabadboy

Registered User



Join Date: Oct 2003
Location: MA
Posts: 504
iTrader: (0)



mainly. I plan on taking it to the dealer in the next few weeks.

Those of you that have no problems have to take into consideration your locations. We hit the 20s all day in New England (MA). I only have problems when its cold.



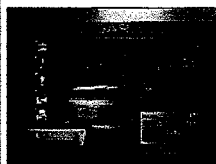
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#14 (permalink)

NSANY

Junior Member



Join Date: Dec 2002
Posts: 24
iTrader: (0)



Quote:

Originally posted by reiver

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Reiver

That's not your flywheel. That's your throwout bearing. It's definitely annoying, but it's not indicative of any problem.

2003 Nissan 350Z Performance - KY0

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Wondering what NSANY means???



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12-23-2003, 02:55 PM

#15 (permalink)

dnguyent

Junior Member

Join Date: Oct 2003
Posts: 10
iTrader: (0)



Quote:

Originally posted by NSANY

That's not your flywheel. That's your throwout bearing. It's definitely annoying, but it's not indicative of any problem.

Is that the same rattling noise that occurs when you depress the clutch quickly going from 1st to 2nd? I hear a rattle that just doesn't sound right even if I'm not driving aggressively. Sometimes, if I'm in 1st gear at around 3k rpm, decelerate to 2k rpm, then tap my gas again, it rattles very briefly.

I brought the car in for an oil change, and asked the dealership to look into that rattling, along with some groaning in 5th gear, and the shifting notchiness. They ended up replacing my transmission at 3700 miles!

Well, the shifting is a little smoother, but not buttery like it is going from 3rd to 4th. The 5th gear groan is gone, but that rattling is still there. That rattling is what disturbed me most because it sounds like something is loose, and about to break off.



Quote

01-06-2004, 08:27 PM

#16 (permalink)

En-Glaived

Junior Member



Join Date: Dec 2003
Posts: 1
iTrader: (0)



Odd, my 2003 RSX Type-S has the same problem, but its from 1-2 and sometimes 2-3. I used to rest my hand on the shifter too but I heard the same thing about it being bad for the car, anyone confirm please? =P

Edit: Its a widespread problem, heres a petition that just got started on it also, yall might wanna start one.

<http://www.petitiononline.com/RSXgrind/petition.html>

2003 RSX Type-S (Hunk of Shiet)
High Possibility of 2004 350z



Quote

01-06-2004, 10:13 PM

#17 (permalink)

niZmo

Your local sexy pants



Join Date: Aug 2003
Location: Houston, Dallas,
army.
Posts: 457
iTrader: (9)

I just read this and felt i had to reply. Anyways the tranny does not have a tsb because nissan does not want to lose money or seem to make bad products. I have had 4 trannys including the original and at 18 thsnd i am having the grind again mine has been doing it in 6th the last few times. But third before that. I am being told i abuse the car so i got a lawyer and am currently in the process of suing nissan because of the piece of (pardon my language) **** they sold me. Any ways always take it in to look at and never take no for an answer on warranty items and if it becomes a lemon like mine then good luck nissan is not very open to helping so i hope u have extra money for a good lawyer(i broguht mine in from another state) hes supposed to be real good.
P.S. I have been told the synchros cause it to do this.



Quote

01-07-2004, 07:00 PM

#18 (permalink)

gmitro

Member

Join Date: Dec 2003
Posts: 43
iTrader: (9)

Good Luck Nizmo

Just thought I would add that I owned a 2004 Nissan Maxima 6spd for several months. It had the same into 3rd grinding that people are mentioning. Worst when cold. Started shortly after I got the car.

Fortunatley I have not yet encountered the problem on my Z (only at 2000 miles).

Greg



Quote

01-09-2004, 10:23 PM

#19 (permalink)

alpine 1

Registered User

Join Date: Apr 2003
Location: san fernando valley
Posts: 32
iTrader: (9)

3rd Gear Transmission Problems (need support)

Alright...

Anyone posting threads on problems with 350z, 6 Speed Manual Transmission, 3rd gear grind.

I've had my 350z for nearly a year now. I have a few problems between here and there, but what do you expect from a first year production car, right? (i'm not sure I believe that one myself anymore).

Anyways, I've gotten this 3rd gear grind now. I called a couple local nissan dealers, and of course "I've never heard of any transmission problems" is all I get.

I've seen here as well as other 350z sites/forums about people getting them repaired, rebuilt, and replaced.

Is it at all possible for those of you who HAVE had anything done for you by dealers on your trans to please post your dealer locations and dates of of service so that I may use them as references?

I appreciate any and all help now and in the future as needed.

I want to get this taken care of ASAP and would like to get a dealer to commit to doing something Vs the "bring it in, give us a day, and we'll see what happens" routine.

thanks again



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01-15-2004, 11:12 AM

#20 (permalink)

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#1 (permalink)

DaTaSPiKe

Registered User



Join Date: Apr 2004
Location: Tucson, AZ
Posts: 82
iTrader: (0)

2nd Gear Grinding...

Hey guys/gals... kind of new to the idea of 2004 Z having tranny issues, but I thought I'd just post something I've noticed and hope that I get some feedback.

About 2/3 weeks ago I noticed more and more difficulty getting into second gear when shifting over 5K RPM's. With the clutch fully pressed I would grind going into second, and would actually have to let go of the clutch, leave it in neutral, and then clutch/shift again to get it to go in.

This problem doesn't happen ALL the time, but it's been enough for me to notice. I was wondering if anyone else has had similar issues? What have your actions been, and how can you report this infrequent problem to the dealer.

Any help would be awesome.

Thank you for your time.
Chris

KyleZ315

Registered User

Join Date: May 2005

Location: Fayetteville, NC

soon...

Posts: 3

iTrader: (0)



21,800 for me

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05-19-2005, 06:15 PM

#6 (permalink)

kenny15123

Registered User



Join Date: Feb 2004

Posts: 24

iTrader: (0)



I have 9500 miles on it and here is my vin#T063241. the built day is 02/2004

Kenny

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05-19-2005, 07:56 PM

#7 (permalink)

Drift45

Banned

Join Date: Apr 2005

Posts: 38

iTrader: (0)



I hasd that problem and the installed a new clutch and tranny no questions asked at woodfield nissan in IL

[Quote](#)

06-08-2005, 11:27 PM

#8 (permalink)

Aardy Z

Sideways Alot



Join Date: Jan 2003

Location: TDot

Posts: 522

iTrader: (0)



I've got it too. 03. Happens under hard acceleration and when need redline also. I am concerned about the tranny lifespan and also embarrassed everytime I am running hard from a stop and it sounds like I mishifted. Clutch all the way down. I've had plenty of practice in plenty of cars and never had this kind of trouble. I have around 25k miles.

Good to hear someone got it replaced. I guess you need to find the right dealer. Any TSB on this subject? I haven't seen one.

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06-09-2005, 02:12 AM

#9 (permalink)

zrolimit

I NEED TO GET PAID!!!



Join Date: Mar 2004

Location: Sin City

Posts: 431

iTrader: (0)



Quote:

Originally Posted by **Aardy Z**

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As am I when I get the grind every once in a while. I think it was mentioned previously that the gates are not defined very well and will sometimes cause the shifter to stick and not engage like it should. A lot of people have gone with the B&M short shifter and said that it rid them of the shift-grinding nightmare (of course some say it just moved to another gear). I haven't really bothered my dealership about it but am considering it now, since it seems the clutch is going out. At this moment I'm getting a weird vrrrbbbb noise (like rubbing your finger across plastic really fast....vrrrbbbbppp) sound whenever I modulate the clutch to go in reverse or sometimes in first gear if I'm on a hill. Although then again it



could just be my sub-conscious giving me the idea of upgrading stuff! ☺

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06-09-2005, 02:17 AM #10 (permalink)

mario60185
Registered User



Join Date: Sep 2004
Posts: 21
iTrader: (0)

im not at all trying to be sarcastic, but have all of you with these problems just start driving manual or arent that good at it?>

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06-09-2005, 02:22 AM #11 (permalink)

zrolimit
I NEED TO GET PAID!!!



Join Date: Mar 2004
Location: Sin City
Posts: 431
iTrader: (0)

Nope been driving for 12 years and always had a manual...if it hasn't happened to you yet it will.....oh it will.....

As for my excuse I usually drive her hard...not to hard mind you, but i'm getting close to 30K and I think i'm just bothered that she's not as tight as she used to be.....wait that came out wrong too....you know what I mean.

[Quote](#)

11-07-2005, 10:55 AM #12 (permalink)

motormouth
Old Man Tanabe



Join Date: Jan 2005
Location: Tanabe Nation
Posts: 5,957
iTrader: (0)

you know I can't find it? but needless to say, many people have had them replaced under warranty (me included) I was sure there was a tsb for it : (I checked recalls too, no dice. sorry. but if you search "tranny grind" or the same, you'll come up with info you can take to your dealer.

RIP Mr Tanabe ☹
www.projectforwardmotion.com

Transmission replaced search "tranny grind"

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09-28-2008, 11:20 AM #13 (permalink)

BRIANZZ
Awaiting Email Confirm

Join Date: Sep 2008
Posts: 1
iTrader: (0)

I have the same problem

I have 9,000 miles on my 2004 z, I drive it conservatively and I have driven stick my entire life and still 2nd gear grinds when it shouldn't be. Nissan definitely needs to do a recall. Anytime I want to shift even relatively fast I have to hold the clutch down for at least a full second before shifting into second gear. Laaaaaame.

Needs recall!

Last edited by BRIANZZ; 09-28-2008 at 11:22 AM.

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#21 (permalink)

ceeze

Junior Member



Join Date: Jan 2004
 Posts: 24
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i am very close to purchasing a 350z and i find this information very disturbing.

HAS anyone here had the 3rd gear grind problem, and then resolved it?

If so, how?

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01-27-2004, 12:38 AM

#22 (permalink)

Bermitch

Member

ceeze,

Do not b afraid about this situation, Let some of the guys to find the solution to it, or
 you can write an complaint in the nissan distributor of amerika about the
 situation. Me and my fiancee went to this; and we both wote an complaint in the

alpine_1

Registered User

Join Date: Apr 2003

Location: san fernando valley

Posts: 32

iTrader: (0)

Design
problem →

No doubt, that things work better at operating temperatures.

However this is not an operating temperature problem, it is a design problem with the forks which selecting the gear internally.

They're the wrong size or something, so over time they even if you are shifting correctly all the the time, I think the teeth are getting worn just enough so that eventually you have the full blown problem.

No moving part needs to be at operating temperatute to "work without problems". You don't want to go out and stress metals and fluids either, but a trans shouldn't make noise that is a part of "standard" operation at anytime on any car.

There is a design problem because from what I was told at the dealer, Nissan has now on their 4th generation transmission. The first batch of 03, then an attempt at a fix. Then the first batch 04, and then a "final fix" attempt.

Theoretically, I have the 4th generation in my car at this time. There are still times when I don't think the shifting is as smooth as I'd like it to be, but at least I don't feel anything wrong, and don't hear any noises throughout the shift pattern.



Quote

02-01-2004, 07:44 AM

#27 (permalink)

alpine_1

Registered User

Join Date: Apr 2003

Location: san fernando valley

Posts: 32

iTrader: (0)

grease
streaks

Quote:

Originally posted by ceeze

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Don't worry about this problem. Obviously if you are looking at the "Z", it is because you love the car. The Z is new, completely new, and not improvement on a previous model.

I bought this car with that in mind, and I was willing to accept a few problems. I didn't like it, some of them were annoying as all hell (grease marks on windows). But hey, I love my z and just about everywhere I go, everyone does too. ←

There are going to be some problems, any car from any maker, is going to have some problems.

If you're buying a new 04 Z, then there are ahead of the game from the first productions like mine.



Quote

02-01-2004, 07:52 AM

#28 (permalink)

alpine_1

Registered User

Join Date: Apr 2003

Location: san fernando valley

Posts: 32

iTrader: (0)

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Re: 3rd Gear Transmission Problems (need support)

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thanks again

Sorry guys I haven't been around, been busy, but the good news is I did get my tranny replaced.

I ended up at Performance Nissan in Duarte Ca and these guys were the best. When I called them, they knew about the problem, scheduled an appointment, confirmed I had the "transmission" problem. Called nissan, got me approved for a new trans, and took care of it in less than 2 days.

They didn't blow me off like the rest of the dealers, they didn't deny there being a problem, all they wanted to know was when could I bring it in.

The service writer I worked with (mike) was great, took care of me upon arrival, I got a test drive with the tech, who was clearly watching my clutch/shift technique and confirmed it wasn't me.

Everything is great now with the transmission, while I had the transmission down, I did go ahead and get the Nismo Clutch and JWT flywheel installed. Wow what a difference in the acceleration and initial throttle response!

I just wanted to thank everyone who PM'd/e-mail me with their information about their problems and solutions. It didn't help with my local dealers, and I got lucky with Performance Nissan that they give a rats ass about service and their customers.

I'll be back with them for additional items as well.



Quote

02-01-2004, 09:09 AM

#29 (permalink)

Beaker

2003 SEMA show Z



Join Date: Apr 2003
Location: Modesto California
Posts: 600
Trader: (0)

20K+ mi. No grinding. Been driving a stick for 27 years if that matters. When its cold I can hear a slight rattle in the tranny when in N. Goes away when I press in the clutch. Has done it sence new. Normal?

BTW- If mine has 3rd go out, you can bet i'll go down to the dealer armed with a print out of all these threads. So far, its been rock solid.

"Slower cars are friends not food"

-Finding Nismo

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Quote

02-01-2004, 10:46 AM

#30 (permalink)

alpine 1

Registered User

Join Date: Apr 2003
Location: san fernando valley
Posts: 32
Trader: (0)

Quote:

Originally posted by Beaker

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The infamous Z-Drivetrain Rattle is considered normal. I don't believe that in a best case scenario, that it should ever "rattle". I suppose it's safe to say that when it's cold there may be additional resistance from the fluids, and of course all metals change with temperature, so that might be considered normal.

Now with the new Trans, Clutch, & Flywheel I have quite a bit of rattle, and occasionally I have the somewhat recognized "cement mixer" sound going. Sounds worse in TEXT than in reality, but that's why the PROs out there have referred to it as.

My problem is that not every Z, from the same production runs, makes the same noise, some are more or less noisy than others. In a perfect world, they should sound more similar but it ain't and they don't.

I didn't have the official problem until 11K, I didn't notice any rattling in mine cold or otherwise until about 10.5K and then it just became more pronounced, and wham... I got a little grind one day, not doing anything of interest.

I literally thought I just got lazy on that shift, and from there on out it just got worse. In about 3 days if I was over 3,500K and shifted into 3rd, I got a grind if I didn't hold the clutch in for about 2 seconds before shifting.

Downshifting into 3rd at anything about 4500 was scary, only tried that once.

Fifth and Sixth started to act up the day before I brought my car in for service, there was about 500 miles between the start of the problem, and the replacement. Of course I babied the thing during the problem stages.

Depending on your relationship(s) you have with dealer(s), check with them and see where they are on this. I didn't ask yet if there is known range of VIN/Trans that are more prone to this problem.


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02-01-2004, 05:05 PM

#31 (permalink)

Beaker

2003 SEMA show Z



Join Date: Apr 2003
Location: Modesto California
Posts: 600
iTrader: (0)

Alpine- Thank you for the answer. Hope i'm one of the lucky ones who can make it through my 100K warranty.

shift_clunk

"Slower cars are friends not food"

-Finding Nismo

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02-01-2004, 05:17 PM

#32 (permalink)

alpine_1

Registered User

Join Date: Apr 2003
Location: san fernando valley
Posts: 32
iTrader: (0)

NP on the info, hopefully you've got a good one.

As far as the 5year/100K warranty, I'm beginning to wonder if I should have taken the 6/75 now.

I was originally planning on driving this car into the ground quickly, then I had all the problems, and then I stopped driving the Z due to my emotional state with it, and now I am back on the road and with 1 year down and only 12K into it.

"only time will tell"


[Quote](#)

02-01-2004, 07:30 PM

#33 (permalink)

reiver

HEBREW HAMMER



Join Date: Nov 2003
Location: Round Rock TX
Posts: 1,518
iTrader: (0)

I have the same problem but 5th grinds quite often with the clutch pressed to the floor. I was supposed to bring it in last week, but my grandfather passed away and I had to leave town. Hopefully, I'll get it in soon. 5th shifts ok if I wait 2 seconds after pressing the clutch. However, the flywheel spins down in that period.... Currently, I just skip 5th until I can get in the shop.

03 Brickyard Touring 6MT - Blow'd all up 08/09/06
06 325Ci fully loaded with suspension/sport package
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02-02-2004, 12:03 AM

#34 (permalink)

Beaker

2003 SEMA show Z

Quote:

Originally posted by alpine_1
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Posts: 592
iTrader: (0)

N. Goes away when I press in the clutch. Has done it sence new. Normal?

BTW- If mine has 3rd go out, you can bet i'll go down to the dealer armed with a print out of all these threads. So far, its been rock solid.

Now I have got it. At 15,200K miles, I have a second gear grind. Third actually isn't as much of a problem as second. The transmission has become much more "clunky", not smooth at all. It is intermittent, sometimes a problem and sometimes not. Temperature doesn't seem to have anything to do with it. Damn car. I have an early VIN 03XXX.



early VIN #

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02-06-2004, 11:59 AM

#38 (permalink)

hjscmu
Senior Member



Join Date: Mar 2003
Location: Philly, PA
Posts: 218
iTrader: (0)

9k miles

no grind...I may have that alignment thing though...not sure yet



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02-06-2004, 12:24 PM

#39 (permalink)

mikes350Z
Registered User

Join Date: Feb 2003
Location: Los Angeles
Posts: 592
iTrader: (0)

It doesn't matter either how long one has been driving a stick shift. There is a design flaw with this goddamn thing. I have never owned an automatic since I was 17 years old- only manuals. I never had any problem like this.



[Quote](#)

02-07-2004, 12:33 AM

#40 (permalink)

mike_03CT
Senior Member



Join Date: Jan 2004
Location: southington, ct
Posts: 191
iTrader: (0)

I'm just waiting for my dealer to say to me "well, this car wasn't really made for cold weather, or to be driven in winter"....then I can ask him why it has heated seats and mirrors, and winter / snow driving considerations and descriptions in the owners manual...then i can slap the salesperson around with "well, when you asked me if this was going to be my only car, and I said yes, you must have forgot to mention to me that this car wasn't designed for winter use."

/rant mode off

2003 350z / 6-speed - Touring



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Dasoupdude



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1171 posts
05' Z, 03' Xterra,
west palm beach FL
3-17-2008

Re: Third gear grinds (axh941)

11:24 PM 5/29/2008

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crap sometimes when i hit third it dosent exactly grind but i every now and then hear a small click or bump..i really hope thats not my synchro going to hell

You didn't eat your broccoli. and you didn't **get** in line with all the other kids. you never really cared about **where** you sat at the lunch table or which clique you were in then or what club you **are** in **now** you knew that the best way to live was **by doing** what you wanted not just **what** you were told. soon **everyone else** began to notice. you wanted to go your own way. and you **did**.

Sorry Soup, it's too big and too political. -beancooker-

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HhpwJlv_aAo

aris_unlimited



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168 posts
2004 Nissan 350z white
w/ black leather interior
6 speed
Payson Utah
3-17-2008

Re:

1:50 AM 6/5/2008

Quote Reply Edit

^^ Chances are that is exactly what is going. I had the same thing going on with my transmission only in 5th gear. It wouldn't grind all the time, just occasionally. Took a couple tries of taking it to the dealer before they agreed that the tranny was shot and now they will replace it for free. Best thing I can suggest is to see if they ever upgraded the tranny in that like they were supposed too, if not it is free. If so.....well lets put it this way, I think you are past the drivetrain warranty and last I saw the 6mt trannys cost about \$2200 from nissan.

Car: 2004.5 350z white w/ black leather interior 6 speed



Mods

Exterior: 15% tint
Engine: Nismo CAI
Drivetrain: JWT clutch, JWT lightweight flywheel
Tires/Rims: Toyo Proxes 4

Soon DC headers, already bought just need to install

rmezz13

350Z Moderator



Offline

1469 posts
2004.5 Nissan 350z
Performance
Columbus OH
11-27-2007

Re:

5:11 AM 6/5/2008

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Mine grinds going into second when my tranny gets hot. I pretty much know when its going to happen now so i avoid it by getting into less often (back to back). I need to throw some royal purple in but the only time i remember that i need to do that is when second grinds. Its really not often enough to worry about it but it has happened a few times power shifting but never down shifting. Good luck with that, let us know what it is.....

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Quote, originally posted by [R350Zz33](#) »

i was just lookin to fill the third hole?

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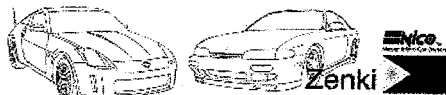
616 posts
95 nissan 240sx
washington dc
8-17-2006

Re: Third gear grinds (axh941)

8:02 AM 6/5/2008

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My 03 is doing the same thing, i got an extended warranty but the dealer is kinda shady, so i really dont trust them. i manage to shift without grinding by holding down the clutch wait for a second and shift. it works for me give it a try.



i miss my s14 but the 03 350z is making me forget about.

Anthonyflying

Offline

47 posts
04' 350z
Boston MA
2-20-2008

Re: Re: (rmezz13)

9:27 AM 6/5/2008

Quote Reply Edit

I get that "bump" or muted click into gear sometimes. esp in 2nd...i also get a bit of shifter movement when letting of the throttle. Ive seen this happen in a high torque car with a ripped transmission mount but everything is intact. when your driving in say second or third gear, accelerate to say 3.5k and let off the throttle, does your shifter move forward or backward? some movement is normal i suppose but it seems alot maybe half an inch.

black08

Offline

36 posts

Mechanicsville MD
2-9-2008

Re: Third gear grinds (amanda22)

2:07 PM 6/6/2008

Quote Reply Edit

Quote, originally posted by amanda22 »

350Zs have serious clutch issues. To my knowledge, and from my experience, they're not covering clutch replacements under warranty. I've even filed a claim with Nissan that's been denied.

I have an 08 with 5600 miles and have posted several threads about clutch problems. Nissan just replaced my clutch, flywheel, slave cylinder, through out bearing (and drive shaft do to a lazy mechanic) under warrenty. call 1800-nissan-1 to complain about your problem it took me about two weeks to get the issue resolved. I am still having problems with the new slave cylinder and through out bearing though. ☹

mbarra

Offline

14 posts
2003 Infiniti G35
Hollister CA
10-14-2007

Re: Third gear grinds (axh941)

11:43 PM 7/6/2008

Quote Reply Edit

You'll be (un)happy to know that it crosses platforms. My 03 G35 6MT coupe grinds in 3rd and, to a lesser extent, in 5th. I'm planning on trying the warranty route this month and see what I can get done.

JETPILOT

Offline

120 posts

buford tx
7-2-2008

Re: Third gear grinds (mbarra)

12:49 AM 7/7/2008

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Z's have a 5 year 50K mi powertrain warranty. if your in that 5 year time frame they will replace it.

Series 001-008 transmissions have defective synchros. Only the 009 series transmissions have fixed the issue. 009 was issued sometime in 2006 I believe. it sounds like your car has the defective transmission since it's an early model.

Z's don't have serious clutch issues... where did you get that from?

b.jaye



Offline

46 posts
'03 350Z
columbus in
7-1-2008

Re: Third gear grinds (JETPILOT)

5:53 PM 7/7/2008

Quote Reply Edit

crap... i just hauled mine in for the exact same thing as im seeing here (syncro in 3rd). has anyone here had theirs fixed & had the same prob resurface? just wondering if, when its fix, theyre pretty reliable, or if it tends to be a reoccurring problem.

JETPILOT

Offline

120 posts

Re: Third gear grinds (_b.jaye_)

6:11 PM 7/7/2008

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Home Photography Help

as me.

defective synchros
01-08 series

buford tx
7-2-2008

Some people are on their 3rd and 4th transmissions. Only the 009 trans is a fix. If they give you a rebuilt 001-007 that someone turned in for warranty then it will happen again. Some people get lucky with the 008 series trans. I have a 2004 and had my first tranny replaced under warranty. They gave me an 008 and so far it's ok. But I have heard of people having problems with 008 as well. Demand a 009 trans.

only
009 trans. OK

b.jaye_



Offline

46 posts
'03 350Z
Columbus In
7-1-2008

Re: Third gear grinds (JETPILOT)

6:26 PM 7/7/2008

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damn. good stuff to find out... well, luckily, i opted for a 48/48 warrent through the dealership.... if they throw in garbage, itdl be their arse! 🙄

Hcraig13



Online

296 posts
1992 240sx
Raleigh NC
3-3-2008

Re: Third gear grinds (b.jaye_)

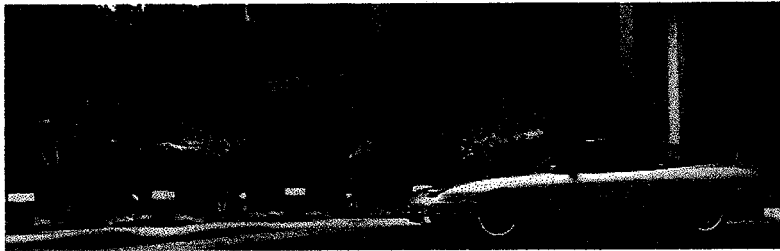
6:17 PM 8/10/2008

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Quote, originally posted by b.jaye_ »

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is 009 referring to the code on the tranny? if i were buying a tranny from a totaled Z and wanted to make sure it was a 009 do i just ask them to read the code stamped on the transmission?



***** <http://www.Blacklinems.com> *****

chad418



Offline

1 posts
'03 Nissan 350Z
Huntley IL
8-11-2008

Re: Third gear grinds (axh941)

10:29 AM 8/11/2008

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I have an '03 with 32,000 miles that grinds in 3rd also. I found that it only does it when the trans is cold and if I bring it up over 4200 rpm it will not do it. I also took mine to the dealer and they claim that theres no issue and no known problems. On a side note the reason I joined the forum was to look for a passanger side door panel. I pulled the door closed and the handle pulled off the panel leaving 2 monster holes in the door panel. Nissan claims this is not a Nissan issue but misuse. 32,000 miles and I have only had a passanger in the car 12 or 13 times. This is not normal and clearly a defect. If anyone knows of a used one I would be interested in talking to them.
Thanks

pc1212



Offline

51 posts
FI
4-28-2008

Re:

10:19 AM 8/12/2008

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I have a 2006 and mine seems to grind in second gear sometimes. The car only has 35,000 miles on it. How can you go about checking what series your tranny is?

06 350Z Grand Touring
Black w/ burnt orange seats
Nismo exhaust
Nismo Intake

"Who said anything about slicing you up, just wanted to carve a little Z in your forehead" Fear and Loathing