



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE.
Washington, DC 20590

January 26, 2009

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Ref. # 10254529

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your correspondence dated December 16, 2008, concerning your model year (MY) 2007 Nissan Sentra vehicle. Your correspondence was received by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Office of Defects Investigation on January 2, 2009.

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 your earlier complaints concerning the fire in your vehicle; however, more detail is necessary. Please fill out and return the enclosed pre-addressed, postage-paid Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire (VOQ) and be sure to include specifics of the event and any documentation available. The information you provide will be entered into our database and considered with other reports to identify any safety-related defect trends that may require our attention. Please mark the appropriate authorization box and sign the form. Your information may assist Nissan and NHTSA in determining if a safety-related defect exists.

Regarding NHTSA safety defect recall No. 08V311000 (summary enclosed) and your concerns for a fire hazard. This recall pertains to an internal seal groove on the body of some brake cylinders allowing for a gap in the groove contact area of the seal. This may result in brake fluid slowly leaking from the master cylinder into the brake booster assembly. As the brake fluid level drops to minimum levels, the brake warning light will illuminate. If the warning light is ignored, the brake circuit may not operate as designed. This can cause an

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increased risk of a crash. Dealers will inspect the master cylinder brake booster assembly and if brake fluid leakage is detected, the master cylinder will be replaced with a new one free of charge. Based on the manufacturer's description of the defect and a review of our database, we have not identified a fire risk associated with this issue..

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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Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement

Enclosures