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**National Highway
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Washington, DC 20590

May 9, 2012

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Bridgewater, MA [REDACTED]

NVS-216 nam
Ref. No. 10446520

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your correspondence concerning your wife's model year (MY) 2003 Nissan Altima vehicle. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Office of the Attorney General forwarded your correspondence to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Office of Defects Investigation. 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 motor vehicle equipment when our investigations indicate that they contain 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 trend may exist. We do not have authority to act on isolated problems or resolve disputes between individual owners, dealers, or manufacturers.

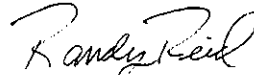
You indicate that your wife was driving her MY 2003 Nissan Altima vehicle and it stalled while she was driving over some railroad tracks. You state that a Nissan dealer determined that the problem was caused by a defective cam and crank sensor and is covered under a recall. You told the dealer that the parts were previously replaced under NHTSA Safety Recall Campaign No. 06V-242. In addition, you state that Nissan told you the sensors are no longer being recalled as a safety issue. You disagree with Nissan and feel they should be held accountable for the repairs. Furthermore, you want Nissan to admit that this problem still remains as an ongoing safety hazard.

NHTSA Safety Recall Campaign No. 06V-242 addresses a problem with defective crank angle sensors, not the cam and crank position sensors. However, certain MY 2002 and 2003 Nissan Altima vehicles have been recalled for defective cam and crank position sensors under a different recall (NHTSA Safety Recall Campaign No. 03V-455, summary enclosed). If this recall has not been performed already, NHTSA recommends that you contact an authorized Nissan dealer to verify if your vehicle is eligible for the free recall remedy. While we cannot guarantee the success of the remedy as installed in your vehicle by your dealer, we do not have any reason to believe that the corrective actions submitted by the manufacturer will not work.

Please notify NHTSA's Vehicle Safety Hotline 1-888-327-4236, and the manufacturer's representative, listed in your vehicle's owner's manual, if the safety-related corrective action described in the recall notification letter did not correct the problem. The information provided has been entered into our database and will be considered with future reports to identify any safety defect trends that may require our attention. For your information, the investigation and recall process can be found on our web site at www.nhtsa.gov.

Should you encounter a safety-related problem with a motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment in the future, we would appreciate it if you would complete an electronic Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire online at www.nhtsa.gov. Also, a summary listing of vehicle owners' complaints, safety recalls, manufacturers' service bulletins, etc. can be obtained from our web site.

Sincerely yours,



Randy Reid, Chief
Correspondence Research Division
Office of Defects Investigation
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Enclosure

Recall Detail

09-MAY-2012

Recall Num: 03 V 455 000	573 Date: 04-NOV-2003	573 Date Rcvd: 17-NOV-2003	Potentially Affected: 630,000	Potentially Defective: 630,000
Mfr Recall Num: R3021/R3022				
Subject: NISSAN/CRANK/CAM POSITION SENSOR WELD		Remedy Type: Inspect and Repair	RP Num:	FMVSS Num:
Recall Type: Defect	Recall Effect: Crash Avoidance	NHTSA Inv Num:	Influenced by: MFR	
Problem Exp: Complaints		Manufacturer: NISSAN NORTH AMERICA, INC.	Recall Status: CONDUCTING RECALL	
Problem Descr: ON CERTAIN PASSENGER VEHICLES, THE CIRCUIT BOARD FOR THE CRANK POSITION SENSOR OR CAM POSITION SENSOR MAY HAVE AN IMPROPER SOLDER JOINT DUE TO SOLDER DEFORMATION CAUSED BY HEAT STRESS ACCELERATED BY THE EXISTENCE OF FLUX RESIDUE DURING THE SOLDERING PROCESS.				
Consequence: THIS COULD CAUSE THE "SERVICE ENGINE SOON" WARNING LIGHT TO COME ON, CREATE A NO START CONDITION, CAUSE REDUCED ENGINE POWER, OR CAUSE THE ENGINE TO STOP RUNNING WITHOUT WARNING DURING VEHICLE OPERATION, WHICH COULD RESULT IN A CRASH.				
Remedy Type: DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE CRANK POSITION SENSORS. CAMSHAFT POSITION SENSOR(S), AND IN SOME CASES, THE VARIABLE TIMING CONTROL SENSOR(S). VEHICLES INVOLVED IN A PREVIOUS RECALL CAMPAIGN, 01V357, ARE ALSO INCLUDED IN THIS NEW CAMPAIGN. THE REPLACEMENT SENSORS USED IN THAT CAMPAIGN ARE ALSO AFFECTED. OWNER NOTIFICATION BEGAN ON DECEMBER 22, 2003. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT NISSAN AT 1-800-647-7261 OR INFINITI AT 1-800-662-6200.				
Notes: NISSAN RECALL NO. R3022/INFINITI RECALL NO. R3021. CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S AUTO SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-DASH-2-DOT (1-888-327-4236).				
MFR Knowl Dt: 16-NOV-2001	Prod Change Dt:	Mfr Press Release Dt:	NHTSA Press Release Dt:	
Stop Sales:	Regional:			
Supplier:	Mfr Toll Free Num: 800-647-7261			

Recall Detail

09-MAY-2012

Products	Vehicle Usage	Beginning Mfg Date	Ending Mfg Date
Product Type :VEHICLE Manufacturer :NISSAN NORTH AMERICA, INC. Make :INFINITI Model :M45 Model Year :2003	Passenger	01-JAN-2002	30-JUN-2002
Product Type :VEHICLE Manufacturer :NISSAN NORTH AMERICA, INC. Make :NISSAN Model :SENTRA Model Year :2001	Passenger	01-JAN-2000	30-JUN-2002
Product Type :VEHICLE Manufacturer :NISSAN NORTH AMERICA, INC. Make :NISSAN Model :MAXIMA Model Year :2002	Passenger	01-JUL-2001	30-JUN-2002
Product Type :VEHICLE Manufacturer :NISSAN NORTH AMERICA, INC. Make :NISSAN Model :MAXIMA Model Year :2003	Passenger	01-JUL-2001	30-JUN-2002
Product Type :VEHICLE Manufacturer :NISSAN NORTH AMERICA, INC. Make :NISSAN Model :SENTRA Model Year :2003	Passenger	01-JAN-2000	30-JUN-2002
Product Type :VEHICLE Manufacturer :NISSAN NORTH AMERICA, INC. Make :INFINITI Model :Q45 Model Year :2002	Passenger	01-JAN-2001	30-JUN-2002
Product Type :VEHICLE Manufacturer :NISSAN NORTH AMERICA, INC. Make :NISSAN Model :ALTIMA Model Year :2002	Passenger	01-JUN-2001	30-JUN-2002
Product Type :VEHICLE Manufacturer :NISSAN NORTH AMERICA, INC. Make :NISSAN Model :SENTRA Model Year :2000	Passenger	01-JAN-2000	30-JUN-2002
Product Type :VEHICLE Manufacturer :NISSAN NORTH AMERICA, INC. Make :NISSAN Model :350Z Model Year :2003	Passenger	01-APR-2002	30-JUN-2002
Product Type :VEHICLE Manufacturer :NISSAN NORTH AMERICA, INC. Make :INFINITI Model :I35 Model Year :2003	Passenger	01-JUL-2001	30-JUN-2002
Product Type :VEHICLE Manufacturer :NISSAN NORTH AMERICA, INC. Make :INFINITI Model :I35 Model Year :2002	Passenger	01-JUL-2001	30-JUN-2002
Product Type :VEHICLE Manufacturer :NISSAN NORTH AMERICA, INC. Make :NISSAN Model :MURANO Model Year :2003	Passenger	01-JAN-2001	30-JUN-2002
Product Type :VEHICLE Manufacturer :NISSAN NORTH AMERICA, INC. Make :NISSAN Model :SENTRA Model Year :2002	Passenger	01-JAN-2000	30-JUN-2002
Product Type :VEHICLE Product Category :LIGHT VEHICLES Manufacturer :NISSAN NORTH AMERICA, INC. Make :INFINITI Model :G3S Model Year :2003 Type :PASSENGER CAR	Passenger	01-JAN-2002	30-JUN-2002

Component Name

ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING

Recall Detail

09-MAY-2012

Products	Vehicle Usage	Beginning Mfg Date	Ending Mfg Date
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Product Type :VEHICLE Product Category :LIGHT
VEHICLES Manufacturer :NISSAN NORTH AMERICA,
INC. Make :NISSAN Model :ALTIMA Model Year :2003
Type :PASSENGER CAR

Component Name

Influencing Investigation(s)

Investigation Num	Subject	Investigator	Relationship
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Related Recalls

Yr	Type	Major	Sub	Relationship
01	V	357	000	Predecessor
06	V	242	000	Equipment/Vehicle

Recall Characteristics

Unique Recall	Unique Descr
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Recall Communications

Fax Ack: 18-NOV-2003

Letter Ack:

Draft 577 Received: 18-NOV-2003

Draft 577 Approved: 18-NOV-2003

Final 577 Received: 21-JAN-2004

Owner Notification: 22-DEC-2003

Phased: N

577 End:

Renotification:

Envelope Approved:

Dealer Notification

Received: 21-JAN-2004

Dealer Notification: 19-DEC-2003