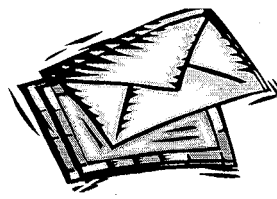


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Petition for Defect Investigation and Recall Expansion for MY 2007-2008 Nissan Sentra
Vehicles Experiencing Master Brake Cylinder Leakage

Dear sir or madam:

I am writing to request a defect investigation into MY 2007-2008 Nissan Sentra vehicles for master brake cylinder leakage due to a leaking rear seal resulting in a loss brake fluid.

The North Carolina Consumers Council (NCCC) is a nonprofit organization promoting consumer education, consumer awareness and consumer protection in North Carolina. It is based in Raleigh, North Carolina. Our office has received a complaint regarding one of these vehicles. We continually refer complainants to your website to complete a Vehicle Owner Questionnaire.

We are aware of a 2008 Nissan Sentra bearing Vehicle Identification Number 3N1AB61E08L [REDACTED]. This vehicle was manufactured in June 2008 and has an original master brake cylinder that has never been serviced. The complainant states that the vehicle has been slowly leaking brake fluid for several years with no external sign of leakage. Upon inspection, this vehicle has a significant quantity of brake fluid accumulated in the vacuum brake booster, located to and attached to the rear of the master brake cylinder. This condition is described in recall remedy instructions for recalls 08V-311 and 09V-431.

Nissan North America, Inc. previously issued the aforementioned recalls for leaking master brake cylinders due to a machining irregularity from the parts supplier. The first recall, 08V-311, affected 169,202 MY 2007 and 2008 vehicles produced from start of production through February 22, 2008. A subsequent recall, 09V-431, expanded the scope of the initial recall to include additional MY 2008 vehicles manufactured from February 23, 2008 through April 18, 2008. Our complainant's vehicle is the same MY as those vehicles recalled under 08V-311 and 09V-431, but was manufactured approximately two (2) months after the manufacturing date cut off in the scope of these recalls.

There appear to be at least five Vehicle Owner Questionnaires (VOQs) on your website that are relevant to this petition:

VOQ 10638813 dated September 2014 alleges loss of brake fluid from the master cylinder. The complainant in this case alleges that a recall inspection was performed by Nissan several years previously but that the dealer determined a replacement part was not needed at that time.

VOQ 10299791 date January 2010 alleges a recurring loss of brake fluid from the master cylinder, resulting in three (3) replacements of the master cylinder.

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VOQ 10449038 dated February 2012 alleges that a fire occurred in this vehicle in the area of the master cylinder. The VOQ does not state that brake fluid was leaking, but the proximity of the fire to the subject of this petition appears to be relevant.

VOQ 10567372 dated February 2014 alleges loss of brake fluid from the master cylinder but indicates that the vehicle is not eligible for recall repairs by Nissan. The VIN in the VOQ is masked, so we are unable to determine if this vehicle falls inside or outside the scope of the first two recalls.

To summarize:

- There is a presence of brake fluid leakage in at least one (1) vehicle outside the scope of the initial recalls. This vehicle has not been repaired and is available for manufacturer inspection in Raleigh, North Carolina.
- There is at least one (1) VOQ (10638813) that alleges the vehicle developed a brake fluid leak several years after the vehicle was inspected within the scope of one the recalls.
- There is at least one (1) VOQ (10299791) alleging repeated brake fluid leaks after the part was replaced, though we do not have enough information to determine if the vehicle was previously included in the scope of the issued recalls nor do we have information on the dates of the failures.

Due to these statements, it appears warranted that an investigation be opened into all MY 2007 and 2008 Nissan Sentra vehicles, including those previously recalled and those not previously recalled, to determine an appropriate action.

I appreciate your assistance and your response.

Regards,



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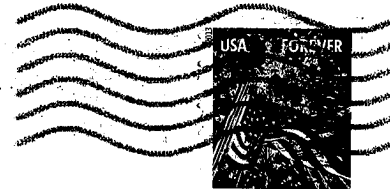
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