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Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attention: Early Warning Division (NVS-217)
Room 217
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Associate Administrator:

We are transmitting the enclosed Report of a Defect in a Vehicle in
a Foreign Country.

Very truly,



John Gibbons
Senior Manager
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**REPORT OF A SAFETY RECALL OR OTHER SAFETY CAMPAIGN
IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY**

1. Manufacturer

Nissan do Brasil Automoveis Ltda, Brazil

2. Vehicles Potentially Involved

Model year 2009–20010 Nissan Frontier Cab Chassis vehicles produced from August 4, 2008 to February 15, 2010 at the Nissan do Brasil Automoveis Ltda, Curitiba plant in Brazil. No vehicles sold in the United States are affected because they use a different steering column and are assembled using a different process.

3. Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved

10,624

4. Description of the Defect

The steering assembly upper shaft may have been inserted incorrectly into the steering column coupling during the assembly process. In addition, an incorrect pinch nut may have been used to secure the upper shaft to the coupling that connects to steering column. If the vehicle continues to be driven in this condition, the pinch nut may loosen and in extreme cases result in the upper shaft coming out of the steering column coupling which may result in the loss of steering control.

5. Foreign Country in which the Safety Recall or Other Safety Campaign is Being Conducted

Brazil

6. Date of Determination

March 12, 2010

7. Determination Made By

Manufacturer

8. Date the Recall or Other Campaign will Commence

March 15, 2010

9. Descriptive of Corrective Action

Owners of potentially affected vehicles will be notified to take their vehicle to a dealer to have both the steering assembly coupling and pinch nut inspected. If the upper shaft is inserted incorrectly into the coupling, it will be re-inserted correctly and tightened with a new, correct pinch nut. In the case where only the pinch nut is incorrect and the upper shaft is inserted correctly into the coupling, the pinch nut will be replaced with a new, correct one.

10. Vehicles in the United States (If known)

Model year 2009-2010 Nissan Frontier vehicles sold in the U.S. are on a similar "platform" as the Nissan Frontier sold in Brazil. However, these U.S. vehicles are not identical or substantially similar from an engineering standpoint. As noted above, this issue affects no vehicles sold in the U.S.