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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Gibbons".

John Gibbons
Senior Manager
Technical Compliance

Encl.

REPORT OF A SAFETY RECALL OR OTHER SAFETY CAMPAIGN
IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY

1. Manufacturer

Nissan Motor Company, Ltd., Japan

2. Vehicles Potentially Involved

Nissan Stagea vehicles produced from September 27, 2001 to June 29, 2007 at Nissan Motor Co., Ltd., Tochigi plant in Japan. No vehicles sold in the United States are affected because they do not use the subject gas strut for the back door (rear hatch) as discussed below and their stud bolts have sufficient strength.

3. Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved

Approximately 55,854

4. Description of the Defect

Due to a large force of the gas strut for the back door (rear hatch), a heavy load is applied to the stud bolt for fitting the gas strut to the body when opening and closing the back door. As a result, the washer of the stud bolt may be damaged, and the stud bolt may loosen. If the back door continues to be opened and closed in this condition, the stud bolt may break, and the back door will be unable to remain in the open position.

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

Japan.

6. Date of Determination

May 24, 2011

7. Determination Made By

Manufacturer

8. Date the Recall or Other Campaign will Commence

May 27, 2011

9. Descriptive of Corrective Action

Owners of potentially affected vehicles will be notified to take their vehicle to a dealer. The stud bolt will be replaced with a counter-measured one.

10. Vehicles in the United States (If known)

Model year 2003-2008 Nissan 350Z vehicles, model year 2004-2009 Nissan 350Z Convertible vehicles, model year 2009-2011 Nissan GT-R vehicles, model year 2003-2006 Infiniti G Sedan vehicles, model year 2003-2007 Infiniti G Coupe vehicles, model year 2006-2010 Infiniti M vehicles and model year 2003-2008 Infiniti FX vehicles sold in the U.S. are on a similar "platform" as the Nissan Stagea in Japan. However, these U.S. vehicles are not identical or substantially similar from an engineering standpoint. Those U.S. vehicles with rear hatches and trunks do not use the subject gas strut and their stud bolts have sufficient strength as noted above; this issue affects no vehicles sold in the U.S.