



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

## ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 05-019  
Date Opened: 04/21/2005  
Principal Investigator: Cynthia Glass  
Subject: Finger Pinch Point

Manufacturer: Nissan North America, Inc.  
Products: 2004 Nissan Quest  
Population: 60,000 (Estimated)

Problem Description: Consumers allege injuries to their fingers while adjusting the second row seat.

### FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	4	0	4
Crashes/Fires:	0	0	0
Injury Incidents:	4	0	4
# Injuries:	4	0	4
Fatality Incidents:	0	0	0
# Fatalities:	0	0	0
Other*:	0	0	0

\*Description Of Other:

Action: This preliminary evaluation has been opened.

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Summary: ODI has received four reports alleging that the consumer was injured while folding a second row seat. The seat release lever is located near the partially exposed seat adjuster gear mechanism. When folding the seat, the gear mechanism moves in a scissor-like action and creates a pinch point that can trap and/or pinch the consumer's hand or finger(s). All complainants required emergency room treatment. One consumer alleges that the "pinky fingertip was amputated." An investigation has been opened.

*C. Glass*  
*4/22/05*