



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

# ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE08-045  
Date Opened: 07/23/2008  
Principal Investigator: Cynthia Glass  
Subject: Transmission Hose Leak

Manufacturer: Nissan North America, Inc.  
Products: 2008 Nissan Maxima  
Population: 44,000 (estimated)

Problem Description: The automatic transmission cooler hose may have pinholes and may leak. The leaked fluid can contact the exhaust system and ignite.

## FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

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

Description of Other:

Action: This Preliminary Evaluation is opened.

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### Summary:

ODI received Early Warning Data to indicate that the automatic transmission cooler hose may have pinholes that allow the transmission fluid to leak onto the exhaust system and ignite. The data indicates a potential for risk of vehicle fire. A Preliminary Evaluation has been opened to investigate this issue.