



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

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE08-065
Date Opened: 11/18/2008
Principal Investigator: Lee Strickland
Subject: Driver Seat Anchor Failure

Manufacturer: Nissan North America, Inc.
Products: 2003-2007 Nissan Murano
Population: 361,900 (estimated)

Problem Description: Driver's seat unstable/failure of seat anchor.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	60		
Crashes/Fires:	0		
Injury Incidents:	3		
# Injuries:	3		
Fatality Incidents:	0		
# Fatalities:	0		
Other:	0		

Description of Other:

Action: Open a Preliminary Evaluation

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Summary:

ODI has received 60 consumer complaints regarding failure of the left rear anchor of the driver's seat, including 21 incidents that occurred while the vehicle was being operated. Failure of the driver's seat anchor bracket/mechanism may render the seat frame unstable or tilted, and potentially reduce the effectiveness of occupant protection features during a crash. In addition, sudden tilting of the driver's seat during vehicle operation may contribute to a loss or compromise of vehicle control.

A Preliminary Evaluation has been opened to assess this issue.