

U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 14-012
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Subject: Fuel gauge system failure

MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

Manufacturer: Nissan North America, Inc.
Products: MY 2007 Nissan Quest
Population: 37,656 (Estimated)

Problem Description: Consumers have reported incidents of inaccurate fuel tank fill level while

driving, resulting in the vehicle running out of fuel without warning and causing a vehicle

stall with no restart.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

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	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	12	TBD	12
Crashes/Fires:	0	TBD	TBD
Injury Incidents:	0	TBD	TBD
Number of Injuries:	0	TBD	TBD
Fatality Incidents:	0	TBD	TBD
Number of Fatalities:	0	TBD	TBD

ACTION / SUMMARY INFORMATION

Action: A Preliminary Evaluation has been opened.

Summary:

The Office of Defects Investigation has received 12 complaints alleging inaccurate fuel gauge reading in model year (MY) 2007 Nissan Quest vehicles. All 12 complaints alleged stalling because the fuel level reading indicated adequate fuel in the tank when there was actually none. Two complaints reported over 70 miles of estimated available driving range before refueling on the distance-to-empty display when the vehicles stalled. All of the complaints have been received within the past 14 months.

A Preliminary Evaluation has been opened to assess the scope, frequency and potential safety consequences associated with the alleged defect.

The VOQs noted in the Failure Report are: 10574869, 10568302, 10567557, 10565794, 10559300, 10552937, 10551187, 10549839, 10525325, 10513356, 10505390, 10503555

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