



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

ODI RESUME

Investigation: EA 15-003
Prompted by:
Date Opened: 04/01/2015 **Date Closed:** 09/01/2015
Investigator: Stephen Mchenry **Reviewer:** Jeff Quandt
Approver: Jennifer Timian
Subject: Pedal Operation Interference

MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

Manufacturer: Nissan North America, Inc.
Products: 2012-15 Nissan Versa Sedan, 2014-15 Nissan Versa Note
Population: 421,305
Problem Description: The edge of the center console lower trim panel could interfere with the driver's shoe and cause a delay in the transition between the accelerator pedal and the brake pedal which may increase the braking distance and increase the risk of a crash.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	16	38	45**
Crashes/Fires:	2	6	7**
Injury Incidents:	1	1	1**
Number of Injuries:	1	1	1**
Fatality Incidents:	0	0	0

** Total eliminates duplicates received by ODI and manufacturer.

ACTION / SUMMARY INFORMATION

Action: This investigation is closed. Recall 15V-507.

Summary:

On August 11, 2015, Nissan North America, Inc., submitted a Defect Information Report (DIR) describing a condition that may impede the driver's ability to transition quickly and smoothly from the accelerator pedal to the brake pedal in certain model year (MY) 2012 through 2015 Nissan Versa Sedans and MY 2014 through 2015 Nissan Versa Note vehicles (NHTSA Recall No. 15V-507). According to Nissan's DIR, in certain circumstances related to driver foot position and shoe type, the right edge of the driver's shoe may catch the edge of the center console lower trim panel. Nissan indicated that "this condition could cause a slight delay in the smooth transition between the accelerator pedal and the brake pedal which may increase the braking distance; therefore increasing the risk of a crash." Nissan's recall instructs dealers to trim the console panel so that the leading edge is at a greater distance from the driver's foot. Nissan had previously issued a service campaign (Nissan Campaign ID #P5308; TSB #NTB15-033) on April 16, 2015, to provide the remedy for the same set of vehicles before deciding to change the program to a safety recall. Of the approximately 421,305 vehicles covered by recall 15V-507, approximately 122,558 have already been repaired under the service campaign.

ODI's investigation also examined allegations that an HVAC duct in the driver's footwell area may interfere with the driver's right foot in certain circumstances. ODI's analysis of all complaints related to foot obstructions in the subject vehicles identified 45 complaints, 7 crashes and 1 minor soft tissue injury. Thirty-five (35) of the complaints, all 7 crashes and the only injury were caused by the trim panel condition which is the subject of the recall. ODI will continue to monitor complaints related to the HVAC duct condition. This investigation is closed based on Nissan's recall.

The VOQs associated with the closing of this investigation are: 10725339, 10723544, 10711794, 10691631, 10649259, 10640644, 10629161, 10614957, 10610356, 10606832, 10606766, 10606670, 10597004, 10573057, 10503811, and 10498000.