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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 16-013
Date Opened: 09/28/2016
Investigator: Pedro Bonilla **Reviewer:** Scott Yon
Approver: Michael Brown
Subject: Inadvertent Side Air Bag Deployment

MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

Manufacturer: Nissan North America, Inc.
Products: 2012 Nissan Versa
Population: 155,000 (Estimated)

Problem Description: The side curtain and seat mounted (thorax) air bags can inadvertently deploy when the vehicle door is shut.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	3	TBD	TBD
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
Other*:	1	TBD	TBD

*Description of Other: Early Warning Reporting (EWR) data

ACTION / SUMMARY INFORMATION

Action: Open this Preliminary Evaluation

Summary:

The Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) has identified three VOQ reports and additional EWR data alleging an inadvertent deployment of side air bags on model year 2012 Nissan Versa vehicles. The complaints indicate the driver or passenger curtain and seat mounted air bags deployed when the front door on the affected side was shut, possibly in an aggressive manner.

ODI has opened this Preliminary Evaluation to evaluate the scope, frequency, and consequence of the alleged defect.

The ODI reports cited above can be reviewed at SaferCar.gov under the following ID numbers:
 10743601, 10732337, 10779675