



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 21-022
Date Opened: 12/09/2021
Investigator: Pedro Bonilla **Reviewer:** Bruce York-B
Approver: Stephen Ridella
Subject: Hood Latch Failure

MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

Manufacturer: Nissan North America, Inc.
Products: 2013-2016 Nissan Pathfinder
Population: 325,512 (Estimated)

Problem Description: The hood latch has the potential to become unlatched while driving. An open hood while driving can obstruct the vision of the driver, increasing the risk of a crash and/or injury.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	14	TBD	14
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	Confidential	Confidential

*Description of Other: EWR Data

ACTION / SUMMARY INFORMATION

Action: Open this Preliminary Evaluation.

Summary:

The Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) has identified fourteen Vehicle Owner Questionnaires (VOQs) alleging hood latch failures, while subject vehicles were being driven, resulting in the hood opening and obstructing the vision of the driver. The office has also received Early Warning Reports (EWR) on this issue. Sudden and unexpected opening of the hood can startle drivers, block their visibility, and could lead to a crash into other vehicles or objects.

Nissan is currently collecting field parts to assess the alleged failure of the hood latch. A root cause has not been identified at this time.

ODI has opened this Preliminary Evaluation to evaluate the scope and risk to motor vehicle safety.

The VOQs cited above can be found with ID numbers:

11436637, 11431131, 11427702, 11423321, 11406574, 11398825, 11389741, 11387952, 11375938, 11349105, 11306735, 11302647, 11190468, 11166607