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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF DEFECT
INFORMATION REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. **04V-581** by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: **December 8, 2004**

Date E-Mailed: **December 16, 2004**

MANUFACTURER: **Nissan North American**

MANUFACTURER CONTACT: **Frank D. Slaveter**
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SUBJECT: 131 Nissan 2004 Xterra passenger vehicles the accessory tow hitch attachment bolts may not have been tightened to the proper specification. If you are using the tow hitch, this could cause it to loosen or separate from the vehicle, which could result in a crash without warning.

This is an acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be written only if we have additional comments or concerns.

As stated in Part 573.6, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter **in which notification to purchasers occurs**. As stated in your report, the recall is expected to begin January 3, 2005. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by April 30, 2005.

If you have any questions, please call:

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