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Mr. Kenneth Weinstein
Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Mr. Weinstein:

We are transmitting the enclosed Noncompliance Information Report in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573. A voluntary recall campaign will be initiated and your office provided with the notices. Nissan currently plans to begin owner notification by May 24, 2004.

Very truly,


Frank D. Slaveter
Senior Manager,
Technical Compliance

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NONCOMPLIANCE INFORMATION REPORT**1) Manufacturer:**

Nissan North America, Inc.

2) Vehicles Potentially Involved:

2004 model year Nissan Quest vehicles produced from March 26, 2003 to September 2, 2003. Vehicles manufactured after this date are not affected and no other Nissan or Infiniti models are affected.

3) Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved:

Approximately 13757 vehicles.

4) Percentage of Vehicles Estimated to Actually Contain the Noncompliance:

Approximately 60%

5) Description of the Noncompliance:

The 2004 Quest was designed to comply with the advanced air bag requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 208 S14. For the front passenger seating position, the automatic suppression feature option was chosen. The front passenger seat is equipped with a seat cushion bladder and sensors that are used for occupant detection under the standard. In some cases in the potentially affected vehicles, pursuant to S23.2 of the standard, when the AC06 child dummy is placed in the required positions, automatic suppression may not occur. All other static and dynamic test requirements under FMVSS 208 are met.

The name and address of the passenger seat supplier is:
Johnson Controls, Inc.
Automotive Systems Group
49200 Halyard Drive
Plymouth, MI 48170
734-254-5000

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6) Basis of Determination:

A field study of 2004 Quests had been undertaken and the noncompliance determination was then made.

7) Description of Corrective Action:

All owners of potentially affected vehicles will be notified beginning approximately May 2004. The front passenger seat cushion/sensor assembly will be inspected using a special testing fixture to assure the above referenced noncompliance is not present. If found to be operating improperly, the seat will be removed and recalibrated at a special facility to ensure compliance.

Reimbursements under this campaign, if necessary, will be conducted according to the general reimbursement plan previously submitted to NHTSA

8) Copy of Notices:

Copies of all notices will be provided to NHTSA as they become available.