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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 Defect 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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DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT

1. Manufacturer:

Nissan North America, Inc.

2. Vehicles Potentially Involved:

2004 model year Nissan Quest vehicles equipped with a power sliding door(s) and produced from March 26, 2003 (start of production) to December 17, 2003. No other Nissan models are equipped with a power sliding door.

3. Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved:

Approximately 26,000

4. Percentage of Vehicles Estimated to Actually Contain the Defect:

Unknown

5. Description of the Defect:

At an ambient temperature below approximately 40 degrees Fahrenheit, the actuator for the power sliding door(s) may experience binding due to an out of specification condition. In order to open, close or reverse a power sliding door, the shift selector lever must be in P (Park). If the actuator is experiencing binding and the driver shifts the vehicle out of Park while a power sliding door is still closing, the door latches may not engage. This can result in the door coming open unexpectedly upon rapid acceleration, e.g., quick acceleration from a stopped position.

The manufacturer of the actuator is:

Ohi Automotive of America
1030 Hoover Blvd.
Frankfort, KY 40601

6. Chronology of Principal Events

January 2004 - Nissan first received reports of a power sliding door coming open while driving.

January-March 2004 - An investigation was conducted to determine the cause of the incidents and the potential risk to safety.

March 25, 2004 - Nissan determined that a safety related defect might exist and that a recall campaign should be conducted.

7. Description of Corrective Action:

Nissan plans to begin notifying owners of potentially affected vehicles May 24, 2004. The actuator for the power sliding door(s) will be replaced.

8. Copy of Notices:

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