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Mr. Kenneth Weinstein
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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 on September 7, 2004.

We will include a statement in the Part 577 owner notification concerning reimbursement for the cost of obtaining a pre-notification remedy.

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 Maxima vehicles equipped with a Skyview Roof and produced from December 4, 2002 (start of production) to December 17, 2003. Vehicles manufactured after this date are not affected and no other Nissan vehicles are equipped with the same Skyview Roof.

3. **Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved:**

Approximately 32,100.

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

Unknown

5. **Description of the Defect:**

The glass for the Skyview Roof may not have been quenched properly after the forming process resulting in temper imbalance. This could create excessive internal stress in the glass and eventually cause the glass to shatter. Glass produced beginning October 23, 2003 was properly quenched.

The name and address of the "Skyview roof" glass supplier is:

Carlex Glass Company
77 Excellence Way
Vonore, TN 37885

6. **Chronology of Principal Events**

April 2004 – Nissan became aware of several reports of alleged injury due to the glass in the Skyview Roof shattering.

April – June 2004 – Nissan conducted an investigation to determine the cause of the incidents and the potential risk to safety.

June 24, 2004 – Nissan determined that a safety related defect exists and that a recall campaign should be conducted.

7. Description of Corrective Action:

Nissan plans to begin notifying owners on September 7, 2004. The glass in the Skyview Roof will be replaced.

8. Copy of Notices:

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