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Mr. Kenneth Weinstein
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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
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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 on September 27, 2004.

We do not plan to put a statement in the Part 577 owner notification concerning reimbursement for the cost of obtaining a pre-notification remedy because this noncompliance would not have been previously remedied at an owner's expense.

Very truly,



Frank D. Slaveter
Senior Manager,
Technical Compliance

Encl.



NONCOMPLIANCE INFORMATION REPORT

1. **Manufacturer:**

Nissan North America, Inc.

2. **Vehicles Potentially Involved:**

2004 model year Nissan Titan King Cab trucks produced from July 23, 2003 (start of production) to June 14, 2004 and 2004 model year Nissan Crew Cab trucks produced from July 23, 2003 (start of production) to June 21, 2004. Vehicles manufactured after these dates are not affected and no other Nissan or Infiniti vehicles are affected.

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

Approximately 59,947.

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

Unknown

5. **Description of the Noncompliance:**

The vehicles fail to comply with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 201 S6 at target location RP2 (seat belt anchorage on rearmost pillar). All other requirements under FMVSS 201 are met.

6. **Basis for Determination of the Existence of a Noncompliance**

In April 2004 NHTSA conducted a compliance test for FMVSS 201 on a 2004 Nissan Titan King Cab and identified an apparent noncompliance at a test point located on the rearmost pillar. Nissan initiated an investigation and determined that the rear seat belt upper anchor on the pillar was not sufficiently energy-absorbing.

7. **Description of Corrective Action:**

All owners of potentially affected vehicles will be notified and requested to take their vehicle to a Nissan dealer. The outboard rear seat belt assemblies will be replaced with new ones which have a different D-ring cover and D-ring. Nissan plans to begin notifying owners of potentially affected vehicles on September 27, 2004.

8. Copy of Notices:

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