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Mr. Kenneth Weinstein
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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 on September 27, 2004.

We will not include information in the Part 577 owner notification concerning reimbursement for the cost of obtaining a pre-notification remedy because these vehicles are well within the warranty coverage period.

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 Titan vehicles equipped with a column shifter for the transmission and produced from March 15, 2004 (start of production) to April 28, 2004. No other Nissan models are equipped with this column shifter.

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

Approximately 5,664

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

10 percent

5. **Description of the Defect:**

The shift lever assembly for the column shifter may have been damaged during assembly. During its use, this could eventually result in failure of the portion of the assembly that holds the lever in the Park position when the key is not in the Ignition switch or when the key is in the Ignition switch in the lock, off or accessory position.

The manufacturer of the shifter assembly is:

Douglas Autotech Corporation
300 Albers Road
Bronson, MI 49028

6. **Chronology of Principal Events**

May 15, 2004 - A report was received of a vehicle which could be shifted out of Park without the key in the ignition.

May - July 2004 - An investigation was conducted to determine the cause and extent of the incident.

August 2, 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 September 27, 2004. The shifter assembly will be replaced.

8. Copy of Notices:

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