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Mr. George Person
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Safety Assurance
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
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Washington, D.C. 20590

Ref: 04V-581

Dear Mr. Person:

The enclosed communication is being provided pursuant to 49 CFR Part 573.6(c)(9).

Technical Compliance Department

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TECHNICAL COMPLIANCE DEPARTMENT

Subject: 2004 Xterra Tow Hitch Voluntary Recall Campaign

Attention – Dealer Principals and Service Managers

******* Campaign Announcement *******

Nissan is conducting a Voluntary Safety Recall Campaign on 131 Model Year 2004 Nissan Xterra vehicles. On the affected vehicles, the Nissan accessory tow hitch attaching bolts may not have been tightened to the proper specification. If the tow hitch is being used, this condition could cause the tow hitch to loosen or separate from the vehicle, which could result in a crash.

To prevent this condition from occurring, Nissan will torque the tow hitch attaching bolts to the proper specification.

******* Dealer Inventory *******

Federal law requires that new vehicles in dealer inventory which are the subject of a safety recall must be corrected prior to delivery under a sale or lease. Failure to do so can result in civil penalties by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

******* Owner Notification *******

Owner Notification letters will be mailed on January 3, 2005 to all affected owners.

******* Repair Instructions *******

Repair Instructions are being prepared and will be available prior to owner notification for this campaign (January 3, 2005).

If you have any additional questions related to this campaign, please contact your Dealer Parts and Service Manager (DPSM).

**Nissan Parts and Service Operations
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