



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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Washington, DC 20590

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LES WELLS
NISSAN DIESEL AMERICA, INC
5930 WEST CAMPUS CIRCLE DRIVE
IRVING TX 75063

NVS-215
05V-262

Subject: BATTERY CABLE ROUTING

Dear MR. WELLS:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect or noncompliance information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records, as this is the information that will be made available to the public.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

NISSAN DIESEL/UD1200/1999-2002
NISSAN DIESEL/UD1400/1999-2002

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-262

Recall Date: April 27, 2005

Components:

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:BATTERY:CABLES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 3,857

Summary:

ON CERTAIN LIGHT DUTY TRUCKS, THE BATTERY CABLE MAY HAVE BEEN ROUTED INCORRECTLY DURING VEHICLE MANUFACTURING THAT COULD ALLOW THE BATTERY CABLE TO CONTACT THE EDGE OF THE REAR TRANSMISSION MOUNTING BRACKET. DURING NORMAL VEHICLE OPERATION THE BATTERY CABLE CORRUGATED PROTECTIVE CONDUIT COULD BECOME WORN AWAY AND ALLOW SHORTING OF THE POSITIVE BATTERY CABLE TO THE FRAME.

Consequence:

THIS COULD CAUSE AN ELECTRICAL SHORT, WHICH COULD RESULT IN A FIRE.

Remedy:

FOR MY 1999-2000 MODELS, DEALERS WILL INSPECT AND REROUTE THE CABLE CORRECTLY TO THE SMOOTH SIDE OF THE REAR TRANSMISSION MOUNTING BRACKET AND SECURE IT TO THE CHASSIS WIRING HARNESS AS DESIGNED OR WILL HAVE THE POSITIVE BATTERY CABLE REPLACED. FOR MY 2001-2002, DEALERS WILL SECURE THE BATTERY CABLE TO THE ADJACENT CHASSIS WIRING HARNESS WITH A PLASTIC TIE STRAP TO PREVENT EXCESSIVE MOVEMENT OF THE CABLE OR IF THE CORRUGATED PROTECTIVE CONDUIT WORN THROUGH NEAR THE REAR TRANSMISSION MOUNTING BRACKET OR THE THIRD FRAME CROSS MEMBER SUPPORT WILL BE REPLACED. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT NISSAN DIESEL AT 972-756-5500.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S AUTO SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236.

Effective October 21, 2004, a manufacturer must provide an estimated dealer notification date as well as an owner notification date (month/day/year) when submitting a defect/noncompliance report (Part 573.6).

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, the recall is expected to begin on September 12, 2005. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by October 30, 2005.

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov or delia.lopez@nhtsa.dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



for George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement