



U.S. Department  
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NVS-215  
05V-555

Subject: FUEL FILLER HOSE CRACKING

Dear MR. SLAVETER:

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:**

INFINITI/FX35/2003-2006  
INFINITI/FX45/2003-2006  
INFINITI/G35/2003-2004  
NISSAN/350Z/2003-2004

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 05V-555

**Mfg's Report Date:** November 28, 2005

**Components:** FUEL SYSTEM, GASOLINE

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 192,659

**Summary:**

ON CERTAIN PASSENGER AND SPORT UTILITY VEHICLES, THE FUEL FILLER HOSE MAY CRACK FROM EXPOSURE TO OZONE. THIS COULD CAUSE THE MALFUNCTION INDICATOR LIGHT (MIL) IN THE INSTRUMENT PANEL TO COME ON AS A RESULT OF THE ONBOARD DIAGNOSTIC SYSTEM DETECTING A LEAK IN THE EVAPORATIVE EMISSION CONTROL SYSTEM. FUEL LEAKAGE FROM THE HOSE WHILE REFUELING COULD ALSO OCCUR.

**Consequence:**

FUEL LEAKAGE IN THE PRESENCE OF AN IGNITION SOURCE COULD RESULT IN A FIRE.

**Remedy:**

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE FUEL FILLER HOSE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON FEBRUARY 13, 2006. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT NISSAN AT 1-800-647-7261 OR INFINITI AT 1-800-662-6200.

**Notes:**

CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

The information in your defect or noncompliance report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6 except for the following items:

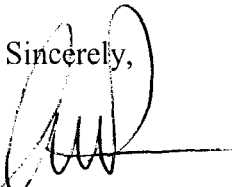
You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers.

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, owner notification is expected to begin on February 13, 2006. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by April 30, 2006.

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](mailto:patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov) or [delia.lopez@NHTSA.dot.gov](mailto:delia.lopez@NHTSA.dot.gov). We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



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Chief, Recall Management Division  
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Enforcement