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Mr. Ron Medford
Acting Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Mr. Medford

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 December 15, 2005.

Very truly,

Donald Nuff for F. D. S.

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Senior Manager,
Technical Compliance

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DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT

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1. Manufacturer:

Nissan North America, Inc.

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2. Vehicles Potentially Involved:

2004 - 2006 model year Nissan Quest vehicles produced from March 26, 2003 (start of production) through September 26, 2005. Vehicles manufactured after this date are not affected and no other Nissan models use the same second row seats as the subject vehicles.

3. Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved:

Approximately 109,437.

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

100%

5. Description of the Defect:

There is a seat adjustment mechanism that contains exposed moving metal components located at the rear inside edge of the second row seat. When the operator attempts seat adjustment in a manner not previously anticipated, a finger may be pinched in the moving seat adjustment mechanism.

The name and address of the manufacturer of the seats is:

Johnson Controls, Inc.
Automotive Systems Group
49200 Halyard Drive
Plymouth, MI 48170

6. Chronology of Principal Events:

May, 2005 - Nissan received an inquiry from NHTSA regarding a potential pinch point on the Quest second row seats. Nissan had previously addressed this issue by production changes and a service campaign on the inboard seat adjustment handle.

June - September, 2005 - In the course of analyzing data for the inquiry response, Nissan discovered that operators were attempting to fold the

second row seats flat in an unanticipated manor. By using the wrong handle to fold the seat, there is a potential to pinch a finger in the moving seat adjustment mechanism.

October 4, 2005 - Nissan determined that a safety related defect might exist and that a recall campaign should be conducted.

7. Description of Corrective Action:

On vehicles produced from SOP 2004 through June 28, 2004 (approximately 59,710 vehicles) – Replace the inboard second row seat adjustment handle with the current production seat lever (for communication), rivet a plastic reinforcement to backside of the existing seat back cover carpeting, install three tie-downs and install a flange to the inboard side shield.

On vehicles produced from June 29, 2004 through September 26, 2005 (approximately 49,727 vehicles) – Rivet a plastic reinforcement to the backside of the existing seat back cover carpeting, install three tie downs and install a flange on the inboard side shield.

Nissan plans to begin notifying owners of potentially affected vehicles on December 15, 2005.

8. Copy of Notices:

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