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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,

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 - 2005 model year Nissan Quest vehicles produced from January 4, 2004 through October 15, 2004. Vehicles manufactured prior to and after these dates are not affected. No other Nissan models use the same third row seat fold-away bracket as the subject vehicles.

3. Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved:

Approximately 33,042.

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

Unknown

5. Description of the Defect:

The subject Quest vehicles are equipped with a folding third row rear seat. When the third row seat is raised from its stowed position, it engages striker brackets, one on each side of the seat cushion. The fold-away striker loop is welded to a mounting bracket. There is a possibility that the striker may become detached from its mounting bracket due to a broken weld at the point of attachment to the bracket. If the third row seat striker weld fails, the striker could separate from the mounting bracket. Striker separation could affect the risk of injury in certain types of collisions.

The name and address of the manufacturer of the subject bracket is:

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

6. Chronology of Principal Events:

June, 2005 - Nissan received a report regarding a rattling noise from the rear interior area. Subsequent field investigation revealed that the right side third row seat striker was detached from the mounting bracket.

June - September, 2005 - Nissan conducted an investigation to determine the scope and root cause of the striker detachment.

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:

The third row seat striker brackets will be replaced with new ones.

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.