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Ref: 05V-458

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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Subject: 2005 Xterra Tow Hitch Voluntary Safety Recall Campaign Update #4

Attention – Dealer Principals, Sales, Parts and Service Managers

The following is an update for this campaign.

\*\*\*\*\* Revised Interim Repair Instructions \*\*\*\*\*

Revised Interim Repair Instructions are now available on NNA.net.com under My Documents in the Parts/Campaigns and Service/Campaigns categories. Please discard any prior copies.

The following revisions are included:

- Flat Rate Time has been increased from .3 to .5 hrs. All claims processed after 10/12/05 will automatically be adjusted to .5 hrs. Claims processed prior to 10/13/05 and paid .3 hrs will be credited .2 hrs this month.
- The e-mail address to order additional connector plug sets has been changed to [campaign.parts@nissan-usa.com](mailto:campaign.parts@nissan-usa.com).

\*\*\*\*\* Owner Notification \*\*\*\*\*

Nissan has notified ALL 2005 Xterra owners by letter on October 14 to advise them (if a Nissan Accessory Tow Hitch is currently installed on their vehicle) not to use the hitch until a replacement hitch is provided by Nissan. A copy of the letter has been placed on NNA.net.com under My Documents in the Sales/Campaigns, Parts/Campaigns and Service/Campaigns categories.

\*\*\*\*\* Special Customer Handling \*\*\*\*\*

Replacement hitches remain on parts sales restriction at this time. However, an initial quantity of replacement hitches is now available to address specific customer requirements. For example, if a customer requires the tow hitch because the vehicle is used commercially to tow a utility trailer, the customer (or a Nissan dealer on behalf of a customer) should contact Nissan Consumer Affairs and request a replacement tow hitch. Based on availability, a tow hitch will be shipped to the dealership for installation on the customer's vehicle.

As additional hitches become available, you can expect to receive an initial quantity to be shipped to your dealership for general use.

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

Nissan Parts and Service Operations  
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