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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 #5a

Attention – Dealer Principals, Sales, Parts and Service Managers

The following is an update for this campaign. Update #5a replaces Update #5. Please discard any copies of Update #5.

**\*\*\*\*\* Parts Availability \*\*\*\*\***

Replacement hitches remain on parts sales restriction at this time. However, approximately 2,400 replacement hitches are 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. A tow hitch will be shipped to the dealership for installation on the customer's vehicle.

**\*\*\*\*\* Vehicles in Dealer Inventory \*\*\*\*\***

On November 16<sup>th</sup>, Nissan plans to ship a sufficient quantity of replacement tow hitches to repair all vehicles in dealer inventory originally equipped with a Nissan factory installed hitch. Please note: If you have a need to replace any dealer installed Nissan hitches on vehicles in your dealer inventory, please contact your DPSM.

**\*\*\*\*\* Recall Campaign Bulletin \*\*\*\*\***

Recall Campaign Bulletin (NTB05-100) is now available on NNA.net.com under My Documents in the Parts/Campaigns and Service/Campaigns categories. The bulletin contains instructions required to replace the tow hitch on affected vehicles and the related parts and claim information.

Please note that for this campaign, VINs will NOT appear in Service Comm. Only installed tow hitches labeled with Nissan P/N 999T5-KR100 or Valley Industries P/N 2112-00-385 require replacement.

**\*\*\*\*\* Flooring Cost Reimbursement Information \*\*\*\*\***

Nissan recognizes that dealers have incurred additional flooring cost expense for vehicles placed on sales hold when the campaign was announced on September 23. Nissan will reimburse dealers at the rate of \$4.08 per day for flooring costs related to vehicles affected by the sales hold. The reimbursement amount for each vehicle will be calculated from September 24, 2005 until a) the date the tow hitch was removed and vehicle was saleable, b) the date the vehicle was retailed, or c) October 10, 2005 whichever is sooner. The individual amounts per vehicle will be credited to your non-vehicle account within the next 30-60 days.

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

Nissan will begin to notify 2005 Xterra owners on November 21.

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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