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Mr. George Person Chief, Recall Analysis Division Office of Defects Investigation Safety Assurance National Highway Traffic Safety Administration 400 Seventh Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20590

Ref: 05V-512

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: 2004-2006 Maxima Lumbar Seat Voluntary Safety Recall Campaign

Attention - Dealer Principals, Sales, Parts and Service Managers

\*\*\*\*\* Campaign Announcement \*\*\*\*\*

Nissan is conducting a safety recall on approximately 102,600 model year 2004-2006 Maxima vehicles equipped with the Power Lumbar Support option.

The subject Maxima vehicles are equipped with a driver seat power lumbar support switch. If the wire harness from this switch is routed incorrectly, the harness could be pinched or chafed against the structural parts on the underside of the driver seat when the seat is in full-down position. Over time the pinched harness in combination with driving vibration may result in a short circuit condition that could overheat the harness and possibly cause a fire.

To correct this condition, Nissan will replace the lumbar wire harness and route it correctly.

\*\*\*\*\* Dealer Inventory \*\*\*\*\*

Federal law requires that new vehicles in dealer inventory which are the subject of a safety recall must be corrected prior to delivery under a sale or lease. Failure to do so can result in civil penalties by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

Nissan estimates there are less than 1,200 affected vehicles in dealer inventory.

Note: 2006 Maxima vehicles produced after August 11, 2005 are not affected by this campaign and are immediately saleable.

For vehicles in dealer inventory affected by this campaign, Nissan is providing Interim Repair Instructions (see additional info below) to re-route the lumbar wire harness wiring thereby eliminating the need for a sales hold.

Effective immediately, please use Service Comm (PB011) to determine which Maxima vehicles, if any, in your inventory may require this campaign repair prior to being retailed.

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

Interim Repair Instructions for re-routing of the lumbar wire harness are now available on NNAnet.com under My Documents in the Parts/Campaigns and Service/Campaigns categories.

Important: The Interim Repair Instructions are to be used only for vehicles in dealer inventory with less than 50 miles on the odometer.

Note: The current instructions do not contain claims coding. You can expect to receive revised instructions with claims coding during the next week.

\*\*\*\*\* Parts Availability (for re-routing lumbar wire harness\*\*\*\*

When completing the Interim Repair Process, you may need replacement clips due to breakage/damage during the repair. Some dealers will receive an initial supply of the replacement clips (where our records indicate dealer has affected vehicles in dealer inventory.

Please contact your DPSM if you do not receive by next Tuesday and you need clips or if you need additional clips.

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

Nissan expects to start mailing of Owner Notification letters on December 12, 2005.

\*\*\*\*\* Parts Availability (for wire harness replacement) \*\*\*\*\*

An initial supply of parts for this campaign is expected to be available by December 7, 2005. The Recall Campaign Bulletin will also be available at that time.

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

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