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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

MR. JOHN GIBBONS
SENIOR MANAGER
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P.O. BOX 685001
FRANKLIN, TN 37068-5001

NVS-215kjs
05V-480

Dear Mr. Gibbons:

Nissan North America, Inc. (Nissan) is requested, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 30165, 30166, and 30119, to renotify owners involved in safety recall 05V-480 who have not had their vehicles corrected or otherwise accounted for. This recall involves 32,878 MY 2004 and 2005 Nissan Quest passenger cars. On certain mini vans 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. The striker may become detached from its mounting bracket due to a broken weld at the point of attachment to the bracket. Owner notification began on December 19, 2005. In Nissan's sixth reporting quarter, Nissan reports that of the 32,878 vehicles involved, 11,963 have not been remedied.

Nissan should conduct the owner renotification in accordance with the guidelines listed below.

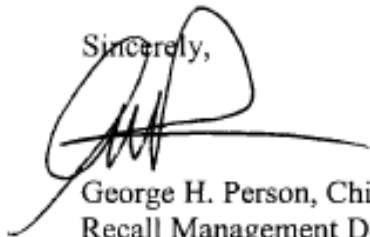
- Before conducting the owner renotification, Nissan should obtain an updated owner list, for this recall campaign, based on current state motor vehicle registration records.
- Nissan's proposed owner renotification letter for this recall must meet the requirements of 49 CFR Part 577.10, "Follow-up Notification," and must be submitted to NHTSA for review before owner renotification begins. Part 577.10(e)(1) specifically requires that the renotification letter be identified as a ". . . follow-up to an earlier communication."

- In addition to the six quarterly status reports required under 49 CFR Part 573.6, "Quarterly Reports," Nissan is requested to file three additional quarterly status reports.
- Furnish a proposed schedule for conducting the owner renotification that includes the following information:
 - a. the date on which the search of current state motor vehicle registration records will be initiated in order to update the original owner list;
 - b. the approximate date on which the revised owner list will be available to initiate owner renotification;
 - c. the approximate date on which the owner renotification will begin; and
 - d. the approximate date on which the owner renotification will be completed (if the owner renotification is to be staggered, give the beginning and ending owner renotification date for each segment).

Nissan's renotification schedule and a draft of the proposed owner renotification letter must be submitted to this office by December 16, 2008.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Ric Willard at (202) 366-6544, richard.willard@dot.gov or Kelly Schuler at (202) 366-5227, Kelly.schuler@dot.gov or by fax at (202) 366-7882.

Sincerely,



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