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Ms. Kelly Schuler U.S. Department of Transportation National Highway Traffic Safety Administration 400 Seventh Street, SW Washington, DC 20590

Re: Recall Campaign no. 05E-062

Valley Industries Trailer Hitches

Dear Ms. Schuler:

Per your request, enclosed are the "NHTSA approved" notification for posting, and correspondence to consumers of the hitches that are the subject of recall campaign no. 05E-062. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions in this regard.

Very truly yours,

MILLER, CANFIELD, PADDOCK AND STONE, P.L.C.

Amy M Johnston

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Enclosures

Cc: Bryan Fletcher

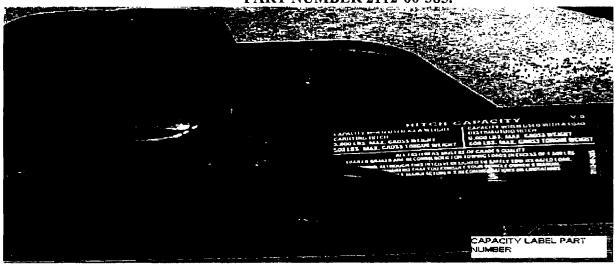
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## SAFETY RECALL FOR TRAILER HITCHES (PART NO. 8285081 or 8285052) LABEL PART NO. 2112-00-385

A DEFECT which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in **TRAILER HITCHES (HITCH CLASS III – RECEIVER; PART NUMBERS 8285081 or 8285052) FOR USE ON THE 2005 NISSAN XTERRA.** 

THESE HITCHES MAY FAIL, CAUSING A LOSS IN CONTROL OF THE VEHICLE, LEADING TO AN ACCIDENT AND/OR INJURY WITHOUT WARNING.

IF THE HITCH IS <u>MOUNTED</u> ON THE VEHICLE, PLEASE CHECK YOUR HITCH CAPACITY LABEL, LOCATED AT THE CENTER OF THE HITCH, FOR CAPACITY LABEL PART NUMBER 2112-00-385.



IF THE HITCH IS <u>NOT MOUNTED</u> ON THE VEHICLE, PLEASE VERIFY THE PART NUMBER, WHICH IS LOCATED AT THE END OF THE FRAME BRACKET ON THE PASSENGER SIDE.

IF YOU HAVE A HITCH WITH A CAPACITY LABEL NO. 2112-00-385 OR PART NO. 8285081 or 8285082, OR YOU ARE UNSURE WHETHER YOUR H!TCH IS SUBJECT TO THIS RECALL, PLEASE:

### DO NOT TOW WITH THIS HITCH, AND

### CONTACT VALLEY INDUSTRIES IMMEDIATELY TOLL FREE: 1-800-344-3230

VALLEY INDUSTRIES, LLC WILL INSPECT THE HITCHES AND IF IT CONTAINS PART NUMBER 8285081 or 8285082, REPLACE THESE HITCHES AT NO CHARGE TO YOU.

If you are not able to have the safety defect remedied without charge and within a reasonable time, you may wish to write the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20590 or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to http://www.safercar.gov.

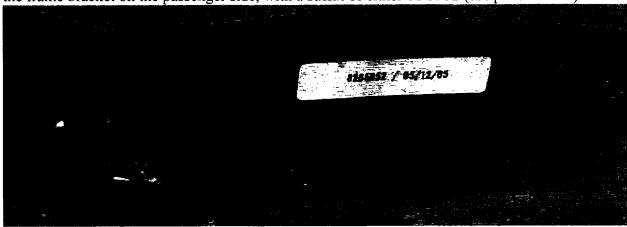
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### SAFETY RECALL TO REPLACE TRAILER HITCHES PART NO. 8285081 or 8285052

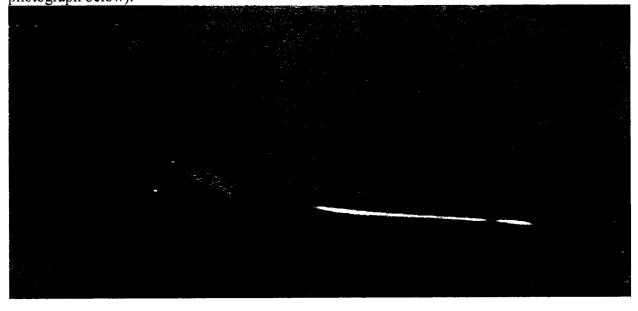
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This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Valley Industries, LLC ("Valley") has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain trailer hitches with part number 82850. The part number is located at the end of the frame bracket on the passenger side, with a suffix of either 81 or 52 (see photo below).

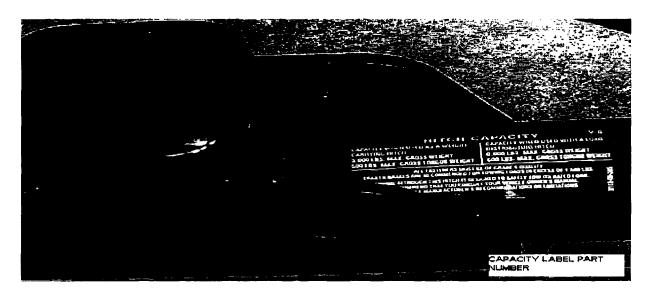


# IF THE HITCH IS MOUNTED ON THE VEHICLE, THE PART NUMBER MAY NOT BE VISIBLE. Please check your Hitch Capacity label, located at the center of the hitch. (See photograph below).



A capacity label part number is printed vertically in the bottom right hand corner of the label. (See photograph below). IF THE CAPACITY LABEL CONTAINS THE PART NUMBER 2112-00-385, PLEASE FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER "WHAT YOU SHOULD DO" BELOW.

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### **REASON FOR THIS RECALL**

There is possible insufficient weld strength of the hitch such that the hitch may break while in use. The trailer or item in tow may release partially or wholly from the vehicle.

BREAKAGE OF THE HITCH AND/OR RELEASE OF THE TRAILER OR ITEM IN TOW MAY RESULT IN A LOSS OF CONTROL OF THE VEHICLE. THIS CONDITION MAY CAUSE AN ACCIDENT AND/OR INJURY WITHOUT WARNING.

#### WHAT VALLEY WILL DO

Valley will replace the subject hitches with new hitches at no charge to you.

### WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

- 1. DO NOT TOW WITH THE SUBJECT HITCH.
- 2. Contact Valley immediately toll-free at **1-300-344-3230** to arrange for inspection and/or replacement of the hitch. It is estimated that the replacement of the hitch will take 1/2 hour.

If you are not able to have the safety defect remedied without charge and within a reasonable time, you may wish to write the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20590 or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to http://www.safercar.gov.

We apologize for this inconvenience; however, we have taken this action in the interest of your safety and continued satisfaction with our product. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Valley Industries, LLC.