

OWNER'S LETTER (A)

This letter was mailed to owners of vehicles with factory installed Nissan tow hitches only.

Dear Nissan Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. Nissan has decided that a defect that relates to motor vehicle safety exists in some 2005 model year Nissan Xterra vehicles equipped with a Nissan accessory tow hitch.

Reason for Recall

Our records indicate that your Xterra is equipped with a Nissan accessory tow hitch. This tow hitch may not have been manufactured properly. If you use the tow hitch, this could result in the trailer separating from the vehicle and cause a crash without warning.

What Nissan Will Do

Nissan is now in the process of having new tow hitches manufactured and anticipates having them available in mid-November. We will notify you when a new hitch is available and your Nissan dealer will replace the hitch with a new one free of charge.

What You Should Do

Do not use the tow hitch on your vehicle until it is replaced with the new one. If you have additional questions you may contact the National Consumer Affairs Office, Nissan North America, Inc. at P.O. Box 191, Gardena, California 90248-0191. The toll free number is (800) 647-7261.

You may also submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., 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>.

Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

Thank you for your cooperation. We are indeed sorry for any inconvenience this may cause you.

OWNER'S LETTER (B)

This letter was mailed to all 2005 Xterra owners, except those who received letter A.

Dear Nissan Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. Nissan has decided that a defect that relates to motor vehicle safety exists in some 2005 model year Nissan Xterra vehicles equipped with a Nissan accessory tow hitch manufactured by Valley Industries. Valley Industries has also decided that some tow hitches it distributed for use on the 2005 Xterra are defective.

Reason for Recall

The tow hitches sold by Nissan dealers or through Valley Industries distributors for installation on 2005 model year Nissan Xterra vehicles may not have been manufactured properly. If you use the tow hitch, this could result in the trailer separating from the vehicle and cause a crash without warning. This recall pertains to you if a Nissan accessory tow hitch, which has a label attached with the Nissan part number 999T5-KR100, or a Valley Industries tow hitch, which has a label attached with the part number 2112-00-385, was installed on your vehicle at the time of vehicle purchase or at a later date.

If your vehicle is not equipped with a Nissan accessory tow hitch or Valley Industries tow hitch with the above noted part numbers, please return the enclosed pre-paid post card that has your name, address and vehicle identification number printed on it.

What Nissan Will Do

Nissan is now in the process of having new tow hitches manufactured and anticipates having them available in mid-November. If your vehicle is equipped with a Nissan accessory tow hitch or Valley Industries tow hitch, we will notify you when a new hitch is available and your Nissan dealer will replace the hitch with a new one free of charge.

What You Should Do

If you have a Nissan accessory tow hitch or Valley Industries tow hitch on your vehicle do not use it until it is replaced with the new one. If you have additional questions you may contact the National Consumer Affairs Office, Nissan North America, Inc. at P.O. Box 191, Gardena, California 90248-0191. The toll free number is (800) 647-7261.

You may also submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., 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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OWNER'S LETTER (C)

This letter is being mailed to all 2005 Xterra owners, except in cases where the tow hitch was already replaced with a new one or if the owner returned a post card indicating the vehicle does not have a Nissan or Valley Industries tow hitch installed.

Dear Nissan Owner:

This letter is a follow-up to one you may have received earlier that was sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. Nissan has decided that a defect that relates to motor vehicle safety exists in some 2005 model year Nissan Xterra vehicles equipped with a Nissan accessory tow hitch. Valley Industries has also decided that some tow hitches it distributed for use on the 2005 Xterra are defective. Replacement hitches are now available, and you can contact your Nissan dealer to arrange an appointment to have the replacement installed.

Reason for Recall

The tow hitches sold by Nissan dealers or through Valley Industries distributors for installation on 2005 model year Nissan Xterra vehicles may not have been manufactured properly. If you use the tow hitch, this could result in the trailer separating from the vehicle and cause a crash without warning. This recall pertains to you if a Nissan accessory tow hitch, which has a label attached with the Nissan part number 999T5-KR100, or a Valley Industries tow hitch, which has a label attached with the part number 2112-00-385, was installed on your vehicle at the time of vehicle purchase or at a later date.

If your vehicle is not equipped with a Nissan accessory tow hitch or Valley Industries tow hitch with the above noted part numbers, this notice does not apply to you, and no further action is required.

What Nissan Will Do

If your Xterra is equipped with the Nissan accessory or a Valley Industries tow hitch, your Nissan dealer will replace the tow hitch with a new one free of charge. This free service should take about one hour to complete, but your Nissan dealer may require your vehicle for a longer period of time based upon their work schedule.

What You Should Do

Do not use the tow hitch on your vehicle until it is replaced with the new one. Contact your Nissan dealer at your earliest convenience in order to arrange an appointment to have your vehicle repaired. Please bring this notice with you when you keep your service appointment. Instructions have been sent to your Nissan dealer. If you have additional questions you may contact the National Consumer Affairs Office, Nissan North America, Inc. at P.O. Box 191, Gardena, California 90248-0191. The toll free number is (800) 647-7261.

You may also submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., 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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