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DEFECT INFORMATION

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Dear Mr. Smith

We are transmitting the enclosed Defect Information Report in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573. A voluntary recall campaign will be initiated and your office provided with the notices. Nissan plans to notify dealers by February 23, 2006 and begin notifying owners on March 21, 2006.

Very truly,



Frank D. Slaveter
Senior Manager,
Technical Compliance

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DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT

1. Manufacturer:

Nissan Motor Co., Ltd.

2. Vehicles Potentially Involved:

2003 – 2006 model year Nissan Murano vehicles produced from April 24, 2002 (start of production) to July 27, 2005. Vehicles manufactured after this date are not affected. No other Nissan models use the same rear seat belt design and location in the vehicle.

3. Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved:

Approximately 203,000

4. Percentage of Vehicles Estimated to Actually Contain the Defect:

Unknown

5. Description of the Defect:

In certain high speed frontal crashes, the webbing of a rear outboard seat belt may contact the rear seat back hinge where it can be cut by the sharp edge of the metal portion of the hinge. The metal portion of the rear seat back hinge is covered by the rear seat trim. When the rear seat belt is severely loaded in the event of a vehicle crash, the webbing of seat belt may pull the seat trim off and contact the sharp edge of the metal portion of the hinge. If the webbing is completely separated, it can increase the risk of injury to an occupant in a crash.

6. Chronology of Principal Events:

March 2005 – Nissan became aware of a concern that the webbing of the rear seat belt may be cut by the rear seat back hinge on Nissan Murano vehicles.

March 2005 – February 2006 – Nissan conducted an investigation to identify the cause, the potential risk to safety and the affected vehicles.

February 2, 2006 – Nissan determined that a potential safety related defect exists and that a recall campaign should be conducted.

7. Description of Corrective Action:

Protectors will be installed on the webbing of rear seat belts. Nissan plans to notify dealers by February 23, 2006 and begin notifying owners on March 21, 2006.

8. Copy of Notices:

Copies of all notices will be provided to NHTSA as they become available.