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DEFECT INFORMATION

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Mr. Daniel Smith
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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
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Washington, D.C. 20590

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 28, 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:

2005 model year Nissan Murano vehicles produced from February 25, 2005 to May 16, 2005. Vehicles manufactured after this date are not affected. No other Nissan models use the fuel tanks made by the same supplier.

3. Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved:

Approximately 14,268

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

Unknown

5. Description of the Defect:

A fitting for vapor recirculation, which is welded on the fuel tank, may come off the fuel tank because incorrect material was mixed in the production of the fitting at the supplier. This will result in the malfunction indicator light (MIL) in the instrument panel coming on and may result in some fuel leakage.

6. Chronology of Principal Events:

June 2005 – Nissan became aware of several reports of fitting on the fuel tank on Nissan Murano vehicles coming off as indicated by the malfunction indicator light coming on.

June 2005 – February 2006 – Nissan conducted an investigation to identify the cause and vehicles potentially affected and to determine the potential risk to safety.

February 7, 2006 – Nissan determined that a safety related defect exists and that a recall campaign should be conducted.

7. Description of Corrective Action:

The fuel tank will be replaced with a new one. Nissan plans to notify dealers by February 28, 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.