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Mr. Daniel Smith
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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
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 April 3, 2006 and begin notifying owners on April 17, 2006.

We do not plan to put a statement in the Part 577 owner notification concerning reimbursement for the cost of obtaining a pre-notification remedy because this defect would not have been previously remedied at an owner's expense.

Very truly,



Frank D. Slaveter
Senior Manager,
Technical Compliance

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DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT

1. Manufacturer:

Nissan North America, Inc.

2. Vehicles Potentially Involved:

2005 - 2006 Model year Nissan Frontier King Cab vehicles manufactured at the Smyrna Tennessee plant from July 28, 2004 through February 23, 2006. Vehicles manufactured beyond these dates are not affected. No other Nissan models are affected because their body structures and deformation characteristics are different.

3. Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved:

Approximately 42,000

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

Unknown

5. Description of the Defect:

In a severe, side impact crash with the characteristics of the SINCAP test, there is a possibility that the structure, stiffness and geometry of the body to which the fuel filler tube is mounted could create a relative displacement between the filler cap and filler door. The filler cap tether may be stretched to the point of unscrewing the cap off. This may result in fuel spillage which in the presence of an ignition source could result in a fire.

6. Chronology of Principal Events:

January 20, 2006 – NHTSA conducted a SINCAP side impact test on a 2006 model year Frontier King Cab in which the fuel filler cap unscrewed from the filler tube during the crash.

January 20 - March 14, 2006 – Nissan conducted an investigation to identify the cause, the potential risk to safety and the affected vehicles.

March 14, 2006 – Nissan determined that a safety related defect exists and that a recall campaign should be conducted.

7. Description of Corrective Action:

Owners of all potentially affected vehicles will be notified. The fuel cap tether/pin assembly will be replaced with a modified one. Nissan plans to notify dealers by April 3, 2006 and begin notifying owners on April 17, 2006.

8. Copy of Notices:

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