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Mr. Daniel Smith
Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Mr. Smith:

We are transmitting the enclosed Noncompliance 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 November 15, 2006 and begin owner notification on December 18, 2006. Nissan expects to complete owner notification by April 18, 2007.

We will include a statement in Part 577 owner notification concerning reimbursement for the cost of obtaining a pre-notification remedy in the case of any vehicles which were no longer under warranty.

Very truly,



Frank D. Slaveter
Senior Manager,
Technical Compliance

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NONCOMPLIANCE INFORMATION REPORT

1. Manufacturer:

Nissan Motor Company, Ltd.

2. Vehicles Potentially Involved:

2007 model year Nissan Maxima vehicles manufactured from May 25, 2006 to July 20, 2006 equipped with Intelligent Key. Another model has a similar steering lock assembly but the steering assembly housing is different, and the noncompliance is being reported separately. No other vehicles have a steering lock that exhibits this noncompliance.

3. Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved:

Approximately 9,506.

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

Unknown

5. Description of the Noncompliance:

The vehicles fail to comply with S4.3 of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 114.

6. Basis for Determination of the Existence of a Noncompliance

During an inspection of some vehicles at the assembly plant, it was found that the steering wheel was locked with the ignition knob in the "OFF" position but the vehicle transmission not being in the "PARK" position . Nissan initiated an investigation and inspected the potentially affected steering locks. Based on the inspections, Nissan determined that the steering locks do not meet S4.3 of FMVSS 114.

The supplier of the steering lock assembly is:

ALPHA Technology Corporation
251 Mason Rd., P.O.BOX168,
Howell Michigan 48844-0168, USA

Telephone: 517-546-9700

7. Description of Corrective Action:

All potentially affected vehicles will be inspected to see if the steering wheel locks when turned with the transmission not in the "PARK" position and with the ignition knob in the "OFF" position. The steering wheel lock assembly will be replaced in any vehicles that exhibit this condition.

8. Copy of Notices:

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