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Ref: 06V-401

Dear Mr. Person:

The enclosed communication is being provided pursuant to 49 CFR Part 573.6(c)(9).

**Technical Compliance Department** 

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## 06V-401

## Subject: 2005-2006 Nissan Murano Steering Lock Voluntary Recall Campaign Update #1

## Attention: Dealer Principal, Sales, Service and Parts Managers

\*\*\*\*\* Campaign Announcement Update#1 \*\*\*\*\*

Nissan is conducting a Voluntary Recall Campaign on approximately 67,000 Model Year 2005-2006 Nissan Murano vehicle equipped with Intelligent Key. Nissan has determined that some of these vehicles may not comply with one of the requirements set forth in the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 114. The primary purpose of the standard is to prevent vehicle theft. The standard specifies, among other things, that when the engine has been shut off, the steering wheel lock should only engage if the transmission lever is in "Park" position. The steering wheel lock assemblies on some 2005-2006 Murano vehicles do not meet that requirement. Specifically, with the ignition knob turned to the "OFF" position, the steering may lock even if the transmission lever is not in "Park", if the steering wheel is turned more than 60 degrees. Nissan is conducting a Voluntary Recall Campaign to inspect the steering wheel lock and replace the steering wheel lock assembly if necessary.

\*\*\*\*\* Dealer Inventory \*\*\*\*

Federal law requires that new vehicles in dealer inventory which are the subject of a safety recall must be corrected prior to delivery under a sale or lease. Failure to do so can result in civil penalties by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

Effective immediately, please use Service Comm (R0614) to determine which Murano vehicles, if any, in your inventory may require this campaign repair prior to being retailed. These vehicles must remain on sales hold until the recall is performed.

\*\*\*\*\* Parts Availability \*\*\*\*\*

An adequate supply of lock cylinder kits which include beige and black ignition knobs (P/N D870M-CB025) is available. If needed, a cabernet (red) ignition knob (P/N 48412-CB810) is available to order separately.

\*\*\*\*\* Owner Notification \*\*\*\*\*

Nissan will start to mail Owner Notification Letters the week of December 18, 2006. The Service Campaign Bulletin will be published on ASIST at that time.

If you have any additional questions related to this campaign, please contact your Dealer Parts and Service Manager (DPSM).

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