

U.S. Department of Transportation

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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

November 17, 2008

CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

MR. JOHN GIBBONS SENIOR MANAGER NISSAN NORTH AMERICA, INC. P.O. BOX 685001 FRANKLIN, TN 37068-5001 NVS-215kjs 06V-459

Dear Mr. Gibbons:

Nissan North America, Inc. (Nissan) is requested, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 30165, 30166, and 30119, to renotify owners involved in safety recall 06V-459 who have not had their vehicles corrected or otherwise accounted for. This recall involves 96,500 MY 2004-2006 Nissan Titan light trucks. The wires in the harness were routed through the rear doors and into the body. These wires may break due to over bending of the harness as the door is opened and closed. The harness contains wires for the driver seat belt pretensioner and for the front passenger seat belt which is part of the occupant classification system. Owner notification began on February 19, 2007. In Nissan's sixth reporting quarter, Nissan reports that of the 96,500 vehicles involved, 38,541 have not been remedied.

Nissan should conduct the owner renotification in accordance with the guidelines listed below.

- Before conducting the owner renotification, Nissan should obtain an updated owner list, for this recall campaign, based on current state motor vehicle registration records.
- Nissan's proposed owner renotification letter for this recall must meet the requirements of 49 CFR Part 577.10, "Follow-up Notification," and must be submitted to NHTSA for review before owner renotification begins. Part 577.10(e)(1) specifically requires that the renotification letter be identified as a "... follow-up to an earlier communication."

- In addition to the six quarterly status reports required under 49 CFR Part 573.6, "Quarterly Reports," Nissan is requested to file three additional quarterly status reports.
- Furnish a proposed schedule for conducting the owner renotification that includes the following information:
 - a. the date on which the search of current state motor vehicle registration records will be initiated in order to update the original owner list;
 - b. the approximate date on which the revised owner list will be available to initiate owner renotification;
 - c. the approximate date on which the owner renotification will begin; and
 - d. the approximate date on which the owner renotification will be completed (if the owner renotification is to be staggered, give the beginning and ending owner renotification date for each segment).

Nissan's renotification schedule and a draft of the proposed owner renotification letter must be submitted to this office by December 16, 2008.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Ric Willard at (202) 366-6544, <u>richard.willard@dot.gov</u> or Kelly Schuler at (202) 366-5227, Kelly.schuler@dot.gov or by fax at (202) 366-7882.

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