

OWNER'S LETTER

Dear Nissan owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. Nissan North America, Inc. has decided that your 2007 Maxima fails to comply with one of the requirements in Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 114, "Theft Protection."

Reason for Recall

The primary purpose of FMVSS No. 114 is to prevent vehicle theft. Among other things, the standard specifies that when the engine has been shut off, the steering wheel lock should only engage if the transmission lever is in the "Park" position.

The steering wheel lock assemblies on some 2007 Maxima 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.

This condition only occurs when you shut off your engine. The vehicle should always be brought to a complete stop before you shut off the engine. If you shut off your engine while the vehicle is in motion, and turn your steering wheel at least 60 degrees, the steering wheel lock could engage. This could result in loss of control of the vehicle and a crash.

What Nissan Will Do

Your Nissan dealer will inspect the steering wheel lock to see if it works correctly and replace the lock assembly if necessary. This free service should take about 2 1/2 hours to complete, but your Nissan dealer may require your vehicle for a longer period of time based upon their work schedule, or parts availability.

What You Should Do

Contact your Nissan dealer at your earliest convenience in order to arrange an appointment to have your vehicle inspected. Please bring this notice with you when you keep your service appointment. Instructions have been sent to your Nissan dealer.

If you have paid to have your steering wheel lock assembly replaced prior to this campaign, you may be eligible for reimbursement of the related expense. If you have additional questions you may contact the National Consumer Affairs Department, Nissan North America, Inc., P.O. Box 685003, Franklin, TN 37068-5003. The toll free number is 1-800-NISSAN1 (1-800-647-7261). You may also contact the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590; or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

Thank you for your cooperation. We are indeed sorry for any inconvenience this may cause you.