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Subject: ENGINE FIRES

Dear MR. SLAVETER:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years: NISSAN/ALTIMA2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 07V-267

Mfg's Report Date: June 18, 2007

Components: ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING

Potential Number of Units Affected: 140,582

**Summary:** 

ON CERTAIN VEHICLES, IF A SUFFICIENTLY HOT OBJECT ENTERS THE AIR FILTER HOUSING THROUGH THE ENGINE FRESH AIR INTAKE SYSTEM AND CONTACTS THE ENGINE AIR FILTER, THE FLAMMABILITY CHARACTERISTICS OF THE AIR FILTER MATERIAL ARE SUCH THAT THE FILTER MAY IGNITE.

## **Consequence:**

IF THE AIR FILTER MATERIAL IGNITES, A FIRE MAY OCCUR.

## **Remedy:**

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE AIR FILTER WITH A NEW ONE THAT HAS IMPROVED ANTI-FLAMMABILITY MATERIAL CHARACTERISTICS. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT JULY 3, 2007, AND WILL CONTINUE THROUGH OCTOBER 1, 2007. OWNERS MAY CONTACT NISSAN AT 1-800-647-7261.

## Notes:

CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO <u>HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV</u>.

This recall was the subject of a Preliminary Evaluation, PE07-026, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at <u>Patricia.wallace@dot.gov</u>, <u>Delia.lopez@dot.gov</u>, or though the office email at <u>RMD.ODI@dot.gov</u>. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

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