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

Dear Mr. Smith

We are transmitting the enclosed Defect 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 March 21, 2007 and notify owners on April 16.

We will not include information in the Part 577 owner notification concerning reimbursement for the cost of obtaining a pre-notification remedy because these vehicles are well within the warranty coverage period.

Very truly,



Frank D. Slaveter  
Senior Manager,  
Technical Compliance

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## **DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT**

1. Manufacturer:

Nissan Motor Co., Ltd.

2. Vehicles Potentially Involved:

2007 model year Nissan Versa vehicles produced from May 14, 2006 (start of production) to September 25, 2006.

3. Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved:

Approximately 16,309 vehicles are involved. No other models are affected because no others use seat belt tension sensor wiring harness connectors which may have been damaged.

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

Unknown

5. Description of the Defect:

In some vehicles manufactured within the specified production range, the terminals for the passenger side seat belt tension sensor harness connector may have been damaged during the manufacturing process. This could result in a loss of electrical continuity causing the Occupant Detection System to become inoperative. If this occurs, the air bag warning light will come on and the passenger side frontal air bag will be suppressed.

6. Chronology of Principal Events:

August 2006 – Nissan began receiving passenger side seat belt assemblies that had been replaced under warranty as a result of the air bag warning light flashing and a system trouble code for the occupant detection system. Preliminary inspection of these seat belt assemblies indicated that the electrical connector for the seat belt tension system harness was damaged.

September 2006 – February 2007 – Nissan received additional assemblies replaced under warranty and conducted a detailed investigation to determine the cause and scope of the damaged seat belt tension sensor harness connectors.

February 28, 2007 – Nissan determined that a safety related defect exists and that a recall campaign should be conducted.

7. Description of Corrective Action:

Owners of all potentially affected vehicles will be notified. The connector for the seat belt tension sensor harness will be replaced.

8. Copy of Notices:

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