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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attn: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
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1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

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Dear Sir:

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 on July 3, 2007 and also begin notifying owners on that date. Owner notification will be completed by October 1, 2007. We will not include information in the Part 577 owner notification concerning reimbursement for the cost of obtaining a pre-notification remedy as these vehicles are under warranty.

Very truly,



Frank D. Slaveter
Senior Manager,
Technical Compliance

Encl.

DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT

1. Manufacturer:

Nissan Motor Co., Ltd.

2. Vehicles Potentially Involved:

2007 model year Nissan Altima vehicles equipped with a 2.5 liter four cylinder engine manufactured at the Smyrna Tennessee plant from September 25, 2006 to May 11, 2007 and the Canton Mississippi plant from October 30, 2006 to May 11, 2007. Vehicles manufactured beyond these dates are not affected as they use a different engine air filter than described in item 5. No other Nissan or Infiniti models use the same air filter and have the same engine fresh air intake system as the subject vehicle.

3. Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved:

Approximately 140,582.

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

100%

5. Description of the Defect:

If a sufficiently hot object (for example, a cigarette ash or other ignition source) enters the air filter housing through the engine fresh air intake system on the subject vehicles and contacts the engine air filter, the flammability characteristics of the air filter material are such that the filter may ignite. If the air filter material ignites, a fire may occur.

6. Chronology of Principal Events:

February – March 2007 – Four incidents of engine compartment fires on 2007 model year Altimas with the 2.5 liter engine were reported to Nissan.

April – June 2007 – Nissan conducted an investigation to determine the cause of the fires and potentially affected vehicle population.

June 11, 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 air filter will be replaced with a new one with improved anti-flammability material characteristics.

In addition to the corrective remedy, an air deflector will be installed in front of the engine air intake opening to reduce the intake of debris such as leaves and paper into the air intake system which can deposit on the air filter and may reduce engine power. This action is being taken to promote customer satisfaction.

8. Copy of Notices:

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