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Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Attention: Recall Management Division (NVS-215) Room W48-302 400 Seventh Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20590

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Dear Associate Administrator:

The enclosed Noncompliance Information Report is being submitted 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 October 8, 2007 and notify owners on November 1, 2007.

We do not plan to put a statement in the Part 577 owner notification concerning reimbursement for the cost of obtaining a pre-notification remedy because this noncompliance would not have been previously remedied at an owner's expense.

Very truly,

Frank D. Slaveter Senior Manager, Technical Compliance

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NONCOMPLIANCE INFORMATION REPORT

1. Manufacturer:

Nissan North America, Inc.

2. <u>Vehicles Potentially Involved:</u>

2007 Model year Nissan Armada vehicles manufactured from April 3 to May 2, 2007. Vehicles manufactured before and after these dates are not affected because this issue concerns only one batch of parts that may have been manufactured out of specification. The Infiniti QX56 uses the same seat belt anchor bracket; however, none of the out of specification parts was used on these vehicles. No other Nissan or Infiniti models use the same seat belt anchor bracket.

3. Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved:

Approximately 3,564 vehicles

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

Unknown

5. <u>Description of the Noncompliance:</u>

The third row left outboard seat belt shoulder harness anchor in some of the affected vehicles may fail to comply with S4.2 of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 210. All other applicable requirements are met.

6. Basis for Determination of the Existence of a Noncompliance

In April 2007, a vehicle assembly plant technician noticed a cracked driver's side third row seat belt upper anchor bracket. Nissan immediately initiated an investigation to determine the cause of the crack and the potentially affected vehicle population.

Nissan determined that the cause of the crack was a variance in material specifications for one shipment of steel that could result in a crack forming in the bracket during the stamping process. Seat belt brackets manufactured before and after that batch are not affected because the steel they were stamped from met material specifications.

Based on engineering judgment, Nissan believes that a third row seat belt assembly anchorage in a vehicle equipped with an out of specification bracket may not meet the "Strength" requirements of S4.2 of FMVSS No. 210.

The name and address of the supplier of the subject component is:

L&W Engineering 712 Briskin Lane Lebanon, TN 37087

7. <u>Description of Corrective Action:</u>

The seat belt bracket will be replaced. Nissan plans to notify dealers on October 8, 2007 and notify owners on November 1, 2007.

8. Copy of Notices:

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