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Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attn: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
Room W48-302
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

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 notified dealers on November 15, 2007 and plans to notify owners by telephone on November 17 or 18 and by letter no later than November 23. 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

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DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT

1. Manufacturer:

Nissan North America, Inc.

2. Vehicles Potentially Involved:

2008 Model year Nissan Xterra vehicles manufactured from October 19 to October 29, 2007. Vehicles manufactured after these dates are not affected and none of the potentially affected ABS/VDC actuators were installed in any other Nissan models. The affected vehicle production range was determined based on the production range of the affected part that may have been improperly manufactured.

The ABS/VDC actuator supplier is:

Continental Teves
1103 Jamestown Road
Morgantown, NC 28655
828-584-5518

3. Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved:

Approximately 1,115

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

Unknown

5. Description of the Defect:

The ABS/VDC actuator is designed with one ball in the valve section. Some ABS/VDC actuators were manufactured with more than one ball in the valve. In ABS/VDC actuators with more than one ball, it is possible that fluid flow could be blocked and cause a reduction in brake force in one or both front wheels or affect operation of the ABS and/or VDC.

6. Chronology of Principal Events:

Late October 2007 – during an internal brake test at the assembly plant, a subject vehicle did not have adequate braking force on one front wheel.

An investigation was initiated and it was determined that there was more than one ball in the ABS actuator instead of the specified one ball.

November 13, 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 ABS/VDC actuator will be replaced with a new one.

8. Copy of Notices:

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