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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215paw
08V-617

SUBJECT: FUEL INJECTION PUMP DRIVE COUPLER

DEAR MR. WELLS:

This letter serves to acknowledge Nissan Diesel America, Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety defect in the products described below for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30119.

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 DIESEL/UD1800/2008
NISSAN DIESEL/UD2000/2008
NISSAN DIESEL/UD2300/2008
NISSAN DIESEL/UD2600/2008
NISSAN DIESEL/UD3300/2008

NHTSA Campaign Number: 08V-617

Mfg's Report Date: November 18, 2008

Components: FUEL SYSTEM: GASOLINE: FUEL PUMP

Potential Number of Units Affected: 549

Summary:

NISSAN DIESEL IS RECALLING 549 MY 2008 UD1800, UD2000, UD2300, UD2600, AND UD3300 MEDIUM DUTY TRUCKS. A FAILURE OF THE FUEL INJECTION PUMP DRIVE COUPLER CAN OCCUR. THE BOTTOM CORNER OF THE NOTCHED DRIVE SURFACE WAS IMPROPERLY MACHINED. WITH INCREASED FUEL PUMP PRESSURE, THE REQUIRED TURNING TORQUE ON THE DRIVE COUPLER INCREASED. THE INCREASED TURNING TORQUE COULD CRACK THE COUPLER AT THE BOTTOM CORNER WITHOUT WARNING UNDER NORMAL VEHICLE OPERATION.

Consequence:

CONTINUED OPERATION WITH A CRACKED DRIVE COUPLER COULD RESULT IN THE COUPLER BECOMING BROKEN AND CAUSING THE ENGINE TO STALL AND NOT RESTART, INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE FUEL INJECTION PUMP DRIVE COUPLER. THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED AN OWNER NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE FOR THIS CAMPAIGN. OWNERS MAY CONTACT NISSAN DIESEL AT 1-972-756-5500.

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 [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6 except for the following items:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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).

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available.

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 Patricia.wallace@dot.gov, Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia Wallace f.-".

George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement