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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 plans to notify dealers on August 5, 2008 and owners on August 11, 2008. 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 North America, Inc.

2. **Vehicles Potentially Involved:**

2008 model year Nissan Altima vehicles manufactured from May 22, 2008 to May 28, 2008 that may contain a transverse link bolt that is not torqued to specification. The transverse link bolts on vehicles manufactured before May 22, 2008 and after May 28, 2008 were torqued to specification. No other Nissan or Infiniti models were manufactured with the affected torque gun.

3. **Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved:**

Approximately 1,018

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

Unknown

5. **Description of the Defect:**

Certain vehicles may have been manufactured with the left side transverse link bolt not torqued to specification when it was installed due to a malfunction of the torque gun and a torque check value that was set below specification. The transverse link bolt secures the steering knuckle to the transverse link of the left side front suspension. This condition could cause the bolt to become loose while the vehicle is being driven. In the unlikely event that the bolt comes out, the driver may experience difficulty controlling the direction of the vehicle.

6. **Chronology of Principal Events:**

End of May 2008 – An issue concerning potential low torque was detected during a routine static torque check.

End of May 2008 to July 2008 – An investigation was conducted to determine the cause, scope and the potential consequences of the issue. As part of the investigation, a survey was conducted of vehicles manufactured between May 22, 2008 and May 28, 2008 in dealer inventory to check the torque of the attachment bolt. The survey results revealed that the bolts in some of these vehicles were not torqued to specification.

July 21, 2008 – 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 attachment bolt will be re-torqued to the specified value. Dealers will be instructed to remedy all vehicles currently in dealer inventory prior to retail sale.

8. Copy of Notices:

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