



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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09V-337

LESLIE WELLS
SENIOR MANAGER-SERVICE OPERATIONS
NISSAN DIESEL AMERICA, INC.
5930 WEST CAMPUS CIRCLE DRIVE
IRVING TX 75063

Subject: STEERING DRAG LINK

Dear MR. WELLS:

This letter serves to acknowledge of Nissan Diesel America, Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety defect in the vehicles described below for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to Federal laws.

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/UD3300/2007-2008

Mfg's Report Date: August 21, 2009

NHTSA Campaign Number: 09V-337

Components: STEERING

Potential Number of Units Affected: 94

Summary:

NISSAN DIESEL IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2007-2008 UD3300 VEHICLES THAT WERE MODIFIED BY INSTALLING DUAL STEERING CONTROLS FOR USE AS STREET SWEEPERS. THE RIGHT SIDE STEERING DRAG LINK MAY HAVE BEEN INSTALLED INCORRECTLY.

Consequence:

INCORRECT INSTALLATION OF THE RIGHT SIDE STEERING DRAG LINK AND/OR IMPROPER ADJUSTMENT OF THE STEERING STOPS COULD ALLOW THE TIRE TO CONTACT THE RIGHT SIDE STEERING DRAG LINK DURING A FULL LEFT TURN. CONTINUED OPERATION WITH THE RIGHT FRONT TIRE CONTACTING THE RIGHT SIDE STEERING DRAG LINK MAY RESULT IN STRUCTURAL WEAKENING AND BENDING OF THE DRAG LINK. THIS COULD RESULT IN A LOSS OF STEERING CONTROL AND/OR CAUSE A VEHICLE CRASH WITHOUT WARNING TO THE VEHICLE OPERATOR.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REINSTALL THE RIGHT SIDE STEERING DRAG LINK AND THE STEERING STOP ADJUSTMENT WILL BE ADJUSTED FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 12, 2009. OWNERS MAY CONTACT NISSAN DIESEL AT 972-756-5500.

Notes:

OWNERS 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.

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

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).

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 contact for this recall will be Delia Lopez who may be reached by phone at 202-366-9525, or by email at Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you toward a successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G. Person', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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