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

Dear Mr. Smith:

We are transmitting the enclosed Noncompliance Information Report in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573. Because none of the affected vehicles have been retailed, owner notification will not be necessary.

Very truly,



for John Gibbons
Senior Manager,
Technical Compliance

Encl.

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OFFICE OF RECALL
MANAGEMENT DIVISION

NONCOMPLIANCE INFORMATION REPORT

1. Manufacturer:

Nissan North America, Inc.

2. Vehicles Potentially Involved:

Model Year 2009 Nissan Altima vehicles manufactured between 10/7/2008 and 10/9/2008. Vehicles manufactured before or after these dates are not affected because this issue was caused by a temporary malfunction in an assembly tool.

3. Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved:

225.

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

100%

5. Description of the Noncompliance:

Because of an out-of-specification weld on the passenger side rear door, the affected vehicles may not meet the requirements of S3.1.1 and S3.1.2 of FMVSS No. 214. All other applicable requirements are met.

6. Basis for Determination of the Existence of a Noncompliance:

During a quality control inspection, it was discovered that the rear passenger side door on certain Altima vehicles manufactured between 10/7/2008 and 10/9/2008 may have been manufactured out of specification. Specifically, some of the welds on the door assembly were not to specification.

Nissan immediately initiated an investigation to determine the cause of this issue and the potentially affected vehicle population. 225 affected vehicles were identified at Nissan dealerships and shipped back to Nissan for further investigation. The vehicle inspections were completed on December 8, 2008. It subsequently was determined, based on engineering judgment,

that the vehicles having this weld issue may not meet the requirements of S3.1.1 and S3.1.2 of FMVSS No. 214.

7. Description of Corrective Action:

All of the affected vehicles were brought back from the dealerships and remedied at the factory. None had been retailed.

8. Copy of Notices:

No notices will be issued as all of the affected vehicles have been remedied.