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OFFICE OF DEFECTS
RECALL DIVISION

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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 by June 19, 2009 and begin owner notification on June 22, 2009. We will include a statement in the Part 577 owner notification concerning reimbursement for the cost of obtaining a pre-notification remedy.

Very truly,



John Gibbons
Senior Manager,
Technical Compliance

Encl.

DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT

1. Manufacturer:

Nissan Motor Co., Ltd.

2. Vehicles Potentially Involved:

2003-2007 Model year Nissan Murano vehicles manufactured between April 8, 2002 and October 26, 2007. None of the potentially affected intake air ducts were installed in any other Nissan vehicles.

The intake air ducts supplier and the country of origin of the intake air ducts is:

MAHLE Filter Systems Japan Corporation
3-1-2 Ikebukuro, Toshima-ku, Tokyo, Japan
Zip: 171-0014
Phone: +81 (0) 3-3989-8464
Fax: +81 (0) 3-3989-8470

3. Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved:

Total number of vehicles: To be supplemented when available.

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

Unknown

5. Description of the Defect:

The intake air ducts, which are connected to the intermediate resonator in the air intake system of the engine, may separate from the resonator with engine movement. This separation occurs due to the premature ageing of the material used in the intake air ducts which causes excessive shrinking. The ageing/shrinking of the material is caused by heat from the engine under certain driving conditions. Consequently, the clamping force provided by the clamps on the air ducts could deteriorate, and the air ducts may pull off the resonator assembly. If the air duct pulls off the resonator, the air flow meter can not measure the intake airflow rate correctly and this

condition could result in unstable idling or poor acceleration. If the vehicle continues to be driven in this condition, in an extreme case, the engine may stall during the driving.

6. Chronology of Principal Events:

To be supplemented when available.

7. Description of Corrective Action:

To be supplemented when available.

8. Copy of Notices:

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