



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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

NVS-215dgl  
10V-005

Subject: BRAKE ACTUATION AND RELEASE TIMING

Dear MR. WELLS:

This letter serves to acknowledge Nissan Diesel America Inc's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 121, "Air Brake Systems," in the products described below for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to Federal law.

**Make/Model/Model Year:**  
NISSAN DIESEL/UD3300/1999-2010

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 10V-005

**Mfg's Report Date:** December 28, 2009

**Components:** SERVICE BRAKES, AIR: SUPPLY: QUICK RELEASE VALVE

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 1,166

**Summary:**

NISSAN DIESEL IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 1999-2010 UD3300 VEHICLES. THESE VEHICLES FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 121, "AIR BRAKE SYSTEMS." THE BRAKE ACTUATION AND RELEASE TIMING OF THE AIR BRAKE SYSTEM ON THESE VEHICLES MAY NOT PERFORM CORRECTLY.

**Consequence:**

OPERATION OF A VEHICLE WITH INCORRECT AIR BRAKE APPLY/RELEASE TIMING MAY RESULT IN REDUCED BRAKING PERFORMANCE WITHOUT WARNING TO THE VEHICLE OPERATOR, WHICH COULD RESULT IN A VEHICLE CRASH.

**Remedy:**

THE AIR BRAKE LINE WILL BE MODIFIED. DEALERS WILL INSPECT AND REPAIR VEHICLES AT NO CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING JANUARY 2010. 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).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

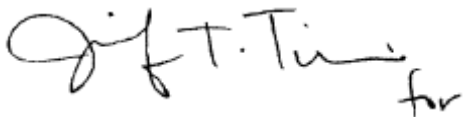
Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

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](mailto:Delia.lopez@dot.gov), or through the office email at [RMD.ODI@dot.gov](mailto: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 that reads "G. H. Person" with a stylized flourish at the end.

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