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Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attention: Recall Management Division
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Associate Administrator:

The enclosed Noncompliance Information Report is being submitted 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 the week of July 26, 2010 and notify owners on August 16, 2010.

We will include a statement in Part 577 owner notification concerning reimbursement for the cost of obtaining a pre-notification remedy in the case of any vehicles which were no longer under warranty.

Very truly,

John Gibbons
Senior Manager,
Technical Compliance

Encl.

NONCOMPLIANCE INFORMATION REPORT

1. Manufacturer:

Nissan North America, Inc.

2. Vehicles Potentially Involved:

2008 Model year Nissan Armada vehicles and Infiniti QX56 vehicles manufactured from February 7, 2007 to February 14, 2007.

3. Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved:

Total number of vehicles: 21.
Nissan Armada vehicles; 11.
Infiniti QX56 vehicles; 10.

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

100%

5. Description of the Noncompliance:

S6.2(b)(3) of FMVSS No. 201 specified that the crash test dummy injury criteria shall not exceed HIC 1000 when the subject vehicle is crashed into a fixed, rigid pole of 254 mm in diameter, at any velocity between 15 mph and 18 mph.

On the subject vehicles, an out-of-specification A-pillar finisher might impede the correct inflation of the side curtain air bag near the upper portion of the B-pillar. Based on engineering judgment, the dummy injury criteria could exceed the HIC 1000 limit specified in S6.2(b)(3). All other applicable requirements are met.

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

Nissan recently discovered that out-of-specification A-pillar finishers were installed on 21 vehicles assembled during a small production run that was completed before the start of mass production run, following a minor model

change. In Nissan's engineering judgment, the out-of-specification A-pillar finisher may cause the subject vehicle may not meet the requirements specified in S6.2(b)(3) of FMVSS No. 201.

7. Description of Corrective Action:

Owners of all potentially affected vehicles will be notified to take their vehicle to a Nissan or Infiniti dealer. Both right and left front pillar finishers will be replaced with correct ones.

8. Copy of Notices:

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