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12V-032
(3 Pages)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 Madam:

We are transmitting the enclosed Noncompliance 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 January 31, 2012 and begin notifying owners on February 20, 2012.

We do not plan to put a statement in the Part 577 owner notification concerning reimbursement for the cost of obtaining a pre-notification remedy as the subject vehicles are under warranty.

Very truly,

John Gibbons
Senior Manager,
Technical Compliance

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NONCOMPLIANCE INFORMATION REPORT

1. Manufacturer:

Nissan Mexicana, S.A, De C.V.

2. Vehicles Potentially Involved:

2012 Model year Nissan Versa sedan vehicles equipped with an automatic transmission and manufactured from June 9, 2011 through January 13, 2012. Vehicles manufactured before and after these dates are not affected. Manual transmission Versa sedans are not affected. This supplier is unique to the Versa sedan and no other Nissan models are affected.

3. Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved:

Approximately 36,608 Model year 2012 Nissan Versa sedan vehicles.

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

Unknown

5. Description of the Noncompliance:

Some of the affected vehicles may not to comply with the requirements of S5.3 of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) 114. Specifically, some of the subject vehicle may be shifted out of the "Park" position without depressing the service brake. All other requirements of FMVSS 114 are met.

6. Basis for Determination of the Existence of a Noncompliance

In early November 2011 during a dealer vehicle inspection on a 2012 Versa sedan, Nissan found that the automatic transmission could be shifted out of park without depressing the brake pedal.

Nissan initiated an investigation which included a yard inspection, warranty review, parts and vehicle testing. As a result of these activities, Nissan determined that the shifter rod and shift knob dimensions are out of specification on some vehicles within the subject population. The shifter binds during its operation due to insufficient clearance between the shifter rod and the knob hole. As a result, the shift lever can be cycled without depressing the brake pedal or shift select button which does not comply with S5.3 of FMVSS 114.

The name and address of the supplier of the subject component is:

GHSP Mexico, S.A. DE C.V.
Arco Vial Zapaliname 6261
Parque Industrial Amistad
Colonia Ampliacion Morelos
25017 Saltillo - COA

Tel: 52-844-482-12-14

Country of origin:

Mexico

7. Description of Corrective Action:

In some cases, only the shifter knob needs to be replaced to fix the clearance issue between the shifter rod and the knob. In other cases, the shifter rod may be causing the clearance issue. First, the shift knob will be replaced with a new one and the functionality of the automatic transmission will be checked for proper operation. If this does not correct the issue after replacing the knob with a new one, then the entire shifter assembly will be replaced. Nissan plans to notify dealers by January 31, 2012, and begin notifying owners on February 20, 2012.

8. Copy of Notices:

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