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April 17, 2012

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

Dear Madam:

The enclosed updated Noncompliance Information Report (NCIR) is being submitted in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573. On March 13, 2012 Nissan submitted the original NCIR with the intention to petition the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration for a determination that the subject noncompliance is inconsequential as it relates to motor vehicle safety. A similar petition was granted by the agency in the past. Subsequently, the small population of vehicles subject to this campaign became involved in another campaign. Therefore, the decision was made to remedy this issue concurrent with the other label mailing.

Nissan will initiate a voluntary recall campaign for the subject vehicles and provide your office with the notices. Nissan plans to notify dealers on April 26, 2012 and begin notifying owners on May 14, 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,

Donald Neff
Acting Manager,
Technical Compliance

Encl.

NONCOMPLIANCE INFORMATION REPORT

1. Manufacturer:

Nissan North America, Inc.

2. Vehicles Potentially Involved:

2012 Model Year Nissan Titan vehicles equipped with optional the Sports Appearance Package manufactured from June 10, 2011 to July 22, 2011. Vehicles manufactured after these dates are not affected.

3. Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved:

918 vehicles

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

100%

5. Description of the Noncompliance:

On the affected vehicles, the seating capacity displayed on the tire placard is incorrect and therefore does not meet the requirement specified in S4.3(b) of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 110. All other applicable FMVSS 110 requirements are met.

The subject vehicles are equipped with two bucket seats in the front seating area which results in a five seat configuration (total of 5 occupants: 2 front, 3 rear). The space between the two front bucket seats is occupied by a hard plastic console with cup holders that cannot be used as or mistaken for a seating position. The second row has 3 seating positions. On the subject vehicles, the tire information placard states that the total vehicle seating capacity is 6, with 3 seats in the 1st row, and 3 seats in the 2nd row. This is incorrect for the subject vehicles.

6. Basis for Determination of the Existence of a Noncompliance

On February 23, 2012, during a weekly audit of the Tire Safety Information placards, Nissan found that the seating capacity stated on the tire placard of the audited vehicle was incorrect for 2012 Titan models equipped with the Sports Appearance Package.

February 24, 2012 - Nissan initiated an investigation, and inspected some potentially affected vehicles. Based on the inspections, Nissan determined that the stated seating capacity for the subject vehicles is incorrect and therefore does not meet the requirement specified in S4.3(b) of FMVSS 110.

March 13, 2012 - Nissan submitted an NCIR with the intent to petition for a determination of inconsequentiality.

April 10, 2012 - Upon further consideration, Nissan has decided to initiate a voluntary recall campaign for the subject vehicles

7. Description of Corrective Action:

Nissan will supply customers with a new label and installation instructions on how to install the label in order to remedy the issue. The customer will also have the option of taking their vehicle to a Nissan dealer to have the new label installed if they are uncomfortable performing this action.

8. Copy of Notices:

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