

U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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NVS-215KS 13V-094

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

Mr. Donald Neff Manager, Technical Compliance Office Nissan North America, Inc. P.O. Box 685001 Franklin, TN 37068-5009

Subject: Shift Lever may Move Allowing Vehicle Rollaway

Dear Mr. Neff:

This letter serves to acknowledge Nissan North America, Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

#### Makes/Models/Model Years:

NISSAN/NV/2013 NISSAN/TITAN/2013

Mfr's Report Date: March 13, 2013

NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V-094

### **Components:**

POWER TRAIN:AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION:LEVER AND LINKAGE:COLUMN SHIFT

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 2,180

# **Problem Description:**

Nissan is recalling certain model year 2013 Titan trucks manufactured from January 22, 2013, through February 20, 2013; and model year 2013 NV vehicles manufactured from December 17, 2012, through February 20, 2013 and equipped with steering column-mounted transmission shift levers. Chemicals used in the manufacturing of the shift lever assembly may result in the malfunction of the brake shift interlock allowing the transmission shift lever to be shifted out of Park without depressing the brake pedal.

## **Consequence:**

If the vehicle is unintentionally shifted out of park, it could roll away and lead to personal injury or a vehicle crash.

### Remedy:

Nissan will notify owners, and dealers will remedy the vehicles, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin April 8, 2013. Owners may contact Nissan Customer Service at 1-800-647-7261.

### **Notes:**

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.



Please 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 Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at kelly.schuler@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Timian

Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigations

Enforcement

