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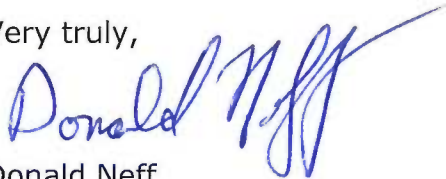
September 26, 2013

Ms. Nancy Lewis  
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 Defect Information Report in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573. A voluntary safety recall campaign will be initiated and your office provided with the notices. Nissan plans to notify dealers on September 26, 2013 and will notify all affected owners in mid-October, 2013. We will not include 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  
Manager,  
Technical Compliance

Encl.

## **DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT**

1. Manufacturer:

Nissan North America, Inc.

2. Vehicles Potentially Involved:

Certain 2014 Model Year Nissan Pathfinder vehicles manufactured from July 25, 2013 to September 5, 2013, with Almond color interiors only.

No other Nissan or Infiniti vehicles are affected by this supplier process error.

The instrument panel supplier is:

Calsonic-Kansei North America  
617 Potomac Pl #403  
Smyrna, TN 37167

Phone:(615) 459-5525

3. Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved:

Approximately 2,310 vehicles.

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

Unknown

5. Description of the Defect:

Due to a process error at the supplier that has since been corrected, the instrument panel tear seam for the passenger front air bag was incorrectly cut on the back side of the instrument panel. As a result, the passenger front air bag may not deploy as designed in a crash which may increase the risk of personal injury in crashes where passenger airbag deployment is warranted.

6. Chronology of Principal Events:

September 5, 2013 – The supplier (Calsonic-Kansei) notified Nissan of a manufacturing error regarding the laser program that cuts the air bag tear seam on the back side of the passenger side instrument panel. The supplier had already implemented a containment process and a countermeasure to remedy the issue.

September 6, 2013 - As a precautionary measure, Nissan placed the affected vehicles in dealer inventory on quality assurance hold while it investigated the issue and determined the potential effect of the issue on air bag deployment.

September 20, 2013 – Based on engineering judgment, Nissan concluded that the air bag may not deploy as designed. Nissan determined that a defect exists and that a recall campaign should be conducted.

7. Description of Corrective Action:

Owners of all potentially affected vehicles will be notified in mid-October 2013 to take their vehicles to a Nissan dealer. The instrument panel assembly will be replaced with a new one at no charge to owners for parts and labor.

8. Copy of Notices:

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