



U.S. Department of Transportation
**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215SM
15V-287

Subject: Passenger Air Bag Inflator may Rupture

Dear Mr. Swindell:

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/PATHFINDER/2004
NISSAN/SENTRA/2004-2006

Mfr's Report Date: May 14, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V-287

Components:

AIR BAGS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 263,692

Problem Description:

Nissan North America, Inc. (Nissan) is recalling certain model year 2004 Pathfinder vehicles manufactured January 6, 2004, to July 19, 2004, and 2004-2006 Sentra vehicles manufactured January 7, 2004, to August 26, 2006. Upon deployment of the passenger side frontal air bag, excessive internal pressure may cause the inflator to rupture.

Consequence:

In the event of a crash necessitating deployment of the passenger side frontal air bag, the inflator could rupture with metal fragments striking and potentially seriously injuring the vehicle occupants.

Remedy:

Nissan will notify owners, and dealers will replace the passenger air bag inflator, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin on June 15, 2015. Owners may contact Nissan customer service at 1-800-647-7261. Note: This recall addresses vehicles that were not included in the regional recalls of 14V-701 and 15V-226. Those two recall campaigns address vehicles sold or ever registered in certain areas of high absolute humidity. This recall addresses the remainder of the vehicles sold or registered in the remainder of the U.S. and its territories.

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 Sarah Mcshane who may be reached by phone at 202-366-7401, or by email at sarah.mcshane@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement