

U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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Mr. Will Swindell
Senior Engineer
Nissan North America, Inc.

NVS-215SM
15V-507

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

**Subject:** Lower Trim Panel may Impede Pedal Operation

Dear Mr. Swindell:

P.O. Box 685001 Franklin, TN 37068

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/VERSA SEDAN/2012-2015 NISSAN/VERSA NOTE/2014-2015

Mfr's Report Date: August 11, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V-507

# **Components:**

SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC:PEDALS AND LINKAGES VEHICLE SPEED CONTROL:ACCELERATOR PEDAL

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 298,747

## **Problem Description:**

Nissan North America, Inc. (Nissan) is recalling certain model year 2012-2015 Nissan Versa sedan vehicles manufactured June 9, 2011, to March 11, 2015, and 2014-2015 Nissan Versa Note vehicles manufactured April 23, 2013, to March 11, 2015. The affected vehicles have a center console trim panel that may catch the driver's shoe and delay the transition from the accelerator pedal to the brake pedal.

### **Consequence:**

A delay in the application of the brake pedal would lengthen the distance needed to stop the vehicle and increase the risk of a crash.

#### Remedy:

Nissan will notify owners, and dealers will modify the console trim panel, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin by mid-October 2015. 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.



This recall was the subject of an engineering analysis, EA15-003, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

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,

Jennifer Timian

Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigations

Enforcement

