

**Part 573 Safety Recall Report****15V-501****Manufacturer Name :** Nissan North America, Inc.**Submission Date :** AUG 05,2015**NHTSA Recall No. :** 15V-501**Manufacturer Recall No. :** NR**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : Nissan North America, Inc.

Address : P. O. BOX 685001

Franklin TN 37068-5009

Company phone : (999) 999-9999

**Population :**

Number of potentially involved : 1,554

Estimated percentage with defect : 0

**Vehicle Information :**

Vehicle : 2015-2015 Nissan Armada

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : SUV

Power Train : GAS

Descriptive Information : No other vehicles are affected because the issue is unique to these models and dates of manufacture.

Production Dates : APR 30, 2015 - JUN 05, 2015

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

Begin : NR

End : NR

 Not sequential VINs**Description of Noncompliance :**

Description of the Noncompliance : Due to a material handling issue at the seat belt buckle supplier, a partially filled tote of incorrect seat belt buckle subassemblies (intended for a different vehicle) was mixed into another tote of correct buckle subassemblies. As a result, a small number of Armada vehicles may have been equipped with incorrect front buckle subassemblies that contain a magnetic lock pin that is not supposed to be in the Nissan Armada buckle subassembly. If the front buckle subassembly is incorrect, this could cause the front driver and/or passenger seat belt buckles to a) not unlatch when the release button is depressed; or b) not properly latch. In this condition, the buckle would not comply with S4.3(d) of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 209 and certain system performance requirements of FMVSS No. 208.

FMVSS 1 : 208 - Occupant crash protection

FMVSS 2 : 209 - Seat belt assemblies

Description of the Safety Risk : If the seat belt buckle assembly does not unlatch when depressed, it may

prevent the occupant from exiting the vehicle in an emergency.

If the seat belt buckle assembly does not properly latch, the customer may not be restrained during a crash, increasing the risk of injury.

Description of the Cause : NR

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : NR

**Supplier Identification :**

**Component Manufacturer**

Name : Johnson Controls, Inc.

Address : 49200 Halyard Drive

Plymouth MICHIGAN 48170

Country : United States

**Chronology :**

An issue with a single buckle assembly was identified during a function check on the production line. Nissan immediately began investigating the issue, including a yard check and an investigation at the supplier.

In order to determine whether any affected vehicles left Nissan's control, Nissan instructed dealers to perform a dealer inventory inspection on certain vehicles manufactured during the suspect production period. If any vehicles were found with subject seat belt buckle assemblies, dealers were instructed to place those vehicles on hold. Concurrently with the inspection, Nissan studied the effect of the subject condition on vehicle safety and compliance with applicable standards.

July 29, 2015 – Upon confirming that some affected vehicles had left Nissan's control and based on engineering judgment, Nissan determined that the subject vehicles may not meet the requirements of S4.3 (d) of FMVSS No. 209, and certain system performance requirements of FMVSS No. 208, and that it would conduct a recall to remedy the seat belt buckle assembly.

**Description of Remedy :**

Description of Remedy Program : Nissan dealers will inspect the front right and left seat belt buckle assemblies. If the magnetic lock pin is present, the buckle assembly will be replaced with a new correct one.

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.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : NR

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : NR

**Recall Schedule :**

Description of Recall Schedule : Nissan plans to notify dealers on August 5, 2015 and begin notifying owners via first class mail within 60 days.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : NR - NR

Planned Owner Notification Date : NR - NR

\* NR - Not Reported