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# NISSAN BULLETIN

## Fuel Tank Assembly Voluntary Safety Recall Campaign

Reference: PC403  
Date: November 11, 2015

Attention: Dealer Principal, Sales, Service & Parts Managers

### UPDATE November 11, 2015

- **The announcement from October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 has been revised to include:**
  - **Parts are no longer on restriction** and may be ordered freely through normal process.
  - Dealers will now be required to order the **fuel containment ring and the seal** separately, they will no longer be shipped together.
  - **The rental provision will expire on Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015.** Dealers will be responsible for maintaining an adequate parts supply going forward.
- **Please discard earlier versions of this bulletin.**

### A STOP SALE CONDITION IS IN EFFECT.

Affected Models/Years:	Affected USA Population:	Dealer Inventory:	SERVICE COMM Activation date:
MY13-15 Altima 3.5 (equipped with V6 engine)	28,198	361	October 16, 2015

### \*\*\*\*\* Campaign Summary \*\*\*\*\*

Nissan is conducting a Voluntary Safety Recall Campaign on approximately 28,198 MY2013-15 Nissan Altima 3.5 vehicles (equipped with V6 engine) manufactured at the Smyrna, TN and Canton, MS plants between March 27, 2012 and September 9, 2015 to address a potential fuel tank assembly issue.

Some of the affected vehicles might contain fuel tanks with an out of-specification dimension at the opening for the fuel sending unit. If this condition is present, the H-seal between the sending unit and fuel tank can possibly displace during a severe frontal crash. To remedy this issue, Nissan dealers will install a special retainer ring to help the H-seal to seat properly between the fuel tank and the fuel sending unit.

Nissan is committed to a high level of customer safety, service and satisfaction and is working with dealers to provide an outstanding ownership experience to Altima owners.

**IMPORTANT: It is a violation of Federal law for retailers to sell or deliver vehicles in their inventory covered by this notification until the campaign action is performed.**

### \*\*\*\*\* What Dealers Should Do\*\*\*\*\*

1. Verify if vehicles are affected by this Voluntary Safety Recall Campaign using Service Comm I.D. **PC403.**
2. Dealers should not sell, lease, trade, rent or loan any vehicles in dealer inventory affected by this recall campaign until after the vehicle has been repaired.

3. Retail customers can continue to drive their vehicle at their discretion.
4. Repair the vehicle using repair procedure **NTB15-090**, included with this announcement, and submit the appropriate warranty claim to close the campaign in service comm.

**\*\*\*\*\* Release Schedule \*\*\*\*\***

<b>Parts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Parts are no longer on restriction</b> and may be ordered freely through normal process.</li> <li>Dealers will now be required to order the <b>fuel containment ring</b> <u>and</u> the <b>seal</b> separately, they will no longer be shipped together.</li> </ul>
<b>Repair</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>NTB15-090</b></li> <li>The campaign bulletin will be available on ASIST, NNAnet, and Dealer 360 in the recalls and service campaigns forum on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015.</li> </ul>
<b>Owner Notification</b>	Nissan will begin notifying owners of all potentially affected vehicles in <b>November, 2015</b> via U.S. Mail.

**\*\*\*\*\* Claims Information \*\*\*\*\***

**The Rental provision below will expire on Friday December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015.** Dealers will be responsible for maintaining an adequate parts supply going forward.

CAMPAIGN (CM) I.D.	CAMPAIGN OP CODE	DESCRIPTION	FLAT RATE TIME
<b>PC403</b>	<b>PC4030</b>	<b>Install Containment Ring</b>	<b>0.3hrs.</b>
EXPENSE CODE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	
<b>502</b>	<b>Rental Expense</b>	<b>\$40 (per day)/ 3 days max</b>	
Contact the Warranty Claims Call Center 1-800-258-7008 Option 7, for pre-approval on <b>rental</b> expenses exceeding campaign allowance.			

**\*\*\*\*\* Dealer Responsibility \*\*\*\*\***

It is the dealer's responsibility to check Service Comm using the appropriate Campaign I.D. for the campaign status on each vehicle falling within the range of this voluntary safety recall campaign which for any reason enters the service department. This includes vehicles purchased from private parties or presented by transient (tourist) owners and vehicles in dealer inventory. If a VIN subject to this recall campaign was part of a dealer trade, the letter associated with that VIN should be forwarded to the appropriate dealer for service completion.

**NISSAN NORTH AMERICA, INC.**

Aftersales DIVISION

**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ):**

- Q. Is this a safety recall?**
- A. Yes, a stop sale is in effect.

**Q. What is the reason for safety recall?**

A. Some of the affected vehicles, might contain fuel tanks with an out of-specification dimension at the opening for the fuel sending unit. As a result, if this condition is present, the H-seal between the sending unit and fuel tank can possibly displace during a severe frontal crash.

**Q. What will be the corrective action for this voluntary safety recall campaign?**

A. Dealers will install a retainer ring between the fuel sending unit and fuel tank to help the H-seal to seat properly between the fuel tank and the fuel sending unit. This will prevent potential H-seal movement in a severe crash.

**Q. How long will the corrective action take?**

A. This service, free for parts and labor, should take approximately 1 hour to complete. However, your Nissan dealer may require your vehicle for a longer period of time based upon their work schedule.

**Q. When will vehicle owners be notified?**

A. Nissan will notify all owners of affected vehicles in November, 2015, asking them to bring their vehicle in for repair.

**Q. Are parts readily available?**

A. Yes.

**Q. Is my vehicle safe to drive?**

A. Yes, customers can continue to drive their vehicle at their discretion. However, if your vehicle is subject to this recall, you should make arrangements to have your vehicle remedied as soon as possible.

**Q. Have there been any injuries or fatalities related to this problem?**

A. Nissan is not aware of any reports of leaks, accidents, or injuries associated with this issue – this issue was detected during a crash test in a lab environment.

**Q. Will a rental vehicle be provided while the dealer is servicing the vehicle?**

A. No. Alternate transportation is not provided under Nissan's warranty while your vehicle is being serviced.

**Q. I have lost confidence in the vehicle. Will Nissan replace or repurchase the vehicle?**

A. The repair will fully correct this condition. As the condition will be corrected, there is no basis for repurchasing or replacing your vehicle.

**Q. Is there anything owners can do to mitigate the condition?**

A. No, except to make arrangements to have your vehicle remedied as soon as possible after they receive notification of the recall.

**Q. Is there any charge for the repair?**

A. No, the repair will be performed for the customer free of charge for parts and labor.

**Q. Will I have to take my vehicle back to the selling dealer to have the service performed?**

A. No, any authorized Nissan dealer is able to perform the recall campaign.  
**For Consumer Affairs:** Please inform us of the dealer where you would like to have the corrective action completed.

**Q. What model year vehicles are involved?**

A. MY2013-15 Altima 3.5 (L33) vehicles equipped with V6 engine and produced at Smyrna, TN and Canton, MS plants between March 27, 2012 and September 9, 2015 are affected.

**Q. Are any other models involved?**

A. Certain MY2016 Nissan Maxima (A36) vehicles manufactured at the Smyrna, TN plant between February 10, 2015 and August 24, 2015 are also affected. Additionally, ~240 MY2016 Altima 3.5 vehicles sold outside the U.S. are affected.

**Q. How many vehicles are involved in the campaign?**

A.

<b>Region</b>	<b>Altima</b>	<b>Maxima</b>	<b>Total</b>
USA	28,148	18,612	46,760
CANADA	1,746	1,380	3,126
GUAM	5	7	12
MEXICO	2,245	256	2,501
PUERTO RICO	45	25	70
SAIPAN	0	4	4
Other Countries	4,517	1,750	6,267
<b>Total</b>	<b>36,706</b>	<b>22,034</b>	<b>58,740</b>

<b><u>Make/Model</u></b>	<b><u>Dates of Manufacture</u></b>
MY2013-2016* Nissan Altima 3.5L	March 27, 2012 through September 9, 2015
MY2016 Nissan Maxima	February 10, 2015 through August 24, 2015

\*MY2016 Altima 3.5L in the U.S. Market is not affected; affected vehicles were sold in export markets.

**Q. Who can answer additional customer questions?**

A. Customers may contact Nissan's national Consumer Affairs Department for further assistance. The toll free number is 1-800-NISSAN1 (1-800-647-7261).