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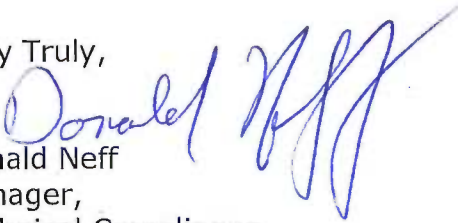
Ms. Nancy Lewis  
Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
Attn: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)  
Room W48-302  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Madam:

We are transmitting the enclosed Defect Information Report in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573. A voluntary recall campaign will be initiated and your office provided with the notices. Nissan plans to notify dealers on January 26, 2015 and will notify all affected owners within 60 days from the original DIR submission date.

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. Smyrna Plant

2. Vehicles Potentially Involved:

Certain Model Year 2013-2014 Nissan Pathfinder and Infiniti JX35/QX60 vehicles manufactured in the Smyrna, TN plant shown in the table below:

<b><u>Model</u></b>	<b><u>Dates of Manufacture</u></b>
MY 2013-2014 Nissan Pathfinder	June 20, 2012 to November 18, 2013
MY 2014 Nissan Pathfinder Hybrid	July 18, 2103 to November 18, 2013
MY 2013 Infiniti JX35	November 29, 2011 to June 14, 2013
MY 2014 Infiniti QX60	May 16, 2013 to November 18, 2013
MY 2014 Infiniti QX60 Hybrid	July 18, 2103 to November 18, 2013

The subject vehicle range was determined based on the production range of vehicles that might have been manufactured with the subject hood latch release cable assembly.

No other Nissan or Infiniti models are affected. The vehicle population was determined based on an assembly process error that, as described in Section 6 below, only occurred between the manufacturing ranges listed above.

The hood latch release cable supplier is:

GECOM  
1025 BARACHEL LANE  
GREENSBURG, Indiana 47240  
USA

Tel: (812) 663-0559

3. Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved:

Approximately 170,665 vehicles may be affected.

<b><u>Model</u></b>	<b><u>Total Number of Vehicles</u></b>
MY 2013-2014 Nissan Pathfinder	111,925
MY 2014 Nissan Pathfinder Hybrid	1,448
MY 2013 Infiniti JX35	42,949
MY 2014 Infiniti QX60	13,169
MY 2014 Infiniti QX60 Hybrid	1,174

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

Unknown

5. Description of the Defect:

In certain rare instances, the hood release cable assembly may be installed incorrectly, effectively shortening the cable length which prevents the latching claw from fully engaging. This causes the secondary latch to remain in the open position when the hood is closed. If the primary hood latch is released and the vehicle is driven with only the secondary latch engaged (for example, because of inadvertent actuation of the hood release lever), the secondary hood latch may not hold the hood closed as designed while the vehicle is in motion. If this condition occurs, the hood may open while driving and partially obscure the driver's vision, increasing the risk of a crash.

6. Chronology of Principal Events:

In September 2014, Nissan identified a defect and decided to conduct a safety recall on certain MY13 Nissan Altima vehicles to remedy a secondary hood latch issue (Recall Number 14V-565). The affected vehicle population was finalized and submitted to NHTSA on October 2.

At the time of the investigation into the Altima issue, Nissan also investigated a single incident related to hood latch assembly on a MY2013 Pathfinder. However, initial incident part inspection did not show corrosion that was observed on incident parts recovered from Altima vehicles, and field monitoring did not show any additional Pathfinder incidents. Nissan instead focused its investigation on the Altima vehicles after it received new information indicating a larger than previously known number of Altima vehicles that had reported experiencing hood-related incidents.

October 2014 to December 2014 – Upon conclusion of the Altima investigation, Nissan shifted its investigation activities toward the Pathfinder vehicles after it received information about another possibly malfunctioning Pathfinder hood latch. Further analysis showed that the hood release cable was too short in certain circumstances based upon installation variation, preventing the secondary hood latch from engaging properly. This root cause was distinct from the Altima defect.

January 15, 2014 – Based on additional incident data analysis, Nissan determined that a safety-related defect exists and that a recall campaign will be conducted to remedy the subject vehicles.

7. Description of Corrective Action:

Nissan dealers will be instructed to modify the angle of the hood release mechanism to provide additional length to the release cable. This repair will be offered at no charge to the customer.

8. Copy of Notices:

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