OMB Control No.: 2127-0004

# **Part 573 Safety Recall Report**

# 16V-029

**Manufacturer Name:** Nissan North America, Inc.

**Submission Date:** JAN 21, 2016 NHTSA Recall No.: 16V-029 Manufacturer Recall No.: NR



## **Manufacturer Information:**

Manufacturer Name: Nissan North America, Inc.

Address: P. O. BOX 685001

Franklin TN 37068-5009 Company phone: 800-647-7261

## **Population:**

Number of potentially involved: 846,000 Estimated percentage with defect: 0

### **Vehicle Information:**

Vehicle: 2013-2015 Nissan Altima Vehicle Type: LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style: 4-DOOR Power Train: GAS

Descriptive Information: Certain Nissan Altima vehicles manufactured in the Smyrna, TN and Canton, MS

plants.

Production Dates: MAR 06, 2012 - DEC 31, 2014

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range** 

Begin: NR End: NR ☐ Not sequential VINs

## **Description of Defect:**

Description of the Defect: Due to a manufacturing error at the Tier 3 supplier, the e-coat plating may not have been properly applied to the hood latch assembly in some of the subject vehicles resulting in possible poor paint adhesion to the latch. As a result, the paint may flake off leaving bare metal exposed, increasing the risk of corrosion in the affected area. Over time, corrosion may create mechanical binding that could cause the secondary hood latch to remain in the open position after the hood is opened and then closed. If the primary hood latch is released and the vehicle is driven while the secondary hood latch is in the open position, the secondary hood latch may not hold

the hood closed as designed while the vehicle is in motion.

FMVSS 1:NR FMVSS 2:NR

Description of the Safety Risk: If this condition occurs, the hood may open while driving and obscure the

driver's vision, increasing the risk of a crash.

Description of the Cause: NR

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur: NR

# **Supplier Identification:**

**Component Manufacturer** 

Name: Intier Automotive, Inc. Address: 141 Staffern Drive

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Country: Canada

## **Chronology:**

This report consolidates the affected vehicle populations and updates the remedy for previously report recalls 14V-565 and 15V-116. The chronology of principal events related to the consolidated campaigns is unchanged and is attached separately for reference.

The remedy for 14V-565 and 15V-116 was inspection of the hood latch for proper operation, making adjustments as needed, and cleaning and conditioning the latch joint by applying lubricant. Nissan continued to monitor the effectiveness of the campaign repair in the field and consider long term durability effects. Upon further consideration, it appeared that if the lubricant was not applied evenly and consistently, the long term durability of the repair may not be effective. Based on engineering judgment, Nissan decided to replace the hood latch assembly in order to provide a more robust, long term repair.

Accordingly, on January 13, 2016, Nissan decided to recall the affected vehicles to replace the hood latch assembly with a new one that has improved anticorrosion coating. This remedy will apply to all subject vehicles, including those that received the previous remedy.

## **Description of Remedy:**

Description of Remedy Program: Nissan will re-notify all affected owners (including those that received the

previous remedy under 14V-565 and 15V-116) within 60 days. The hood latch in the subject vehicles will be replaced with a new one, even if the customer received a new latch as part of the repair for the previous recall.

This repair will be offered at no charge to the customer.

As some vehicles may no longer be under warranty, we plan to put a statement in the Part 577 owner notification concerning reimbursement for the cost of obtaining a pre-notification remedy.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component: NR

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

## **Recall Schedule:**

 $Description\ of\ Recall\ Schedule: Nissan\ will\ notify\ dealers\ on\ January\ 22,\ 2016\ and\ will\ re-notify\ all\ affected$ 

owners from the previous two recalls (including those that received the

previous remedy) within 60 days.

Planned Dealer Notification Date: JAN 22, 2016 - NR

Planned Owner Notification Date: NR - NR

\* NR - Not Reported