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OF NORTH AMERICA



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April 14, 2016

Mr. Gregory K. Rea
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 Sir:

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 May 3, 2016 and will notify all affected owners within 60 days of DIR submission.

Very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Derek Latta", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left.

Derek Latta
Manager,
Technical Compliance

Encl.

DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT

1. Manufacturer:

Nissan North America, Inc.

2. Vehicles Potentially Involved:

<u>Model</u>	<u>Dates of Manufacture</u>
MY 2014-2016 Nissan Rogue	July 31, 2013 (SOP) to January 16, 2016

No other Nissan or Infiniti models in the United States are affected because they are not equipped with the rear lift gate stays that, as described in Section 6 below, were installed in the subject vehicles manufactured between July 31, 2013 and January 16, 2016 at the Smyrna, TN plant.

The rear lift gate stay supplier and the country of origin are:

Showa Auto Parts Company Ltd.
No.1395, Nanle Road
Songjiang Export Processing Zone
Shanghai City, Japan

Phone: 021-57748158-211

3. Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved:

Approximately 108,503 vehicles may be affected.

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

Unknown

5. Description of the Defect:

The anti-corrosion treatment of the outer tube on the rear lift gate stay was altered from specification by the supplier, resulting in a potentially insufficient coating. The rear lift gate stay provides power assist to the rear lift gate and operates under high pressure gas. If the anti-corrosion coating is insufficient, in certain rare instances, the outer tube of the rear lift gate stay may corrode over time due to salt and water penetration; causing a sudden release of

over time due to salt and water penetration; causing a sudden release of pressure. If this occurs, the rear door stay may break off and potentially cause an injury.

6. Chronology of Principal Events:

Mid-January 2016 – Nissan was made aware of several field incidents in a foreign market related to rear lift gate stays malfunctioning on older model Nissan vehicles that are not for sale in the United States. Nissan initiated an investigation.

January 2016 to March 2016 - Nissan determined that the subject component was also installed on the subject vehicles in U.S. Thereafter, Nissan conducted a parts collection program and reviewed available field data to determine whether there were any incidents in the U.S. market. None were identified.

Nissan continued to investigate the impact of the issue on U.S. market vehicles. Nissan analyzed parts collected through its part collection program and found no evidence of corrosion on U.S. Rogue vehicles.

April 8, 2016 – While Nissan has not observed any issues in the U.S. market, out of abundance of caution, Nissan decided to conduct a recall campaign to remedy this issue.

7. Description of Corrective Action:

Owners of all potentially affected vehicles will receive an interim notification within 60 days. A second notification will be issued when the remedy parts are available. Dealers will be provided with interim instructions to inspect the subject vehicles upon request until the final remedy is available. The final remedy will be to replace both rear door stays with new ones, all at no cost to the owner.

We will include a statement in the Part 577 owner notification concerning reimbursement for the cost of obtaining a pre-notification remedy for those subject vehicles that are no longer under warranty. Certain newer vehicles are still covered under factory warranty

8. Copy of Notices:

Copies of all notices and the affected VIN list will be provided to NHTSA as they become available.