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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 at the end of May 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".

Derek Latta
Manager,
Technical Compliance

Encl.

DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT

1. Manufacturer:

Nissan North America, Inc., Smyrna Plant

2. Vehicles Potentially Involved:

<u>Model Year / Model</u>	<u>Dates of Manufacture</u>
MY 2013-2014 Nissan Pathfinder	June 20, 2012 (SOP) to June 13, 2013

The vehicle population was determined based on the potential for specific operator error, as described in Section 6 below.

3. Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved:

Approximately 79,853 vehicles may be affected shown in the table below:

<u>Model Year / Model</u>	<u>Number of Vehicles</u>
MY 2013 Nissan Pathfinder	79,851
MY 2014 Nissan Pathfinder	2

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

Approximately 2%

5. Description of the Defect:

On some of the potentially affected vehicles, the stop lamp switch may have been installed out of specification. If this occurred, the stop lamp switch may make intermittent contact and repeatedly cycle. Over time, this may result in the stop lamp relay sticking in the ON position. This condition would cause the stop lamps to remain illuminated when the service brakes are not being applied and could also negate the brake-shift interlock. This could increase the risk of a crash, or risk of a rollaway if the vehicle is inadvertently shifted out of the Park position.

6. Chronology of Principal Events:

December 2015 – Nissan issued a Technical Service Bulletin (TSB) applicable to MY13-MY15 Nissan Pathfinder vehicles to aid technicians in diagnosing and repairing stop lamp switch issues.

January 2016 to March 2016 – While the combined warranty rate for MY13-MY15 vehicles was unremarkable, after the TSB was issued, Nissan monitored the field information and studied available warranty data. During this time period, Nissan also updated NHTSA on the TSB and its ongoing warranty analysis.

Early April 2016 – After reviewing the available warranty data, it was determined that the subject vehicles produced before June 2013 had an elevated warranty rate compared to vehicles produced after this date, and also other models subject to a similar TSB. An investigation was launched to determine the potential cause of this increased incident rate. NHTSA was updated on the progress of the investigation.

May 12, 2016 – It was determined that some of the subject vehicles were affected by stop lamp switch assembly process issues.

May 19, 2016 – Nissan decided to conduct a recall campaign to remedy this issue.

7. Description of Corrective Action:

Owners of all potentially affected vehicles will be notified to take their vehicle to a Nissan dealer where the dealer will inspect the brake lamp switch for proper installation. If the brake lamp switch is installed incorrectly, it will be re-installed correctly and the stop lamp relay will be replaced with a new one.

Nissan will include a statement in the Part 577 owner notification concerning reimbursement for the cost of obtaining a pre-notification remedy for the subject vehicles that are no longer under warranty. The statement will be excluded for the subject vehicles that are still under warranty.

8. Copy of Notices:

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