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OF NORTH AMERICA



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January 18, 2017

Mr. Jeff Giuseppe  
Acting 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 Mr. Giuseppe:

We are transmitting the enclosed Defect Information Report in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573. This reports relates to rear door sealing screens (vapor barrier) in certain Nissan vehicles listed in section 2 below. A voluntary recall campaign will be initiated and your office provided with the notices. Nissan plans to notify dealers on January 19, 2017 and begin notifying owners via first class mail within 60 days.

Very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Latta", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Derek Latta  
Manager,  
Technical Compliance

Encl.

## **DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT**

1. Manufacturer:

Nissan North America, Inc. (Smyrna, Canton Plant)

2. Vehicles Potentially Involved:

Certain Model Year 2015-2017 Nissan Altima vehicles manufactured from September 18, 2015 to October 6, 2016 at the Canton, Mississippi plant.

Certain Model Year 2015-2017 Nissan Altima vehicles manufactured from September 17, 2015 to October 6, 2016 at the Smyrna, TN plant.

No other Nissan (or Infiniti) vehicles are affected by this issue because the assembly error (described in Section 5 below) occurred during the specified manufacturing period above.

3. Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved:

Approximately 341,005 Model Year 2015-2017 Nissan Altima vehicles are subject to this recall shown below:

<b><u>Model</u></b>	<b><u>Mfg Location</u></b>	<b><u>Dates of Manufacture</u></b>
MY 2015-2017 Nissan Altima	Smyrna, TN	September 17, 2015 to October 6, 2016
MY 2015-2017 Nissan Altima	Canton, MS	September 18, 2015 to October 6, 2016

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

Unknown

5. Description of the Defect:

During the trim panel installation process in the subject Altima vehicles, the latch-lock cable may not have been routed properly in the rear door. The slit orientation increased the potential for the cable to load the sealing screen (vapor barrier) outboard into the travel path of the window regulator. In certain situations, the cable may interfere with the window regulator causing the rear passenger door to unlatch and inadvertently open when the mechanism is lowered to open the window. If the rear passenger doors inadvertently open while the vehicle is in motion, it may increase the risk of injury to the rear passengers.

6. Chronology of Principal Events:

To be supplemented at a later date.

7. Description of Corrective Action:

Nissan will notify all owners of potentially affected vehicles within sixty (60) days. Dealers will modify the door sealing screen using a harness protector patch to allow proper cable routing. If necessary, the latch-lock cable assembly and sealing screen will be replaced with current production level screen.

Nissan 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.

8. Copy of Notices:

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