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Mr. Jeff Giuseppe
Acting Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attn: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
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Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Mr. Giuseppe:

We are transmitting the enclosed supplement to Defect Information Report 17V-449 submitted on June 17, 2017. This report amends Defect Information Report 17V-449 to notify NHTSA of Nissan's intention to utilize the "Other" category in reporting Takata recall completion rates in quarterly reports to NHTSA and monthly completion reports to NHTSA and the Takata Monitor. This supplement updates section 5.

Very truly,

Derek Latta
Manager,
Technical Compliance

Encl.

DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT

1. Manufacturer:

Nissan Mexicana, S.A, De C.V., Aguascalientes plant
Nissan Mexicana, S.A, De C.V., Civac plant

2. Vehicles Potentially Involved:

Model Year 2007-2011 Nissan Versa Sedan and Model Year 2007-2012 Nissan Versa Hatchback vehicles manufactured at the Aguascalientes and Civac, Mexico plants containing Takata driver air bag inflators shown in the table below.

Make/Model	Dates of Manufacture
MY 2007-2011 Nissan Versa Sedan	November 21, 2006 (start of production) to July 2, 2011 (end of production)
MY 2007-2012 Nissan Versa Hatchback	April 26, 2006 (start of production) to December 18, 2012 (end of production)

The issue is unique to a specific type of Takata PSDI-5 inflator that contains calcium sulfate desiccant. No other Nissan vehicles are equipped with this specific inflator type. All other desiccated Takata inflators in Nissan vehicles contain a subsequent generation desiccant and are not subject to any recalls. **Please see Takata Defect Information Report 17E-034 for additional information**.

The name and address of the driver air bag inflator supplier is:

TK HOLDINGS INC.
2500 Takata Drive
Auburn Hills, MI 48326

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3. Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved:

Approximately 515,394 vehicles are affected.

Make/Model	Vehicles Affected
MY 2007-2011 Nissan Versa Sedan	138,055
MY 2007-2012 Nissan Versa Hatchback	377,339

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

Unknown.

As of June 28, 2017, Takata has conducted evaluations of 895 Nissan PSDI-5 driver air bag inflators with calcium sulfate returned from the field. The Nissan field returned inflators have had zero ruptures in ballistic test deployments and one Nissan inflator exhibited an elevated internal pressure during the deployment testing.

5. Description of the Defect:

Updated June 27, 2019 – This submission is to inform of Nissan's intent to implement the "Other" reporting category for removed vehicles in Quarterly Reporting as permitted in the Third Amendment to the Coordinated Remedy Order (ACRO), Paragraphs 45 through 49. As a condition of the ACRO, all affected vehicles will remain active across Nissan's data systems such that any search of "Other" removed VINs will return an open recall status. For this reason, the number of potentially involved vehicles in this report will remain the same. However, for reference, initial counts of vehicles in the "Other" reporting category are indicated in the amended Part 573 letter submitted on February 14, 2019. Note that these counts are current as of the first calendar quarter 2019. Future changes to overall Total Removed counts, including "Other," will be reflected in quarterly reporting.

According to Takata Defect Information Report 17E-034, some of the Nissan inflators analyzed within the population show a pattern of propellant density reduction over time that may predict a future risk of inflator rupture.

Based upon Takata's investigation to date, the potential for such ruptures may occur in some of the subject inflators after several years of exposure to persistent conditions of high absolute humidity. In the event of an inflator rupture, metal fragments could pass through the air bag cushion material, which may result in injury or death to vehicle occupants.

6. Chronology of Principal Events:

Please see Takata Defect Information Report 17E-034 for additional information.

March 2016 – In consultation with NHTSA, Nissan initiated a special parts collection activity in Florida to recover in-use driver airbag inflators that use calcium sulfate as a desiccant from specific Model Year Versa vehicles. Recovered inflators were sent to Takata for testing.

April 2016 through January 2017 – During this time period, returned Nissan inflators were subjected to live dissections, including propellant analysis (chemical and dimensional), as well as ballistic testing. Periodic interim reports were provided to Nissan and NHTSA during this collection activity.

January 2017 - Field return data from the Nissan inflators tested to date was reviewed with Nissan and NHTSA.

March 2017 through June 2017 – Takata performed testing on inflators recovered from vehicles manufactured by another OEM to gather additional data.

Throughout this investigation process, Nissan remained in regular contact with NHTSA to maintain alignment on the evaluation process for the subject inflators.
July 7, 2017 – Takata submitted Defect Information Report 17E-034.

July 10, 2017 - Upon consultation with NHTSA and out of abundance of caution, Nissan decided to conduct a safety recall on the subject vehicles to address the potential defect identified by Takata.

Description of Corrective Action:

Nissan will issue an Interim Notification to vehicle owners by first class mail within 60 days. Dealers will be notified on July 21, 2017. Parts availability is currently under study. However, the remedy will be to replace the subject inflator with a new one manufactured by a different supplier, at no cost to owners for parts or labor.

Your office will be provided with the interim Part 577 owner notification.

8. Copy of Notices:

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