

**NISSAN GROUP
OF NORTH AMERICA**



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January 9, 2018

Mr. Jeff Giuseppe
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 the schedule set forth in Paragraph 33 of the Third Amendment to The Coordinated Remedy Order.

Very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Derek Latta".

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:

The name, description and part number(s) of the recalled component(s) are below.

<u>Part Name</u>	<u>Part Description</u>	<u>Part Number</u>
INFLATOR-AIR BAG ASST	Inflator for Front Passenger Air Bag Module	98561EM39A

Production period of affected vehicles involved:

<u>Model</u>	<u>Dates of Manufacture</u>
MY 2009-2012 Nissan Versa Hatchback	May 31, 2008 to December 18, 2012
MY 2009-2011 Nissan Versa Sedan	May 31, 2008 to May 7, 2011

The vehicles subject to this report are equipped with non-desiccated Takata inflators, in accordance with the schedule set forth in Third Amendment to The Coordinated Remedy Order, that are not already subject to ongoing recalls. More specifically, the subject vehicles are equipped with PSPI6 passenger air bag inflators that are not already subject to Recalls 15V-226, 15V-287, 16V-349 and 17V-028.

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

TK HOLDINGS INC.
2500 Takata Drive
Auburn Hills, MI 48326
Phone: 248-373-8040
Fax: 248-373-2897

3. Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved:

Approximately 52,614 vehicles shown in the table(s) below:

<u>Model Year/Make/Model</u>	<u>Number of Vehicles</u>	<u>Inflator Type</u>
MY 2009-2012 Nissan Versa Hatchback	34,575	PSPI6
MY 2009-2011 Nissan Versa Sedan	18,039	PSPI6

Within the population of 52,614 Versa vehicles, 3,013 of these vehicles migrated into a higher priority zone during the latest Polk data refresh. These vehicles were not originally subject to Recalls 16V-349 or 17V-028 according to the schedule set forth in Paragraph 33 of the Third Amendment to The Coordinated Remedy Order. However, due to migration into a higher priority zone since, these vehicles are now subject to prior recalls and are being included in this population. The disposition of these vehicles is shown in the table below:

<u>Model Year /Make/Model</u>	<u>Number of Vehicles</u>	<u>Inflator Type</u>	<u>Migrated To</u>
MY 2009-2012 Nissan Versa Hatchback	2,399	PSPI6	Zone A, B
MY 2009-2011 Nissan Versa Sedan	614	PSPI6	Zone A, B

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

1%¹

To date, there are no confirmed field incidents of Nissan vehicles equipped with PSPI6 inflators. With respect to laboratory testing, Takata has performed no additional testing on the subject PSPI6 inflators, so there is no change to the laboratory testing data provided in 17V-028 on January 10, 2017.

5. Description of the Defect:

According to Takata Defect Reports 18E-002 and 18E-003, Takata has determined that a defect related to motor vehicle safety may arise in some of the subject ammonium nitrate inflators due to propellant degradation occurring after prolonged exposure to high absolute humidity, high temperatures and high temperature cycling. Activation of a non-desiccated ammonium nitrate inflator with degraded propellant may result in an inflator rupture. An inflator rupture may cause metal fragments to pass through the air bag and into the vehicle interior at high speed, which may result in injury or death to vehicle occupants.

6. Chronology of Principal Events:

January 2, 2018 – As specified in the Amended Takata Consent Order, Takata submitted Defect Information Reports 18E-002 and 18E-003.

January 8, 2018 – Based on the information in the Takata Defect Information Report and out of abundance of caution, Nissan decided to conduct a safety recall on the

¹ The estimated percentage of involved with defect is unknown, 1% is used here because submission within NHTSA’s safety portal will not allow a non-numeric value.

subject vehicles in accordance with the schedule set forth in Paragraph 33 of the Third Amendment to The Coordinated Remedy Order.

7. Description of Corrective Action:

Dealers will be notified on January 11, 2018. Nissan will notify vehicle owners by first class mail within 60 days. After Part 577 notification is completed, additional outreach efforts will be undertaken consistent with previous Takata Monitor recommendations.

The front passenger air bag inflators will be replaced with new inflators manufactured by a different supplier, at no cost to owners for parts or labor. Customers will be notified that they are eligible for reimbursement of pre-notification remedy and certain other costs.

8. Copy of Notices:

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