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June 14, 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. Nissan is accelerating the schedule defined in Paragraph 33 of the Third Amendment to The Coordinated Remedy Order and recalling the remainder of all non-desiccated front passenger air bag inflators prior to December 2018.

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> |
|-----------------------------|---|--------------------|
| PSPI6 INFLATOR-AIR BAG ASST | PSPI6 Inflator for Front Passenger Air Bag Module | 98561EM39A |

Production period of affected vehicles involved:

| <u>Model</u> | <u>Dates of Manufacture</u> |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| MY 2010-2012 Nissan Versa Hatchback | September 5, 2009 to December 21, 2012 |
| MY 2010-2011 Nissan Versa Sedan | September 5, 2009 to July 1, 2011 |

Nissan is accelerating the schedule defined in Paragraph 33 of the Third Amendment to The Coordinated Remedy Order for December 2018 and recalling the remainder of all non-desiccated front passenger air bag inflators.

The vehicles subject to this report are equipped with non-desiccated Takata inflators that are not already subject to ongoing recalls. More specifically, the subject vehicles are equipped with PSPI6 passenger air bag inflators that are not subject to Recalls 16V-349, 17V-028 and 18V-044.

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

TK Services Inc.
111 Peyerk Court
Romeo, MI 48065

3. Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved:

Approximately 104,762 vehicles shown in the table(s) below:

| <u>Model Year/Make/Model</u> | <u>Number of Vehicles</u> | <u>Inflator Type</u> |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| MY 2010-2012 Nissan Versa Hatchback | 87,035 | PSPI6 |
| MY 2010-2011 Nissan Versa Sedan | 17,727 | PSPI6 |

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 18V-044 on January 9, 2018.

5. Description of the Defect:

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:

Late May 2018 – Nissan consulted with NHTSA regarding the potential to accelerate the schedule defined in Paragraph 33 of the Third Amendment to The Coordinated Remedy Order for December 2018 and recall the remainder of the subject PSPI6 non-desiccated front passenger air bag inflators. Although there are no known incidents associated with the subject inflator, Nissan explained its desire to accelerate the remedy based on an ample supply of replacement parts, and to help minimize inconvenience for customers.

June 6, 2018 – The Agency concurred with Nissan’s revised approach.

June 8, 2018 – Nissan decided to move forward with accelerating the remedy schedule defined in Paragraph 33 of the Third Amendment to The Coordinated Remedy Order and recall the remaining non-desiccated front passenger air bag inflators.

7. Description of Corrective Action:

Dealers will be notified on June 15, 2018. Nissan will notify all affected vehicle owners by first class mail in early July 2018. In order to minimize inconvenience for Versa customers who are also subject to the driver air bag inflator recall 17V-449, Nissan will mail combination owner notification letters to these owners. 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

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

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.