U.S. Department of Transportation National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

November 14, 2019

Ms. Tara Underwood Senior Manager, Technical Compliance Nissan North America, Inc. One Nissan Way Franklin, TN 37027

Subject: Brake Fluid Can Leak Into ABS Pump and Ignite

Dear Ms. Underwood:

This letter serves to acknowledge Nissan North America, Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

#### Makes/Models/Model Years:

INFINITI/QX60/2017-2019 NISSAN/MAXIMA/2016-2018 NISSAN/MURANO/2015-2018 NISSAN/PATHFINDER/2017-2019

Mfr's Report Date: November 8, 2019

NHTSA Campaign Number: 19V-807

### **Components:** SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC:ANTILOCK

Potential Number of Units Affected: 394,025

# **Problem Description:**

Nissan North America, Inc. (Nissan) is recalling certain 2015-2018 Nissan Murano, 2016-2018 Nissan Maxima, and 2017-2019 Nissan Pathfinder and Infiniti QX60 vehicles. These vehicles were previously recalled and unrepaired, or inspected and determined to not need a repair, under recall number 18V-601. In addition, this recall expands the previous population. The Anti-lock Brake System (ABS) actuator pumps may allow brake fluid to leak onto an internal circuit board.

#### **Consequence:**

A brake fluid leak on the circuit board may result in an electrical short, increasing the risk of a fire.

# **Remedy:**

Nissan will notify owners, and dealers will replace the ABS actuator, free of charge.. Interim notices informing owners of the safety risk are expected to be mailed beginning December 2, 2019. Owners will receive a second notice when remedy parts become available, currently expected to be during summer 2020. Owners may contact Nissan customer service at 1-800-867-7669. Note: If the ABS warning light remains illuminated for more than 10 seconds after engine start up, owners are advised to park the vehicle outdoors away from other vehicles or structures and to not drive the vehicle.



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### Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As required in Part 573.6(c)(6), in the case of a defect, please provide a chronology of all principal events that were the basis for the determination that the defect related to motor vehicle safety, including a summary of all warranty claims, field or service reports, and other information, with their dates of receipt. Please provide this information as soon as possible.

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Sarah Shiver who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-7401, or by email at sarah.shiver@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Joshua Neff Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigations Enforcement

