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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 49 CFR Part 573.

According to Joyson Safety Systems (JSS) Defect Information Report #20E-011, specific rear seat belt assemblies they manufactured may contain a safety defect. Some of the potentially affected rear seat belt assemblies are installed in certain 2020 Model Year INFINITI Q60 vehicles. A voluntary recall campaign will be initiated and your office provided with the notices.

Very truly,

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

Derek Latta
Manager,
Technical Compliance

Encl.

DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT

1. Vehicle Manufacturer:

Nissan Motor Co., Ltd.

Rear seat belt assembly part numbers:

<u>Model Year/Make Model</u>	<u>Part Description</u>	<u>Part Number</u>
MY2020 INFINITI Q60	BELT ASSY-TONGUE,RR RH	88844-5CA0A (RH)
	BELT ASSY-TONGUE,RR LH	88845-5CA0A (LH)

Manufacturer of the rear seat belt assembly:

Joyson Safety Systems (JSS)
2-3-14 Higashishinagawa, Shinagawa-ku, Tokyo
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Country of Origin: Japan

2. Units Potentially Involved:

Production period of affected vehicles involved:

<u>Model Year</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>Manufacturing Range</u>
MY 2020	INFINITI Q60	To be determined

The manufacturing range of INFINITI Q60 vehicles subject to this recall is under study and will be supplemented.

3. Total Number of Units Potentially Involved:

According to JSS, 450 subject rear seat belt assemblies were supplied to Nissan. The number of INFINITI Q60 vehicles subject to this recall is under study and will be supplemented.

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

Approximately 4%¹

¹ The estimated percentage of affected seat belt assemblies is 4% according to JSS's Defect Information Report 20E-011.

5. Description of the Defect:

The subject vehicles are equipped with rear seat belt assemblies (LH and RH) that have a dual locking mechanism, consisting of a webbing sensor and a G-sensor. Due to a supplier manufacturing issue that has since been corrected, a specific spring inside the redundant webbing sensor may be installed in an incorrect position. In this condition, the spring could interfere with another component within the webbing sensor mechanism causing it to malfunction. In certain cases of severe, multi-impact crashes, if the G-sensor is damaged during an initial impact, the webbing sensor may not lock and restrain the passenger properly; increasing the risk of injury.

6. Chronology of Principal Events:

September 2019 through October 2019 – JSS notified Nissan of the potential issue with the webbing sensor lock function on certain rear seat belt assemblies. Nissan understood that JSS had not determined that there was an unreasonable risk to safety because the webbing sensor was a redundant system to the G-sensor. Nissan plant quality inspections had not identified any concerns with the subject parts. Nissan conducted an internal assessment of the issue and determined the potential condition was not a non-compliance with FMVSS nor an unreasonable risk to safety. Nissan decided to monitor the condition.

December 2019 through February 2020 – Nissan reviewed Defect Information Reports reflecting other OEMs' individual determinations to recall their vehicles equipped with affected seat belt assemblies. After further internal review and discussions with JSS, Nissan confirmed it had no reports or claims and continued to monitor the condition.

February 28, 2020 – JSS Global PSC reportedly decided that given that these OEM submissions covered components supplied to multiple customers, submission of an equipment defect report was appropriate. JSS notified Nissan of its decision to recall.

March 9, 2020 - Based on the foregoing action by JSS, and out of an abundance of caution, Nissan decided to conduct a voluntary safety recall to remedy the affected vehicles. Nissan has received no reports or warranty claims that relate to the subject condition.

7. Description of Corrective Action:

Owners of the subject vehicles will be notified beginning in early May. Dealers will receive preliminary notification on March 18, 2020. The dealer will inspect the manufacturing date of the rear seat belt assemblies on affected vehicles and

replace the right hand, left hand, or both assemblies with a new part if they were manufactured within the affected range, at no cost to the owner.

Nissan will not include a statement in the Part 577 owner notification concerning reimbursement for the cost of obtaining a pre-notification remedy for the subject condition, as the vehicles are still under warranty. Your office will be provided with a copy of the Part 577 owner notification for approval.

8. Copy of Notices:

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