



---

**Nissan North America, Inc.**  
One Nissan Way  
Franklin, TN 37067

Mailing Address:  
PO Box 685001  
Franklin, TN 37068

May 28, 2020

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. 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. Manufacturer:

Nissan North America, Inc.

2. Vehicles Potentially Involved:

Certain 2013-2018 Model Year Nissan Altima vehicles manufactured in the Smyrna, TN and Canton, MS plants from March 6, 2012 (start of production) to August 17, 2018 (end of production).

All vehicles subject to Recall 16V-029 are included in this recall population, including both those that did and did not receive the recall repair.

In addition, the subject vehicle range is expanded to include 2016-2018 Model Year Altima vehicles that contain the subject hood latch assembly.

This issue is unique to Model Year 2013-2018 Nissan Altima vehicles due to a combination of the model front end design, anti-corrosion limitations and location of the hood latch release in close proximity to the fuel door release. This issue does not affect any other Nissan or INFINITI vehicles.

3. Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved:

Approximately 1,831,818 Nissan Altima vehicles.

The recall population above includes 846,009 Nissan Altima vehicles that were subject to Recall 16V-029.

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

100%

5. Description of the Defect:

Over time, build-up caused by driving with the primary hood latch disengaged allows excessive, corrosive contaminants to contact the hood latch assembly. This build-up, combined with a lack of proper inspection and maintenance of the secondary hood latch, can create mechanical binding that could cause the secondary hood latch to remain in the open position after it has been disengaged. In such cases, if the primary hood latch is inadvertently released (ex. while refueling) or the hood is not closed properly after engine service, the secondary hood latch may not hold the hood closed as designed while the vehicle is in motion. If this condition occurs, the hood may open without warning and obstruct the driver's forward view, increasing the risk of crash.

6. Chronology of Principal Events:

Nissan will supplement this chronology of principal events.

7. Description of Corrective Action:

A remedy plan is currently under development. Nissan will notify all affected owners (including those that received the previous remedy under Recall 16V-029) within 60 days of this letter. The interim notification will instruct owners how to properly maintain the latch per the Owner's Manual general maintenance requirements and include a reminder to fully close and engage the primary hood latch each time before driving. Dealers will be notified on June 2, 2020.

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

8. Copy of Notices:

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