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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 Non-Compliance 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", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Derek Latta
Manager,
Technical Compliance

Encl.

NONCOMPLIANCE INFORMATION REPORT

1. Manufacturer:

Nissan North America, Inc., Canton plant

2. Vehicles Potentially Involved:

Certain Model Year 2022 Nissan Frontier Crew Cab Long Bed vehicles manufactured from August 10, 2021 (start of production) to September 3, 2021 at the Canton, MS plant.

This issue (as described in Section 5 below) is specific to Nissan Frontier Crew Cab Long Bed trim due to the unique design. No other Nissan or INFINITI vehicles are affected.

The name, description and part number of the missing components are below:

<u>Part Name</u>	<u>Part Description</u>	<u>Part Number</u>
TOW HITCH RECEIVER	Tow Hitch	T99T5 9BU0B
4-7 PIN TOW HARNESS KIT	Tow Harness Kit	T99T8 9BU0A

3. Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved:

Fifty (50) Model Year 2022 Nissan Frontier Crew Cab Long Bed vehicles were assembled without a hitch. Nissan launched a dealer action and the hitch has since been installed on 28 of the 50 vehicles.

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

100%

5. Description of the Noncompliance:

Due to a production error that has since been corrected, certain Model Year 2022 Frontier Crew Cab Long Bed vehicles were assembled without a tow hitch installed. Without the rear tow hitch, in the event of a rear collision, affected vehicles could experience leaf spring contact with the fuel tank. This contact could potentially result in a fuel leak, increasing the risk of injury. In this condition, the vehicle would not comply with S6.2 (b) of FMVSS 301.

6. Basis for Determination of the Existence of a Noncompliance

In early September 2021, Nissan determined that the tow hitch package was not being installed on certain Frontier vehicles due to a parts shortage. Nissan reviewed production records and determined that fifty (50) Frontier Crew Cab Long Bed vehicles were produced and shipped without a standard specification tow hitch. Further review determined the Frontier Crew Cab Long Bed trim level was certified under FMVSS 301 S6.2 (b) with the tow hitch installed. On September 3, 2021, Nissan implemented production countermeasures to prevent further delivery of this trim level without a hitch. On September 11, 2021, Nissan initiated a proactive dealer action to install the hitch on the affected vehicles.

October 2021 - Nissan reviewed the safety assessment to evaluate the impact of the missing hitch to the regulation.

November 17, 2021 – Nissan decided to conduct a Voluntary Recall for the remaining twenty-two (22) subject vehicles to install the tow hitch.

7. Description of Corrective Action:

Nissan will notify all owners of affected vehicles by December 16, 2021. Dealers will be notified on November 23, 2021. The dealer will install the tow hitch, relays and associated wiring free of charge.

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 vehicles as they are still under warranty.

8. Copy of Notices:

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