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Part 573 Safety Recall Report

26V230

Manufacturer Name: Nissan North America, Inc.

Submission Date: May 18, 2026

NHTSA Recall No.: 26V230

Manufacturer Recall No.: R26A1

Manufacturer Information

Population

Manufacturer Name: Nissan North America, Inc.

Address: P. O. BOX 685001
Franklin TN, 37068-5009

Total number of potentially involved: 47,928

Estimated percentage with defect: 0.1%

Vehicle Information

Vehicle 1: 2009-2010 NISSAN CUBE

Product Category: Light Vehicles

Product Type: Passenger Car

Fuel / Propulsion: Compression Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: Oct 10, 2008 - Sep 25, 2010

Number of potentially involved: 47,928

Descriptive Information:

This defect is specific to Model Year 2009-2010 Nissan Cube vehicles equipped with Takata PSDI-X driver's airbag inflators that were produced within a specific LOT number. No other Nissan or INFINITI vehicles are equipped with this inflator.

Defect / Noncompliance Description

Description of the defect or noncompliance:

The driver's airbag inflator on certain Nissan Cube vehicles may contain an improper body weld seal to the inflator base. As a result of this improper weld, the airbag module may detach from the steering wheel during airbag deployment.

FMVSS1:

FMVSS2:

Description of the safety risk, including crash, fire, death, injury:

If this condition occurs, it may increase the risk of injury to the occupant in the event of a crash where driver's airbag deployment is warranted.

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There is no preceding warning.

Component Manufacturer

Tier of Supplier: Tier 1**Supplier Type:** OEM**Name:** TK Services Inc.**Address:** 111 Peyerk Court
Romeo MI, 48065**Country:** United States

Involved Components

Component Name 1: Driver Airbag Inflator**Component Description:** Airbag Inflator Type PSDI-X, Driver's Side**Component Part Number:** 98560-7991C

Chronology

On August 12, 2024, Nissan received an initial report from the Takata Airbag Trust regarding a potential field incident involving a Model Year 2009 Nissan Cube. A formal Notice of Claim was received by Nissan on August 16, 2024.

September 2024 through October 2024 - Nissan conducted a joint inspection of the subject vehicle, which confirmed that the driver's front airbag inflator (Takata PSDI-X) had ruptured during deployment.

During this time, Nissan initiated a parts collection activity with local and online salvage yards specifically requesting undeployed driver's airbag inflators from Nissan Cube vehicles in their inventory.

By the end of 2024, Nissan retained a third-party consultant, New Leaf LLC, to perform a comprehensive technical evaluation of the ruptured inflator.

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In early January 2025, the subject part was collected and shipped to a specialized laboratory for CT scanning and metallurgical testing.

February 19, 2025 - The investigative report provided by New Leaf concluded that the rupture was caused by an improper body bore seal laser weld, resulting in a significantly weakened structure.

Based on New Leaf's conclusion, Nissan determined the condition was likely caused by a singular manufacturing anomaly. Extensive analysis confirmed that neither propellant degradation nor steel properties contributed to the failure.

By April 2025, Nissan collected a total of nine (9) undeployed driver's airbag inflators from Model Year 2009-2011 Nissan Cube vehicles. Nissan conducted CT scan analysis to evaluate the inflator weld condition; however, the results were inconclusive.

On June 13, 2025, NHTSA opened a Preliminary Evaluation (PE25-005) following a report of a single-vehicle crash involving a 2009 Nissan Cube where the airbag module detached and caused an injury. This report detailed the same incident mentioned above that occurred on August 08, 2024.

September 2025 through October 2025 - Nissan submitted comprehensive responses to the NHTSA PE. Nissan's evaluation noted that the incident appeared to be an isolated manufacturing event rather than a systematic process failure. Statistical analysis of the subject population (approximately 28,388 vehicles) showed high exposure (5 billion miles travelled) with only one confirmed incident. Furthermore, data indicated that approximately 72% of the subject population was no longer in service.

November 2025 through December 2025 - Nissan requested the supplier conduct a detailed traceability investigation. In late 2025, the supplier provided records linking the suspect manufacturing lot of inflators (produced in Monclova, Mexico, on October 15, 2008) to specific airbag modules (produced in Shanghai, China, on April 7, 2009).

January 2026 through March 2026 - Nissan utilized the supplier traceability records to identify a specific vehicle scope of Nissan Cube vehicles. By the end of March 2026, Nissan was able to identify certain Model Year 2009–2010 Nissan Cube vehicles that may have been equipped with a suspect driver's airbag inflator.

April 2, 2026 - Following a technical review and further consultation with NHTSA, Nissan determined that while the risk is statistically low, a safety-related defect may exist in the identified manufacturing lot. Out of an abundance of caution, Nissan decided to conduct a safety recall to inspect and, if necessary, replace the affected inflators on the potentially affected population.

Nissan is aware of one (1) confirmed field incident and one (1) injury related to this condition.

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Related NHTSA Recall Number:

Description of Remedy

Remedy Type: Inspect, Replace

Consumer Advisories: Do Not Drive Park Outside

Description of remedy program:

Dealers will be instructed to check the serial number on the driver's airbag inflator for a specific LOT number. If the inflator is part of the suspect LOT, the dealer will remove the inflator and replace it with a new inflator manufactured by a different supplier. All repairs will be performed free of charge for parts and labor and may take less than one (1) hour to complete.

How remedy component differs from recalled component:

Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:

Reimbursement Plan

Manufacturer used general reimbursement plan on file.

Recall Schedule

Description of recall schedule:

Dealers were notified of the recall and the interim remedy status on April 14, 2026. An updated dealer notification, which will include remedy instructions and confirmation of remedy parts availability, will occur on May 5, 2026. Owners of all potentially affected Cube vehicles will be notified beginning on May 27, 2026, to bring their vehicle to a Nissan dealer.

Planned Dealer Notification Date: Apr 14, 2026

No Dealers

Planned Interim Owner Notification Date:

No Owners

Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date: May 27, 2026

Phased Recall

Date when VIN will be searchable: Apr 14, 2026