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Part 573 Safety Recall Report

26V425

Manufacturer Name: Nissan North America, Inc.

Submission Date: Jul 08, 2026

NHTSA Recall No.: 26V425

Manufacturer Recall No.: R26A7

Manufacturer Information

Population

Manufacturer Name: Nissan North America, Inc.

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

Total number of potentially involved: 3,788

Estimated percentage with defect: 100%

Vehicle Information

Vehicle 1: 2026-2026 NISSAN LEAF

Product Category: Light Vehicles

Product Type: Passenger Car

Fuel / Propulsion: Electric Battery Power

Production Dates: Jun 10, 2025 - Jun 08, 2026

Number of potentially involved: 3,788

Descriptive Information:

This issue is specific to certain Nissan LEAF vehicles equipped with affected rear outboard Seat Belt Assemblies. Based on production records, the potential defect is unique to this model and dates of manufacture; no other Nissan or INFINITI vehicles are affected.

Defect / Noncompliance Description

Description of the defect or noncompliance:

On certain Nissan LEAF vehicles, the rear outboard seat belt assemblies may be equipped with an Automatic Locking Retractor (ALR) that does not function as intended when used to secure certain specific child restraint systems (CRS). The subject seat belt assemblies are designed to switch from an emergency locking retractor (ELR) mode to an ALR mode when the webbing is fully extended, allowing the belt to remain locked as it retracts and properly secures a CRS. However, due to an internal setting condition within the retractor, the ALR mode may deactivate before the seat belt webbing is fully retracted. As a result, the seat belt may not maintain sufficient tension to properly secure certain CRS models. In this condition, the rear seat belt assemblies may not comply with the requirements of S7.1.1.5. of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 208 "Occupant Crash Protection".

FMVSS1: 208 - Occupant crash protection

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A seat belt retractor that does not function as intended can increase the risk of injury during a crash.

This noncompliance does not affect the functionality of the rear seat belt assemblies during normal use by adult passengers or when using the Lower Anchors and Tethers for Children (LATCH) system to secure CRS. For certain CRS models secured using the rear seat belt, the ELR remains functional and, during vehicle braking, prevents the seat belt from lengthening and limiting movement of the CRS even if the ALR mode is not activated. In addition, in a crash event, the rear seat belts are equipped with pretensioners and have the functional equivalent of the ALR.

Description of the cause:**Identification of any warning that can occur:**

There is no warning for the customer.

Component Manufacturer

Tier of Supplier: Tier 1

Supplier Type: OEM

Name: Autoliv Japan, Ltd.

Address: 3-17-6 Shin-Yokohama, Kohoku-ku
Yokohama-shi, Kanagawa Foreign States, 222-8580

Country: Japan

Involved Components

Component Name 1: Rear RH Belt Assy

Component Description: Rear RH Seat Belt Assembly – Charcoal

Component Part Number: 88884 7TB0A

Component Name 2: Rear RH Belt Assy

Component Description: Rear RH Seat Belt Assembly – Light Gray

Component Part Number: 88884 7TB0B

Component Name 3: Rear LH Belt Assy

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Component Description: Rear LH Seat Belt Assembly – Charcoal

Component Part Number: 88885 7TB0A

Component Name 4: Rear LH Belt Assy

Component Description: Rear LH Seat Belt Assembly – Light Gray

Component Part Number: 88885 7TB0B

Chronology

On April 22, 2026, Nissan received a notification from Consumer Reports (CR) regarding a potential performance issue with the rear seat belt assembly on a Model Year 2026 Nissan Leaf vehicle. CR alleged the rear outboard seat belt ALR failed to remain engaged during CRS installation. Specifically, the seat belt webbing loosened and the retractor prematurely reverted from ALR mode to ELR mode. Nissan immediately launched an investigation.

Over the following week, CR and Nissan held discussions to understand the independent rear-seat safety evaluation conditions and confirmed the specific child seat models tested, and testing procedures. Nissan initiated a review of warranty data, field reports, and other market feedback and confirmed that no similar incidents had been reported.

On April 27, 2026, Nissan conducted initial analysis with multiple CRS models and was able to duplicate the reported concern with the installation of a specific CRS also used by CR. Nissan also conducted comparative testing across multiple vehicle models and found the ALR condition was isolated to the MY26 Nissan ZE2 LEAF vehicle. Suspect parts were collected and sent to design for analysis.

In May 2026, Nissan and the seat belt assembly supplier reviewed design drawings and the retractor assembly process. The document review identified the rear seat belt webbing length had been increased from approximately 2,700 mm to 2,985 mm during pre-production phase. Nissan determined this design change may influence the ALR activation point. Nissan initiated analysis to study the potential compliance risk with requirements of FMVSS No. 208.

During early June 2026, Nissan held meetings with NHTSA and CR to review the status of the investigation and share preliminary results.

June 24, 2026 – Out of an abundance of caution and in cooperation with NHTSA, Nissan decided to conduct a voluntary non-compliance recall on vehicles equipped with the subject rear outboard seat belt assemblies in the U.S. market.

Nissan is not aware of any reports of accidents or injuries related to this issue.

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Related NHTSA Recall Number:

Description of Remedy

Remedy Type: Replace

Consumer Advisories: ☐ Do Not Drive ☐ Park Outside

Description of remedy program:

Nissan will issue an interim owner letter with instructions to owners to utilize the vehicle's LATCH system when securing CRS in the rear outboard seats while remedy parts are under study.

Once the remedy is available, Nissan will replace the affected rear outboard seat belt assemblies. The repair will be performed free of charge for parts and labor.

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 will be notified of the recall beginning on July 7, 2026. Nissan will issue an interim owner letter beginning July 17, 2026 with instructions to owners to utilize the vehicle's LATCH system when securing CRS in the rear outboard seats while remedy parts are under study.

Planned Dealer Notification Date: Jul 07, 2026 - Jul 07, 2026 ☐ No Dealers

Planned Interim Owner Notification Date: Jul 17, 2026 - Jul 17, 2026 ☐ No Owners

Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date: ☐ Phased Recall

Date when VIN will be searchable: Jul 07, 2026