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Part 573 Safety Recall Report

26V526

Manufacturer Name: Nissan North America, Inc.

Submission Date: Aug 12, 2026

NHTSA Recall No.: 26V526

Manufacturer Recall No.: PD202

Manufacturer Information

Population

Manufacturer Name: Nissan North America, Inc.

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

Total number of potentially involved: 149

Estimated percentage with defect: 100%

Vehicle Information

Vehicle 1: 2025-2025 NISSAN ALTIMA

Product Category: Light Vehicles

Product Type: Passenger Car

Fuel / Propulsion: Spark Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: Dec 01, 2025 - Dec 02, 2025

Number of potentially involved: 149

Descriptive Information:

This issue is specific to certain Model Year 2025 Nissan Altima vehicles that were assembled using incorrect fasteners to secure the Passenger Airbag (PAB) and Passenger Knee Airbag (PKAB) modules. Based on manufacturing production records, the issue 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:

Due to a manufacturing assembly error, the front passenger airbag (PAB) and passenger knee airbag (PKAB) modules on subject vehicles may have been installed with non-conforming mounting bolts. In this condition, the fasteners may not maintain the required load-bearing capacity during airbag deployment.

Additionally, vehicles produced in this condition may fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 208, "Occupant Crash Protection."

FMVSS1:

FMVSS2:

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

A fastener failure could cause the airbag module to displace or deploy improperly, increasing the risk of occupant injury.

Description of the cause:

Identification of any warning that can occur:

There is no warning to the customer.

Component Manufacturer

Tier of Supplier:

Supplier Type:

Name: Nissan North America, Inc. Canton Plant

Address:

Country:

Involved Components

Component Name 1: Bolt-HEX

Component Description: Fastener Hardware Bolt-Hex

Component Part Number: 81-46816-1G

Chronology

On December 1, 2025, during routine vehicle production at the Canton Assembly Plant, a repair technician identified the installation of incorrect mounting bolts on the PAB and PKAB modules. A yard audit was initiated and out of 96 vehicles inspected, all 96 vehicles were found to have incorrect mounting bolts securing the PAB and PKAB modules. Nissan initiated an investigation.

December 2025, Nissan reviewed material handling records and production video footage to determine that an assembly line technician inadvertently selected fasteners designated for another vehicle line (Frontier) rather than the specified part number for the subject model (Altima). Nissan conducted a review of production tooling data and confirmed all fasteners were fully tightened to specified torque parameters during assembly.

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During this time, Nissan initiated an engineering evaluation to investigate the potential safety consequences and performance impact of the PAB and PKAB assemblies when secured with non-conforming fasteners. Static deployment testing and engineering desk calculations were requested to evaluate fastener load capabilities and airbag performance.

January 2026 through July 2026, preliminary evaluation results indicated that the incorrect fasteners could experience yielding under deployment loads. As a result, Nissan expanded its evaluation and conducted additional testing to further assess fastener performance under airbag deployment conditions.

By the end of July 2026, Nissan confirmed that airbag deployment testing was successfully completed. However, the testing also determined that the incorrect fasteners may not maintain the required load-carrying capacity if yielding occurs during airbag deployment. Nissan concluded that the condition could affect airbag system performance.

August 5, 2026 – Out of an abundance for caution, Nissan decided to conduct a Voluntary Safety Recall for all potentially affected vehicles in U.S. Market.

Nissan is not aware of any warranty reports or any accident or injuries related to the subject condition.

Related NHTSA Recall Number:

Description of Remedy

Remedy Type: Replace

Consumer Advisories: ☐ Do Not Drive ☐ Park Outside

Description of remedy program:

Dealers will be instructed to replace all four (4) fasteners with the correct PAB and PKAB module mounting bolts. All repairs will be performed free of charge for parts and labor and may take up to a half (0.5) hour to complete.

How remedy component differs from recalled component:

Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:

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Reimbursement Plan

Manufacturer used general reimbursement plan on file.

Recall Schedule

Description of recall schedule:

Dealers will be notified of the recall on August 14, 2026. Beginning September 25, 2026, owners of all potentially affected vehicles will be notified to bring their Altima to a Nissan dealer for repair.

Planned Dealer Notification Date: Aug 14, 2026 - Aug 14, 2026 ☐ No Dealers

Planned Interim Owner Notification Date: ☐ No Owners

Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date: Sep 25, 2026 - Sep 25, 2026 ☐ Phased Recall

Date when VIN will be searchable: Aug 17, 2026