



Nissan North America, Inc.

One Nissan Way
Franklin, TN 37067

Mailing Address:
PO Box 685001
Franklin, TN 37068

July 1, 2026

Ms. Eileen Sullivan
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 Ms. Sullivan:

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 blue ink, appearing to read "D. Latta", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Derek Latta
Senior Manager,
Technical Compliance

Encl.

NONCOMPLIANCE INFORMATION REPORT

1. Manufacturer:

Nissan Motor Co., Ltd. Tochigi Plant

2. Vehicles Potentially Involved:

Certain Nissan LEAF vehicles manufactured at the Nissan Tochigi plant in Japan and during the production periods shown in the table below:

<u>Model Year/Model</u>	<u>Dates of Manufacture</u>	<u>Manufacturing Plant</u>
MY 2026 Nissan LEAF	June 10, 2025 through June 8, 2026	Tochigi

This issue is specific to certain Nissan LEAF vehicles equipped with affected rear outboard Seat Belt Assemblies. Based on production records, the potential defect (described in Section 5 below) is unique to this model and dates of manufacture; no other Nissan or INFINITI vehicles are affected.

The name, description and part number(s) of the recalled component(s) are below.

<u>Part Name</u>	<u>Part Description</u>	<u>Part Number(s)</u>
Rear RH Belt Assy	Rear RH Seat Belt Assembly – Charcoal	88884 7TB0A
Rear RH Belt Assy	Rear RH Seat Belt Assembly – Light Gray	88884 7TB0B
Rear LH Belt Assy	Rear LH Seat Belt Assembly – Charcoal	88885 7TB0A
Rear LH Belt Assy	Rear LH Seat Belt Assembly – Light Gray	88885 7TB0B

The name and address of the rear outboard Seat Belt Assembly supplier is:

Autoliv Japan, Ltd.
3-17-6 Shin-Yokohama, Kohoku-ku
Yokohama-shi, Kanagawa 222-8580
Japan

Name: Keisuke Tanaka (Manager)
Email: Keisuke.tanaka@autoliv.com
Phone: +81 (503) 852-5746

3. Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved:

Total number of Model Year 2026 Nissan LEAF vehicles potentially involved is under study.

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

100%

5. Description of the 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". 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.

6. Basis for Determination of the Existence of a Noncompliance:

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.

7. Description of Corrective Action:

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.

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.

Nissan will not include a statement in the Part 577 owner notification concerning reimbursement for the cost of obtaining a pre-notification remedy since the subject vehicles are under warranty.

8. Copy of Notices:

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