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Ms. Eileen Sullivan
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attn: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
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Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Ms. Sullivan:

We are transmitting the enclosed Defect Information Report in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573. A voluntary recall campaign will be initiated and your office will be 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.

DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT

1. Manufacturer:

Nissan North America, Inc. Canton Vehicle Assembly Plant

2. Vehicles Potentially Involved:

Certain Model Year 2025 Nissan Altima vehicles as shown in the table below:

<u>Model</u>	<u>Dates of Manufacture</u>
MY 2025 Nissan Altima	December 1, 2025 through December 2, 2025

This issue is specific to certain 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 (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 of the subject fastener is listed below:

<u>Part Name</u>	<u>Part Description</u>	<u>Part Number</u>
Bolt-HEX	Fastener Hardware Bolt-Hex	81-46816-1G

3. Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved:

Approximately 149 MY 2025 Nissan Altima vehicles total.

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

Approximately 100%

5. Description of the Defect:

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

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."

6. Chronology of Principal Events:

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.

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.

7. Description of Corrective Action:

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. 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.

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.