

# **QUALITY ACTION**

# CAMPAIGN BULLETIN Fuel Tank Dealer Inventory

Reference: PC681 Date: February 13, 2019

Attention: Dealer Principal, Sales, Service & Parts Managers

Affected Models/Years:	Affected	Dealer	SERVICE COMM	Stop Sale
	Population:	Inventory:	Activation date:	In Effect
MY2019 Altima (L34) AWD	NA	80	February 13, 2019	NO

### \*\*\*\*\*Dealer Announcement\*\*\*\*\*

Nissan is conducting a quality action to inspect the fuel tank on **80** specific 2019 Altima AWD vehicles identified in Service Comm. Due to a manufacturing issue that has since been corrected, the fuel readings may not be accurate due to the presence of a plastic slug inside the fuel tank.

Affected vehicles are **<u>not</u>** subject to stop sale and are either currently in dealer inventory or assigned and in transit to the dealer. Nissan requests dealers to complete this inspection and, if necessary, remedy any affected inventory prior to sale to ensure customer satisfaction.

### \*\*\*\*\*What Dealers Should Do\*\*\*\*\*

### PLEASE FOLLOW THE ATTACHED REPAIR INSTRUCTIONS:

- Verify if vehicles are affected by this quality action using Service Comm or DBS National Service History – Open Campaigns I.D. <u>PC681</u>
  - New vehicles in dealer inventory can also be identified using DBS (Sales-> Vehicle Inventory, and filter by Open Campaign).
    - Refer to NPSB 15-460 for additional information
  - <u>Please continue to check newly arriving inventory for campaign</u> <u>applicability.</u>
- 2. Dealers should use the attached procedure to identify the presence of a plastic slug in the fuel tank for any vehicle subject to this quality action.
  - Nissan has developed an automatic parts shipment to provide affected dealers with replacement fuel sensing unit packing for affected vehicles in dealer inventory. Parts should begin to arrive at dealers on **February 13, 2019**
  - If no plastic slug is present, install new fuel sensing unit packing and reinstall the fuel sensing unit assembly. Once reinstalled, the vehicle may be immediately released for sale.
  - If a plastic slug is present, remove the plastic slug, install new fuel sensing unit packing, and reinstall the fuel sensing unit assembly.
    \*NOTE: If a plastic slug is present, it is very important that dealers send an email to <u>nnafqasupport@nissan-usa.com</u> and include the following information in the email:

- E-mail Subject Line: PC681 AWD Altima fuel tank inspection
- Include a clear picture showing evidence of plastic slug presence
- Dealer Code
- Dealer Name
- Dealer Address
- VIN
- Contact Name
- Contact Phone Number

#### \*This information will be used to aid discussions with our supplier.

3. The service department should submit the applicable warranty claim for the action performed so it can be closed on Service Comm and release the vehicle.

#### \*\*\*\*\* Dealer Responsibility \*\*\*\*\*

It is the dealer's responsibility to check Service Comm or DBS National Service History – Open Campaign using the appropriate campaign I.D for the inspection status on each affected vehicle currently in new vehicle inventory.

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# PC681 - 2019 - ALTIMA (AWD ONLY) FUEL TANK INSPECTION

### SERVICE PROCEDURE:

**WARNING:** When replacing fuel line parts, be sure to observe the following.

- •Put a "CAUTION: FLAMMABLE" sign in the workshop.
- •Be sure to work in a well ventilated area and furnish workshop with a CO2 fire extinguisher.
- •Do not smoke while servicing fuel system. Keep open flames and sparks away from the work area.

**NOTE:** When removing components such as hoses, tubes/lines, etc., cap or plug openings to prevent fluid from spilling.

1. Open the hood and disconnect the negative battery cable. (Figure 1)





- 5. Remove the RH side fuel level sensing unit inspection hole cover.
  - Using a suitable tool turn the (4) retainers 90° clockwise to disengage the clips (Figure 5)
  - Lay the hole cover out of the way



Figure 5

- 6. Disconnect the harness connector from the fuel level sensing unit.
  - Press the release tab on the connector to disengage the connector (Figure 6)
  - Lift the connector off of the fuel level sensing unit



Figure 6

 Place suitable protective covering to protect the vehicle interior. (Figure 7)

**Caution:** Be careful not to spill fuel inside the vehicle.



Figure 7

- 8. Remove the locking ring from the fuel level sensing unit.
  - Remove the locking ring using tool J-45722 (Figure 8)
  - Rotate the locking ring counterclockwise (Figure 9)
  - Remove the locking ring and set aside



Figure 8



Figure 9

- 9. Lift the fuel level sensing unit up 4-6 inches. (Figure 10)
  - Remove fuel level sensor packing and discard (A new part will be used)

**CAUTION:** Damage can occur to the fuel level sensor arm if lifted too high.



Figure 10

10. Inspect the fuel tank for the plastic slug shown in Figure 11.

**NOTE:** The plastic slug is white on one side and black on the other. (Figure 11)

**NOTE**: The plastic slug does **NOT** float.

- Using flashlight inspect the fuel tank for a large plastic slug
- When inspecting, be sure to check the rear of the fuel tank as plastic slug can be difficult to see
- Use a long suitable tool to gently probe the rear of the fuel tank (Figure 12)
- Continue to next step



Figure 11



Figure 12

- $11.\,\text{Was}$  a plastic slug found in the fuel tank?
  - IF **YES**-Go to Step 12
  - IF NO-Go to Step 13 for reassembly

12. Additional instructions if plastic slug is found in the fuel tank.

- Remove the plastic slug from the fuel tank using a clean suitable tool
- Email a clear picture of the plastic slug to: <a href="mailto:nnafqasupport@nissan-usa.com">nnafqasupport@nissan-usa.com</a>
  - Make sure to include the below information:
  - E-Mail Subject Line: PC681 AWD Altima fuel tank inspection
  - Attach Clear Picture referenced above
  - Dealer Name:
  - Dealer Code:
  - Dealer Address:
  - VIN:
  - Contact Person Name:
  - Contact Person Phone Number:
- Continue to Step 13 for reassembly



- 16. Reinstall the RH side fuel level sensing unit inspection hole cover.
  - Align the cover over the retainer clips
  - Using a suitable tool, turn each of the 4 clips 90° counter-clockwise (Figure 16)



Figure 16

Figure 17

Seat belt buckle

positioning

17. Install rear seat cushion.

- Lower the rear seat cushion toward the rear of the vehicle
- Position the rear seat belt buckles into slots in the seat cushion (Figure 17)
- Slide the rear of the seat bottom back and down into position
- Line up the seat cushion wire with the seat cushion lock and push the seat cushion down to lock into place for both sides

18. Reconnect the negative battery cable.

• Torque to 5.39 N·m (0.55 kg-m, 47.5 in-lb).

**Release lever** 

### **PARTS INFORMATION:**

Description	Part #	Quantity		
Packing – Fuel Gauge	17342-4KH0A	1		

### **CLAIMS INFORMATION**

## Submit claim using the following claims coding:

## Work Order Line Type: "CM" Campaign

### Campaign: PC681

Claim Type:	CM			
PNC:	PC681			
Symptom:	ZZ			
Diagnosis:	99			
Description:	Op Codes	Flat Rate Time	Parts Required on claim	Expense Code Required
Inspect fuel tank for Plastic Slug	PC6810	0.4 Hr	YES	NO
Inspect fuel tank for Plastic Slug, remove	PC6811	0.5 Hr	YES	NO