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Mr. Jeff Giuseppe
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 Mr. Giuseppe:

We are transmitting the enclosed Noncompliance Information Report in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573. A voluntary recall campaign will be initiated and your office provided with the notices. Nissan plans to notify dealers by March 7, 2018. Due to the small number of vehicles affected, Nissan plans to immediately begin individually reaching out to owners of affected vehicles to have them quickly remedied, negating the need for generating a Part 577 letter.

Very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Derek Latta".

Derek Latta
Manager,
Technical Compliance

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NONCOMPLIANCE INFORMATION REPORT

1. Manufacturer:

Nissan Motor Company, Ltd.

2. Vehicles Potentially Involved:

Certain 2018 Model Year Nissan 370Z vehicles manufactured at Tochigi, Japan plant from December 4, 2017 to January 11, 2018.

No other vehicles are affected because the issue (described in Section 5 below) is unique to this model and dates of manufacture.

No component suppliers are involved.

3. Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved:

Approximately 22 Nissan 370Z vehicles.

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

5%

5. Description of the Noncompliance:

Due to operator error, the left hand (driver's side) curtain air bag may have been installed incorrectly during production. More specifically, the curtain air bag fabric may have been twisted during installation, which could potentially prevent or reduce proper curtain inflation during deployment. If this occurs, the driver's side curtain air bag may not comply with certain performance requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) No. 214; Side Impact Protection and FMVSS No. 226; Ejection Mitigation.

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

During a routine inspection at the Tochigi, Japan plant on a MY 2018 370Z, Nissan identified an issue with the driver's side curtain air bag installation. Nissan immediately implemented a production countermeasure to prevent the issue from reoccurring.

Concurrently, Nissan began an investigation into the scope and consequence of the issue and whether any curtain air bags were installed incorrectly on vehicles outside of Nissan's control. Nissan also studied whether the condition affected compliance with applicable FMVSSs. Throughout this investigation, Nissan was not aware of any confirmed field incidents.

February 27, 2018 – As a result of these activities, Nissan determined that the condition may cause the subject vehicles not to meet certain performance requirements of FMVSS No. 214 and FMVSS No. 226; and that it would conduct a recall to remedy the issue.

7. Description of Corrective Action:

Owners of all potentially affected vehicles will be notified to take their vehicle to a Nissan dealer. The dealer will inspect the driver's side curtain air bag, and if it is installed incorrectly, it will be repositioned.

Nissan does not plan to put a statement in the Part 577 owner notification concerning reimbursement for the cost of obtaining a pre-notification remedy as the subject vehicles are under warranty.

8. Copy of Notices:

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