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

Derek Latta
Manager,
Technical Compliance

Encl.

NONCOMPLIANCE INFORMATION REPORT

1. Manufacturer:

Nissan North America Inc., Smyrna, TN plant

2. Vehicles Potentially Involved:

Certain Model Year 2021 Nissan Rogue vehicles manufactured in the Smyrna, TN plant from September 23, 2020 to April 20, 2021. Based on production records, this issue is unique to Model Year 2021 Nissan Rogue vehicles manufactured during the timeframe that the seat back frame handling error occurred.

The seat assemblies that contain the subject second row upper tether wires are unique to the supplier (Toyo, TN) for MY2021 Rogue vehicles built at the Smyrna plant. As such, this issue affects no other Nissan or INFINITI vehicles.

The name, description and part number of the subject components are below:

<u>Part Number</u>	<u>Part Description</u>
88650 6RA0A/B	BACK-TRIMMED-CLOTH B 60 BACK CTR AR MNL RCL TOP TETHER 2 LTCH RR LH
88650 6RC1A/B	BACK-TRIMMED-LTHR B 60 BACK CTR AR MNL RCL MGC FLD TOP TETHER 2 LTCH RR LH
88650 6RD1A/B	BACK-TRIMMED-LTHR B 60 BACK CTR AR MNL RCL HTR MGC FLD TOP TETHER 2 LTCH RR LH
88650 6RC2A/B	BACK-TRIMMED-LTHR C 60 BACK CTR AR MNL RCL TOP TETHER 2 LTCH RR LH
88650 6RD2A/B	BACK-TRIMMED-LTHR C 60 BACK CTR AR MNL RCL HTR TOP TETHER 2 LTCH RR LH

The seat assembly supplier is:

Toyo Seat Pehlam, TN
2903 State Route 50
Pehlam, TN 37366

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3. Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved:

Approximately 47,098 Nissan Rogue vehicles may be affected

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

0.06%

5. Description of the Noncompliance:

On certain Rogue vehicles, the second row upper tether wires may have a poor weld connection to the seat back frame. During the welding process at the supplier (Toyo, TN) the second row upper tether wires may have moved out of position, which can cause an insufficient weld. When this condition occurs, the second row upper tether wires may not conform to requirements defined in S6.3 *Strength requirements for tether anchorages* of FMVSS No. 225; Child restraint anchorage systems.

The upper tether wire of the second row seat is part of the LATCH system that secures child car seats. In this condition, a child seat may not be secured during a crash or sudden stop, which can increase the risk of possible injury of a child occupant.

6. Basis for Determination of the Existence of a Noncompliance

April 19, 2021 – During a routine internal yard sort activity, a plant operator noticed an abnormal fit while installing the seat back frame into the second row seat assembly fixture at the Smyrna, TN plant. The operator notified the supervisor of the issue, and Nissan began an investigation together with the supplier.

April 2021 through May 2021 – Nissan conducted a plant audit activity to determine the scope of the issue. Out of 6,950 seat back assemblies checked, four (4) units—three (3) left hand and one (1) right hand—were determined to contain a poor weld connection between the seat back and upper tether wire.

During the supplier investigation, it was discovered that the clamping mechanisms on the seat back fixture were slightly loose, allowing movement of the seat frame, which caused the tether wires to be out of position during the welding operation.

June 2021 – Nissan conducted a safety assessment to determine whether the weld condition conformed to the regulatory requirements for tether anchorages.

June 17, 2021 – Based upon confirmation that the subject condition affected compliance with FMVSS No. 225, Nissan made a noncompliance determination.

Nissan is not aware of any incidents related to the subject condition.

7. Description of Corrective Action:

Nissan will notify all owners of potentially affected vehicles beginning July 30, 2021. Dealers will be notified June 30, 2021. Dealers will visually inspect the back of the seat frames to confirm the weld condition for all three (3) second row upper tether wires. If a non-conforming weld is found, dealers will remove and replace the affected rear seat back.

We will not include 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.