



U.S. Department of Transportation  
**National Highway Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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NEF-107DR  
22E-066

**Subject:** Replacement Air Bag Inflator May Explode

Dear Mr. Swindell:

This letter serves to acknowledge Nissan North America, Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

**Makes/Models/Model Years:**

INFINITI/M35/2006-2010  
INFINITI/M45/2006-2010  
INFINITI/QX4/2002-2003  
NISSAN/MAXIMA/2001-2003  
NISSAN/SENTRA/2002-2006  
NISSAN/VERSA/2007-2012  
INFINITI/PASSENGER AIRBAG/9999  
NISSAN/DRIVER SIDE AIRBAG/9999  
NISSAN/PASSENGER AIRBAG/9999

**Mfr's Report Date:** August 9, 2022

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 22E-066

**Components:**

AIR BAGS:FRONTAL:DRIVER SIDE:INFLATOR MODULE  
AIR BAGS:FRONTAL:PASSENGER SIDE:INFLATOR MODULE

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 375

**Problem Description:**

Nissan North America, Inc. (Nissan) is recalling certain air bag inflator replacement service parts that may have been installed as part of a theft or collision repair. The parts include certain passenger-side air bag inflators designed to fit Infiniti 2002-2003 QX4, 2006-2010 M35 and M45; Nissan 2001-2003 Maxima, 2002-2006 Sentra, and both driver and passenger-side inflators designed to fit 2007-2012 Versa Sedan and Versa Hatchback vehicles. Please see Nissan's recall report for the specific part numbers. These replacement inflators may explode due to propellant degradation occurring after long-term exposure to high absolute humidity, temperature and temperature cycling.

**Consequence:**

An inflator explosion may result in sharp metal fragments striking the driver or other occupants resulting in serious injury or death.



**Remedy:**

Dealers will inspect and replace the inflators as necessary, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed September 14, 2022. Owners may contact Nissan's customer service at 1-800-867-7669.

**Notes:**

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to [www.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov).

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of eight consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Nissan North America, Inc.'s contact for this recall will be Darishea Rollins who may be reached by email at [darishea.rollins@dot.gov](mailto:darishea.rollins@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Alex Ansley  
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Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement