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September 1, 2022

Ms. Anne Collins  
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 Ms. Collins:

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 "Will Swindell".

Will Swindell  
Manager,  
Technical Compliance

Encl.

## **NONCOMPLIANCE INFORMATION REPORT**

1. Manufacturer:

Nissan North America, Inc., Smyrna plant

2. Vehicles Potentially Involved:

Certain Model Year 2021 - 2022 Nissan Rogue vehicles manufactured from March 23, 2022 to April 14, 2022 at the Smyrna, TN plant and repaired under warranty with the suspect seat belt service parts.

This issue (as described in Section 5 below) is specific to Nissan Rogue vehicles produced during the specified production period. No other Nissan or INFINITI vehicles are affected.

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

<b><u>Part Name</u></b>	<b><u>Part Description</u></b>	<b><u>Part Number</u></b>
BELT ASSY - TOUNGE, PRETENS RR	REAR RH - BLACK	88885 6RR3A
BELT ASSY - TOUNGE, PRETENS RR	REAR LH - BLACK	88884 6RR3A
BELT ASSY - TOUNGE, PRETENS RR	REAR RH - BEIGE	88885 6RR3B
BELT ASSY - TOUNGE, PRETENS RR	REAR LH - BEIGE	88884 6RR3B
BELT ASSY - PRETENS	SERVICE PART - PRETENS	88885 6RR9A

The manufacturer of the seat belt assembly is:

Name: ZF TRW Safety Systems Inc.

Address: Circuito del Ferrocarril 160, Gomez Palacio, Durango 35024

Country: Mexico

Contact Name: Jorge Jacobo

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3. Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved:

Approximately 8,391 Nissan Rogue vehicles are affected.

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

1%. The estimated percentage of vehicles involved with defect is unknown; 1% is used here because submission within NHTSA's safety portal will not allow a non-numeric value.

5. Description of the Noncompliance:

During a routine audit, Nissan identified the rear seat belts for the left-hand and right-hand rear seats were not retracting properly. In this condition, the seat belt assembly would not comply with S7.1 of FMVSS 208; Occupant crash protection and S4.3 of FMVSS 209; Seat Belt standards.

6. Basis for Determination of the Existence of a Noncompliance

On April 14, 2022, during a routine quality audit, a Nissan technician found the rear seat belts not retracting properly on a MY2022 Rouge vehicle and alerted the Supplier of the concern. Together with Nissan, the supplier launched an investigation.

May 2022 – During the Tier 1 supplier's (ZF) investigation, a tooling issue was discovered within the seat belt assembly process that caused non-uniform bending of the internal retractor base bracket. As a result, the internal spool can bind, leading to difficulty or inability to extract or retract the seat belt properly.

June 2022 through August 2022 – Nissan conducted a safety assessment to evaluate the regulatory impact of the subject condition. During this time, Nissan worked with the supplier to conduct testing on multiple seat belt fixtures to duplicate the concern.

Nissan completed its safety assessment and concluded that although the seat belt assemblies would perform as intended in an accident and restrain the occupant, the subject seat belt assemblies did not meet certain regulatory requirements for seat belt fitting, ALR retention, and retraction force.

August 25, 2022 – Nissan decided to conduct a Voluntary Recall to inspect all potentially affected vehicles and repair if necessary.

Nissan is not aware of any warranty claims attributed to the subject condition.

7. Description of Corrective Action:

Nissan will notify all owners of affected vehicles by October 27, 2022. Dealers will be notified on September 7, 2022. Dealers will inspect both left-hand and right-hand rear seat belts and replace as necessary. All inspections and repairs will be performed free of charge for parts and labor.

Nissan will not include a statement in the Part 577 owner notification concerning reimbursement for the cost of obtaining a pre-notification remedy for the subject vehicles because they are still under warranty.

8. Copy of Notices:

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