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**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NEF-107DR
23E-012

Subject: Driver's Side Air Bag Cover Emblem May Detach

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:

NISSAN/DRIVER SIDE AIRBAG/9999

Mfr's Report Date: February 10, 2023

NHTSA Campaign Number: 23E-012

Components:

AIR BAGS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 10,846

Problem Description:

Nissan North America, Inc. (Nissan) is recalling certain driver's air bag assemblies sold as replacement parts, with part numbers: 98510-ZC08A, 98510-ZC08B, 98510-ZM40A, 98510-ZM40B, 98510-ZM40C, 98510-ZM78A, 98510-ZM78B, 98510-ZQ08A, 98510-ZQ08B, 98510-ZP51A, 98510-ZP51C, 98510-ZP51D, 98510-ZP61C, 98510-ZP61D, 98510-ZS08A, 98510-ZS18A, and 98510-ZV08C. The resin emblem on the driver's air bag cover may develop cracks and detach during air bag deployment.

Consequence:

A detached emblem can become a projectile during air bag deployment, increasing the risk of injury to vehicle occupants.

Remedy:

The remedy is currently under development. Interim letters notifying owners of the safety risk are expected to be mailed April 10, 2023. Second letters will be mailed once the remedy is available. Owners may contact Nissan's customer service at 1-800-867-7669. Nissan's number for this recall is PC944/5/6/7/8/9.

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.

Please ensure the following requirements are met:

A description of the manufacturer's program for remedying the defect or noncompliance (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(8)(i)).

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

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. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Alex Ansley
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Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement