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Mr. Kenneth Weinstein
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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Mr. Weinstein:

We are transmitting the enclosed Defect Information Report in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573. A voluntary recall campaign will be initiated and your office provided with the notices. Nissan currently plans to begin owner notification on October 25, 2004.

We do 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 basic warranty coverage is four years/60,000 miles and these vehicles were first offered for sale in February 2004.

Very truly,



Frank D. Slaveter
Senior Manager,
Technical Compliance

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DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT

1. **Manufacturer:**

Nissan Motor Company, Ltd.

2. **Vehicles Potentially Involved:**

2004 model year Infiniti Q45 vehicles manufactured from January 23, 2004 through February 27, 2004 and 2004 Infiniti M45 vehicles manufactured from January 30, 2004 through February 27, 2004. No other Nissan or Infiniti vehicles use the same brake lamp switch and/or did not have spray lubricant applied near the switch.

3. **Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved:**

Approximately 96

4. **Percentage of Vehicles Estimated to Actually Contain the Defect:**

Unknown

5. **Description of the Defect:**

The brake lamps may not illuminate when the brake pedal is depressed because spray lubricant applied at the vehicle assembly plant near the brake lamp switch may have inadvertently entered the switch. This may create a layer of oxide on the switch contacts preventing electrical continuity.

6. **Chronology of Principal Events**

May 2004 – Reports were received on Nissan vehicles in Japan which experienced brake lamp switch failures.

May – Sept. 2004 – Nissan conducted an investigation to determine the cause of the incidents, the affected vehicles and the potential risk to safety.

September 28, 2004 – Nissan determined that a safety related defect exists and that a recall campaign should be conducted.

7. Description of Corrective Action:

Nissan plans to begin notifying owners on October 25, 2004. The brake lamp switch will be replaced.

8. Copy of Notices:

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