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Mr. Kenneth Weinstein
Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
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Dear Mr. Weinstein:

We are transmitting the enclosed Report of a Defect in a Vehicle in a Foreign Country.

Very truly,


Frank D. Slaveter
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**REPORT OF A SAFETY RECALL OR OTHER SAFETY CAMPAIGN
IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY**

1. **Manufacturer**

Nissan Motor Company, Ltd., Japan

2. **Vehicles Potentially Involved**

2004 model year Nissan President, Clima and Stagea vehicles produced from December 18, 2003 to February 27, 2004 at the Nissan Motor Company, Ltd. Tochigi plant in Japan. For the U.S., Infiniti Q45 vehicles produced from January 23, 2004 through February 27, 2004 and Infiniti M45 vehicles produced from January 30, 2004 through February 27, 2004 are also affected and a Part 573 report is being submitted to the agency concerning this.

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

159

4. **Description of the Defect**

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

5. **Foreign Country In which the Safety Recall or Other Safety Campaign is Being Conducted**

Japan

6. **Date of Determination**

September 28, 2004

7. **Determination Made By**

Manufacturer

8. **Date the Recall or Other Campaign will Commence**

October 6, 2004

9. Descriptive of Corrective Action

Owners of potentially affected vehicles will be notified to take their vehicle to a Nissan dealer. The brake lamp switch will be replaced.

10. Vehicles In the United States (If known)

2001-2004 model year Infiniti Q45 vehicles sold in the U.S. are on a similar "platform" as the Nissan President and Nissan Cima vehicles sold in Japan. 2003-2004 model year Nissan 350Z, Infiniti G35 sedan and coupe and Infiniti FX35 and FX45 vehicles are on a similar "platform" as the Nissan Stagea sold in Japan. However, these U.S. vehicles are not identical or substantially similar from an engineering standpoint. As noted in Item 2, this issue also affects some Infiniti Q45 and M45 vehicles sold in the U.S. The Nissan 350Z and Infiniti FX35, FX45, G35 sedan and G35 coupe sold in the U.S are not affected because they either use a different type brake lamp switch or were produced at another plant which did not use spray lubricant.