

Subject: 2006 Altima and Sentra QR25DE Engine Oil Consumption Voluntary Recall Campaign; Voluntary Service Campaign

Attention – Dealer Principals, Sales, Parts and Service Managers

***** Campaign Announcement *****

Nissan is conducting a voluntary campaign on approximately 112,000 model year 2006 Nissan Altima and Sentra vehicles equipped with four cylinder 2.5L engines. On some 2006 model year Nissan Altima and Sentra vehicles equipped with four cylinder 2.5L engines, there is a possibility of an engine compartment fire. This is caused by extremely low engine oil level resulting from higher than normal engine oil consumption due to a manufacturing problem in some engines.

Nissan will take the following actions at no cost to the customer for parts or labor:

- In order to prevent a fire from occurring, Nissan will reprogram the Electronic Control Module (ECM or engine computer) (Item 1 below).
 - Nissan will also take additional steps to help assure continued satisfaction, by evaluating the vehicle to determine if it exhibits abnormal oil consumption. In a small percentage of vehicles, engine replacement will be needed (Item 2 below).
1. In order to prevent a fire from occurring, a Nissan dealer will reprogram the Electronic Control Module (ECM or engine computer). This reprogramming will ensure that the engine will go into a "limp home" mode in the event that the engine oil drops to an unacceptable level. If this occurs, the "Service Engine Soon" light will illuminate and the vehicle engine RPM will not exceed 1800. Reduced drivability will result, but the vehicle will be able to be driven to a Nissan dealer for service.
 2. In addition to the ECM reprogramming, the vehicle will also be inspected to determine if it has been consuming engine oil at a higher than normal rate.
 - If oil consumption is determined to be normal, the oil and filter will be changed and the vehicle returned to the customer.
 - If oil consumption is determined to be abnormal, the engine in the vehicle will be replaced.
 - In some cases, analysis of the engine oil will be necessary to determine if the engine needs to be replaced.

If engine oil analysis is necessary, a Nissan dealer will take an oil sample at the time of ECM reprogramming and send it to a separate laboratory. The oil, filter, and oil pan will be replaced and the vehicle will then be returned to the customer. After the oil sample analysis is completed, Nissan will inform the customer of the results in approximately 2-3 weeks by mail. In the meantime, it is safe to continue to drive the vehicle, but as always owners should regularly check the engine oil level as specified in the Owner's Manual as recommended.

In a few cases, the results of the oil sample will indicate engine replacement is necessary. In those cases, Nissan will ask the customer to return the vehicle to the dealership to have the engine replaced. If it is necessary to replace the engine, a rental vehicle will be provided while the vehicle is left at the dealer for the repair.

To help maintain customer confidence in the vehicles Nissan has extended the engine portion of the Powertrain Coverage on some of the 2006 Nissan New Vehicles Limited

Warranty to 84 months or 100,000 miles, whichever comes first. All other warranty terms, limitations, and conditions remain unchanged. This warranty extension applies to the vehicle whether the engine is replaced or not.

***** Owner Notification *****

Nissan will start to mail Owner Notification letters beginning November 15, 2006. The Campaign Bulletin will be published on ASIST at that time.

***** Parts Availability *****

An adequate supply of parts is available for this campaign repair. The necessary parts can be ordered via the normal ordering process.

***** Special Tools*****

Dealers will be receiving a tool kit required for the diagnosis portion of this campaign. Some dealers will not receive their tool kits until December. If a customer appointment becomes necessary before the tool kit arrives, and the vehicle does not exhibit obvious excessive oil consumption, an oil sample should be taken for laboratory analysis in accordance with the TSB.

***** Dealer Responsibility *****

It is the retailer's responsibility to check Service Comm for the campaign status on each vehicle falling within the range of this voluntary safety recall which for any reason enters the service department. This includes vehicles purchased from private parties or presented by transient (tourist) owners and vehicles in a dealer's inventory. Federal law requires that new vehicles in dealer inventory which are the subject of a safety recall must be corrected prior to sale. Failure to do so can result in civil penalties by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. While federal law applies only to new vehicles, Nissan strongly encourages dealers to correct any used vehicles in their inventory before they are retailed.

If you have any additional questions related to this campaign, please contact your Dealer Parts and Service Manager (DPSM).

Nissan Parts and Service Operations
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