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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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MR. FRANK SLAVETER
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NISSAN NORTH AMERICA, INC.
333 COMMERCE STREET
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NVS-215kjs
08E-014

Subject: AFTERMARKET HITCH STYLE BIKE RACKS

Dear MR. SLAVETER:

This letter serves to acknowledge Nissan North America, Inc.'s (Nissan) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a defect for the products listed below for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30119.

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:

INFINITI/999R5-AR000/9999
NISSAN/999R5-AR000/9999

NHTSA Campaign Number: 08E-014

Mfg's Report Date: January 23, 2008

Components: EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 480

Summary:

NISSAN IS RECALLING 480 AFTERMARKET HITCH STYLE BIKE RACKS, PART NO. 999R5-AR000. THESE BIKE RACKS CAN BE INSTALLED ON MY 2002-2008 NISSAN QUEST, MURANO, FRONTIER, XTERRA, PATHFINDER, TITAN, ARMADA, AND MY 2004-2008 INFINITI FX35, FX45, QX56, AND QX4 SPORT UTILITY VEHICLES. A PINCH BOLT EXISTS BETWEEN THE BIKE ARM BRACKET AND THE UPRIGHT ASSEMBLY.

Consequence:

WHEN MOVING THE BIKE ARM BRACKET TO ITS DOWN POSITION, THIS PINCH BOLT HAS THE POTENTIAL OF CAUSING SEVERE LACERATION OR AMPUTATION TO THE USER'S FINGERTIPS OR HAND.

Remedy:

NISSAN WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND PROVIDE A FREE RETROFIT KIT. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING FEBRUARY 2008. OWNERS MAY CONTACT NISSAN AT 1-800-647-7261 OR INFINITI AT 1-800-662-6200.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS MAY CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

We have received Nissan's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete. 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).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six 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 close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227, by email at Kelly.Schuler@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for the successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement