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Ms. Nancy Lewis
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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attn: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
Room W48-302
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Madam:

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. The subject vehicles in dealer inventory have been placed on hold. Nissan plans to begin notifying owners on August 12, 2013.

We will not include a statement in the Part 577 owner notification concerning reimbursement for the cost of obtaining a pre-notification remedy as the subject vehicles are under warranty.

Very truly,



Donald Neff
Manager,
Technical Compliance

Encl.

DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT

1. Manufacturer:

Nissan Mexicana, S.A, De C.V.

2. Vehicles Potentially Involved:

Certain 2014 Model year Nissan Versa Note vehicles manufactured from April 23, 2013 (start of production for the U.S. market) through July 5, 2013.

Other Nissan vehicles and Nissan Versa Note vehicles manufactured after these dates are not affected because the components subject to this recall are unique to this vehicle in this production range.

3. Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved:

Approximately 7,782 Model year 2014 Nissan Versa Note vehicles.

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

Unknown

5. Description of the Defect:

On some of the potentially affected vehicles, the rear seat back latch bolts may have been manufactured out of specification. In vehicles equipped with the improperly manufactured bolts, the rear seats may not perform as designed in a crash.

6. Chronology of Principal Events

June 2013 - A dealer identified a vehicle with two broken rear seat latch bolts. Nissan immediately initiated an investigation into this issue which included part evaluations and an assessment of effect on vehicle performance.

July 2013 - Based on initial inspection of the incident rear seat latch bolts and several other sample parts, Nissan tentatively determined that these bolt were manufactured out of specification. While it continued its investigation and assessment, out of an abundance of caution, Nissan directed dealers to replace the rear seat latch bolts in all potentially affected vehicles in dealer inventory. It was later determined that

hydrogen may have been absorbed during the coating process leading to hydrogen embrittlement in the bolt's structure.

July 16, 2013 –Nissan determined that a safety related defect exists and a recall campaign will be conducted.

7. Description of Corrective Action:

The rear seat latch bolts will be removed and replaced with bolts within Nissan specification at no charge for parts and labor. The affected vehicles in dealer inventory have already been placed on hold.

Nissan plans to begin affected owner notification on August 12, 2013.

8. Copy of Notices:

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