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# Over 460,000 Nissan Vehicles Are Recalled Worldwide



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Over 460,000 Nissan vehicles are being recalled worldwide because the driver's side airbag cover emblem may detach during deployment, increasing the risk of injury to passengers.

Titan, Frontier, Xterra, Pathfinder, Armada, and Quest vehicles manufactured 2008-11 are included in the recall. Nissan spokesman Stephen O'Neil says it affects 463,472 vehicles worldwide, with 404,690 in the U.S., 17,214 in Canada, and 6,471 in Mexico.



According to an NHTSA recall report, the badges on driver-side airbag covers on affected vehicles may be less durable due to a possible variation in the Tier 2 supplier's production process.

Nissan said it was aware of four incidents alleging injury as a result of the issue, and a fix is in the works.

A Nissan dealership can check your vehicle if your emblem is loose, cracked, or missing. If repairs are necessary, a limited number of parts can be obtained, or alternative transportation can be arranged.

We often discuss Takata airbags here when airbag problems arise, but these airbags are manufactured by Swedish supplier Autoliv, one of the world's leading airbag and seatbelt manufacturers.

Nissan notified dealers last Friday and owners were expected to receive letters by April 10. A second letter will be sent once the repair is ready to be made.

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## Past Recalls

Several Nissan models have been recalled over the past few years for airbag issues and electronic failures. These include the Altima, Maxima, Murano, Leaf, Sentra, Pathfinder, Rogue, and NV trucks.

It was reported that about 350,000 Nissan Altima models made from 2015 to 2017 were recalled due to an improper rear door latch. The completion rate was 82.8 percent as of April 2018, based on NHTSA data. Lowering the rear window could accidentally open the rear door while the vehicle was in motion, putting rear passengers at risk.

Nissan recalled over 3 million vehicles in 2016, including those from the Maxima, Altima, NV200, Leaf, Sentra, and Pathfinder ranges. The particular issue at hand was a front passenger airbag seat sensor that would not appropriately register an adult passenger. To solve the problem dealers have reprogrammed the necessary airbag unit as well as electronics. According to NHTSA's October 2017 data, a completion rate of 77.1 percent had been achieved.