



RECALL CAMPAIGN BULLETIN

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VOLUNTARY RECALL CAMPAIGN HITCH MOUNTED BICYCLE RACK

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INTRODUCTION

Thule[®], a bicycle rack manufacturer that supplies bicycle racks to Nissan dealers, has decided that a defect that relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain hitch mounted bicycle racks (Nissan part number 999R5-AR000). There is a pinch point in the bicycle rack that can potentially cause a severe hand or finger injury when moving the bicycle rack bracket to its down position.

To remedy this potential condition, a retrofit kit is available free of charge to customers from Nissan to repair the bicycle rack. The kit includes a bumper, a warning sticker and written instructions regarding the installation of both.

Installation of the retrofit kit is simple, requires no tools and takes only a few minutes. Customers can install the kit themselves.

DO NOT USE A BICYCLE RACK THAT IS AFFECTED BY THIS CAMPAIGN UNTIL IT HAS BEEN RETROFITTED.

DEALER RESPONSIBILITY

It is the dealer's responsibility to check each bicycle rack affected by this voluntary safety recall which is in a dealer's inventory. **Federal law requires that new product in a dealer inventory which is 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.**

Customers that need a retrofit kit or additional information regarding this campaign should be directed to the National Consumer Affairs Department:

Nissan North America, Inc.
P.O. Box 685003
Franklin, TN 37068-5003
1-800-NISSAN1 (1-800-647-7261).

OWNER'S LETTER

Dear Nissan Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. Thule, a bicycle rack manufacturer that supplies bicycle racks to Nissan dealers, has decided that a defect that relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain hitch mounted bicycle racks (Nissan part number 999R5-AR000). Your Nissan dealer records indicate that you may have purchased a bicycle rack potentially affected by this issue.

Reason for Recall

There is a pinch point in the bicycle rack that can potentially cause a severe hand or finger injury when moving the bicycle rack bracket to its down position. It is important that you stop using this bicycle rack immediately.

What Nissan Is Doing

Enclosed for you to install is a retrofit kit free of charge to repair the bicycle rack. The kit includes a bumper, a warning sticker and written instructions regarding the installation of both.

What You Should Do

DO NOT USE THE BICYCLE RACK UNTIL IT HAS BEEN RETROFITTED USING THE KIT PROVIDED.

If you have additional questions you may contact the National Consumer Affairs Department, Nissan North America, Inc., P.O. Box 685003, Franklin, TN 37068-5003. The toll free number is 1-800-NISSAN1 (1-800-647-7261). You may also notify the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590; or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

Thank you for your cooperation. We are indeed sorry for any inconvenience this may cause you.

