



# 2015 NISSAN CONSUMER SAFETY & AIR BAG INFORMATION GUIDE

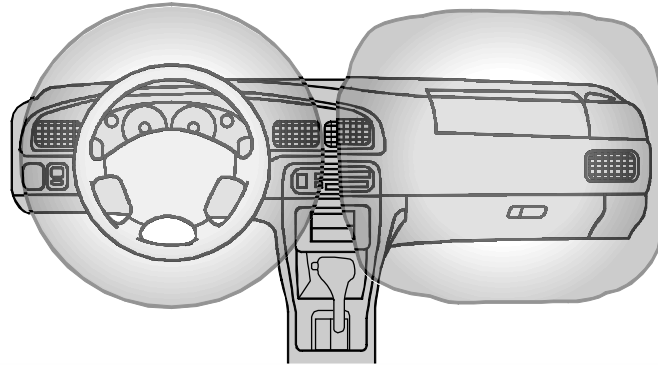
The 2015 NISSAN Consumer Safety & Air Bag Information Guide provides information for 2015 NISSAN vehicles available at time of publication. Refer to your vehicles owner's manual, to familiarize yourself with all disclosures, warnings, cautions, and all air bag protection and seat belt safety instructions. This publication may be amended as new vehicles are introduced.

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# AIR BAG PROTECTION

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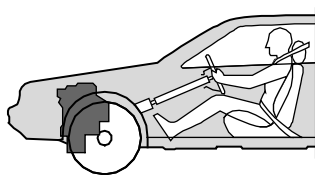
## WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT AIR BAGS

Air bags are a *supplemental* restraint system designed to enhance the protection provided by the seat belt system during certain types of collisions. Driver and passenger front-impact air bags are standard on every NISSAN vehicle. Front seat-mounted side-impact supplemental air bags and roof-mounted curtain side-impact supplemental air bags are available on many 2015 NISSAN vehicles. See your vehicle owner's manual for information about these air bag systems, if so equipped.

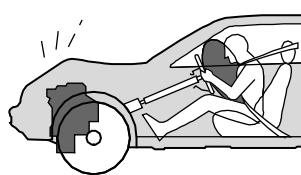
Please remember, always wear your seat belt, and that a rear-facing child restraint must never be used in the front passenger seat if the vehicle is equipped with a front passenger air bag. See page 10 of this guide for important information about child restraint use.

## FASTER THAN THE EYE CAN BLINK

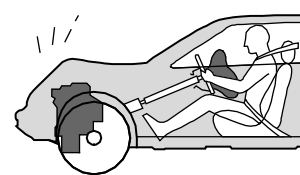
In a collision, a lot can happen in just one second. Generally, at 0.01 seconds after a collision starts, an air bag begins to inflate. At 0.04 seconds, it is fully inflated. By 0.1 seconds, it has done its job and is deflating. Considering the speed of these events, it is not surprising that many people involved in a frontal collision do not realize that their air bags did inflate.



0.01 SECONDS INFLATING BEGINS



0.04 SECONDS AIR BAG IS INFLATED



0.1 SECONDS DEFLATING BEGINS

## THE NISSAN ADVANCED AIR BAG SYSTEM

All 2015 NISSAN vehicles (except for the 2015 NV 1500/2500/3500\*) are equipped with the NISSAN Advanced Air Bag System (AABS) for the driver and front passenger seats. Typically, this system, which has dual-stage inflators,\*\* monitors information from various crash sensors, the front seat belt buckle sensors, and the occupant classification sensor.

The front passenger air bag may automatically turn OFF under some conditions, depending on the pressure or weight detected by sensors in the passenger seat. See the vehicle owner's manual for more information. If the front passenger air bag is OFF, the front passenger air bag status light will be illuminated.\*\*\*

The front passenger air bag status light does not indicate a malfunction of the front passenger air bag. If the front passenger air bag status light illuminates while a small adult, child, or child restraint occupies the seat, the occupant may need to shift his or her seating position, or remove the child restraint so the system can turn ON the front passenger air bag and turn off the status light.

## THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF AN AIR BAG: YOUR SEAT BELT

Your chances of surviving a collision will improve greatly if one simple piece of advice is followed: **always wear your seat belt**. Remember, all air bags are supplemental restraint systems. Do not count on just the air bags for occupant protection; they are merely a *supplemental* restraint system. You must always use seat belts properly, as explained in the vehicle owner's manual.

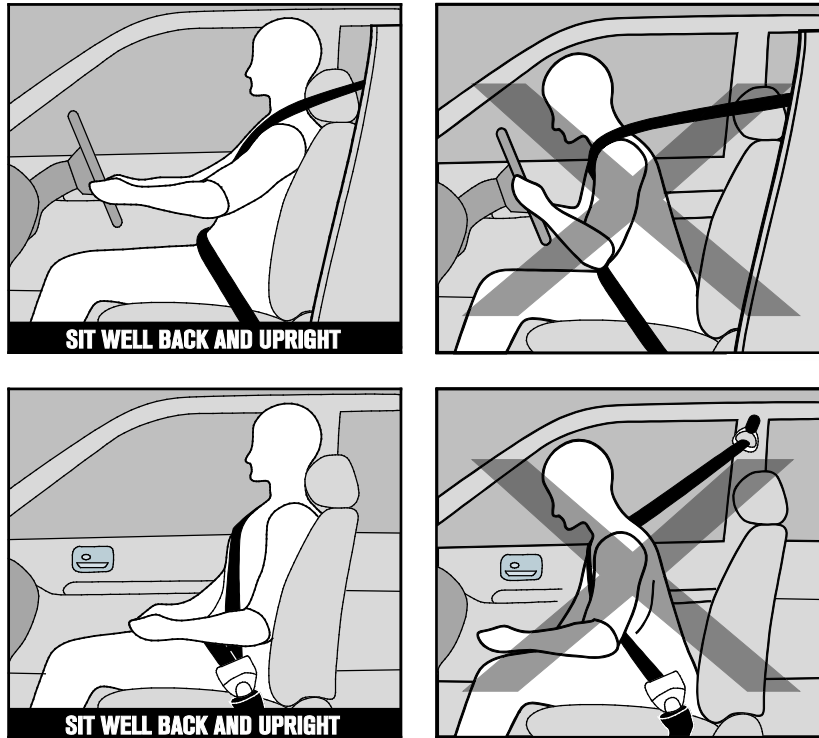
Seat belts help to protect the occupants of your vehicle during collisions in which the air bags are not designed to activate. Moreover, in situations where the air bags are activated, seat belts enhance their effectiveness and can help reduce the risk of injury from an inflating air bag. Seat belts will also help protect the occupants of your vehicle during multiple-impact collisions, while the air bags work only one time if a collision is severe enough to activate them. Please see the **SEAT BELT SAFETY** and **CHILD SAFETY** sections of this guide and the vehicle owner's manual for more information.

\* The NV lineup is equipped with dual-stage front air bags and seat belt buckle sensors, but the 2015 NV 1500/2500/3500 does not have an occupant classification sensor (and the associated front passenger air bag status light).

\*\*Dual-stage inflators vary the air bag inflation rate based on the severity of the collision (for example, less forceful inflation for moderate impacts and a high force of inflation for more severe impacts). In addition, based on information from the seat belt buckle sensors that detect whether the seat belts are fastened, whether one or both front airbags deploy. Only one front air bag may inflate in a crash, depending on the crash severity, and whether the front occupants are belted or unbelted.

\*\*\*When the system detects that the seat is unoccupied, the passenger air bag status light will not illuminate even though the front passenger air bag is OFF.

## EFFECTIVE USE OF SEAT BELTS AND AIR BAGS



Seat belts and supplemental air bags are most effective when vehicle occupants are sitting upright and well back in the seat with both feet on the floor. Keep in mind that air bags inflate with great force. Being unrestrained, leaning forward, sitting sideways, or being out of position in any way puts you at a greater risk of injury or death in a crash. You may also receive serious or fatal injuries from the air bag if you are up against it when it inflates. Always sit back against the seatback with both feet on the floor and as far away as practical from the steering wheel or instrument panel and always wear your seat belt. Please see the **SEAT BELT SAFETY** section of this guide and the vehicle owner's manual for more information.

## HOW AND WHEN FRONT AIR BAGS WORK

While the inner workings of a supplemental front air bag system are complicated, understanding what makes the front air bags deploy is rather easy: *the vehicle's front air bag sensor system is designed to detect rapid deceleration usually associated with moderate to severe frontal collisions within a limited range of angles.* The vehicle's deceleration rate is related to various factors, such as speed of the vehicles, the weight and stiffness of the vehicles/objects involved, contact locations, and the angle of impact, to name a few. Once the sensor system is activated, the front air bags inflate followed by a release of smoke, almost instantly. The front air bags will not usually activate in side-impact

collisions, rear-end collisions, rollovers, while driving on rough roads, or during hard braking. However, deceleration rates in some situations can be similar to those found in frontal impacts and may result in front air bag activation.

## **WHEN THE FRONT AIR BAGS INFLATE**

Please remember, for the supplemental front air bags to be most effective, you must always buckle up and be seated upright and well back in the seat away from the steering wheel or instrument panel to allow room for the air bags to inflate. For the front air bags to do their job, they must inflate with great force. As mentioned earlier in this guide, this may cause serious or even fatal injury if, for example, you are unrestrained out of position in any way, sitting or leaning too close to the steering wheel or instrument panel during inflation. Even when seated properly, there is a possibility of injury from an inflating front air bag. This usually consists of minor skin abrasions or burns, but may be more serious. Overall, these injuries are minimal compared to the injuries the front air bags are designed to prevent. After the front air bags have inflated, you may notice a light smoke within the cabin. This is a normal by-product of the rapid chemical reaction necessary to inflate the front air bags and, although harmless do not inhale it, it may cause irritation and choking.

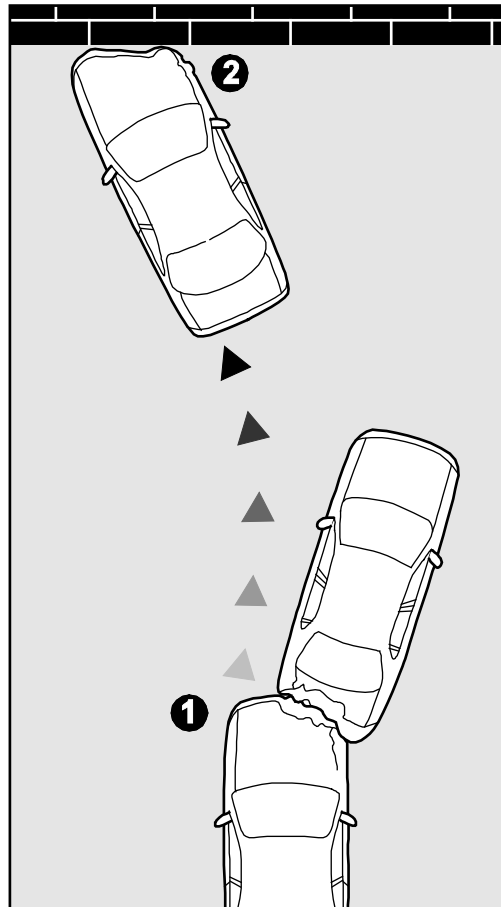
## **REPLACING THE AIR BAGS**

Air bags are not reusable. After a collision in which your air bags have activated, have the respective air bag system inspected and replaced by your NISSAN dealer as soon as possible. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has expressed concern regarding reports of counterfeit replacement air bags installed in vehicles. Visit [www.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov) for more information. We recommend the replacement of air bags by your NISSAN dealer to ensure that you receive new original equipment replacement parts. Counterfeit replacement air bags may not be made to the standards of quality, reliability and durability of Genuine NISSAN parts. The use of counterfeit replacement air bags or used or salvaged air bags is a potential serious safety problem and may not provide the same level of protection in a crash.

## **OTHER SPECIFICS ABOUT AIR BAGS**

- If the air bag warning light continues to remain on or flashes after you start the vehicle, see your NISSAN dealer as soon as possible.
- After inflation, air bag components are hot, so avoid contact.
- Do not place objects on or near the steering wheel or instrument panel where the air bags inflate.
- **Child restraints for infants must be used in a rear-facing direction and therefore must not be used in the front seat. Never** install a rear-facing child restraint in the front passenger seat of a vehicle equipped with a front passenger air bag.
- See the vehicle owner's manual for other important information.

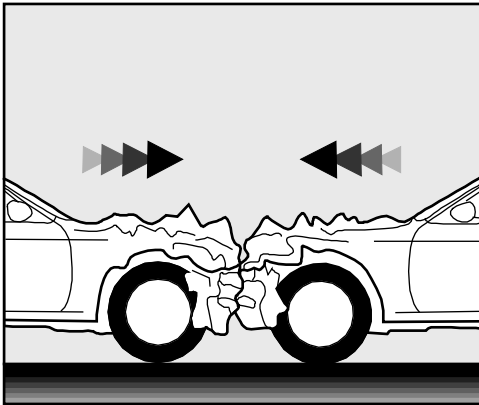
## **AN AIR BAG WORKS ONLY ONCE**



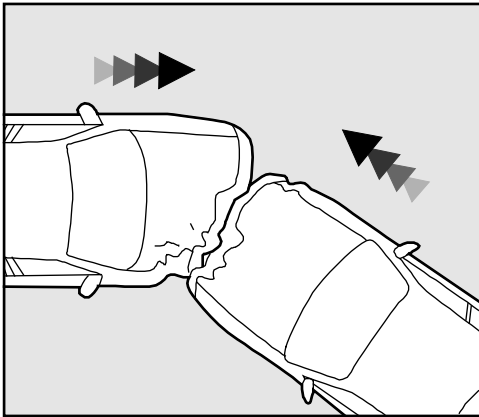
**In a multiple-impact collision, air bags help to protect only during the first impact severe enough to activate the system.**

**If, as in the illustration above, for example, the collision labeled #1 were severe enough to activate the front air bags, the front air bags would not be reactivated in collision #2.**

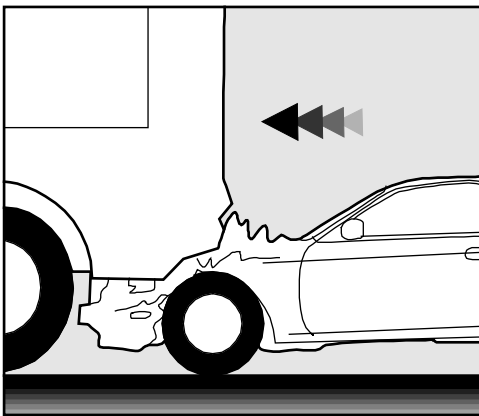
## FRONTAL COLLISIONS WITH OTHER VEHICLES



**A severe frontal collision involving another vehicle, stationary or moving, probably will activate the front air bags.**

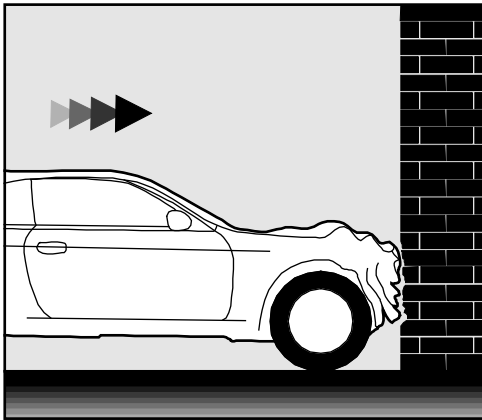


**The front air bags may or may not be activated in a frontal collision that occurs at an angle.**

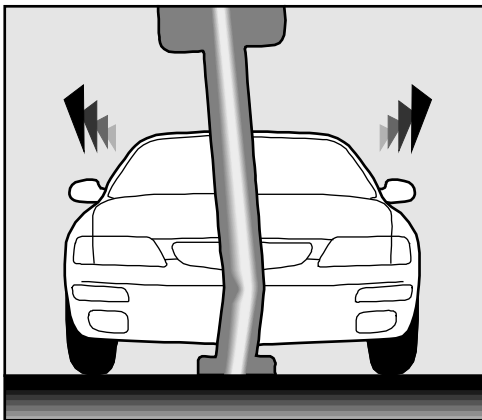


**If the front end of your car should go under a vehicle, the impact probably will not activate the front air bags.**

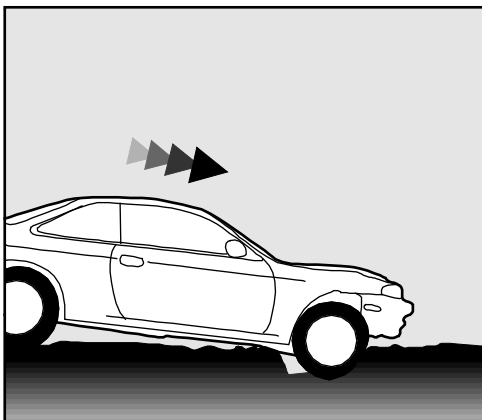
## OTHER FRONTAL COLLISIONS



**A severe collision with an immovable object probably will activate the front air bags.**



**Hitting a pole is a situation in which the front air bags may or may not activate, depending on the specific impact.**



**If your vehicle should strike an object in the road, such as a rock, debris or hole, the front air bags probably will not activate.**



## **SIDE-IMPACT, CURTAIN SIDE-IMPACT, AND CURTAIN SIDE-IMPACT/ROLLOVER AIR BAG SYSTEMS**

Front seat-mounted side-impact supplemental air bags, roof-mounted curtain side-impact air bags, and curtain side-impact/rollover air bags are available on many 2015 NISSAN vehicles. Side-impact air bags (if so equipped) are located on the side of the seatbacks of the front seats. Curtain side-impact air bags (if so equipped) and curtain side-impact/rollover air bags (if so equipped) are located in the left and right side roof rails or in the upper part of the front door panels.

Side-impact air bags and curtain side-impact air bags are designed to inflate in higher-severity side collisions, on the side where the vehicle is impacted. However, they may inflate if the forces in another type of collision are similar to those of a higher-severity side-impact. Curtain side-impact/rollover air bags are designed to inflate in certain types of side-impact collisions and rollovers.

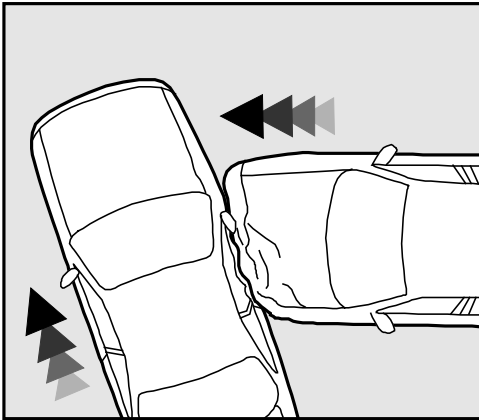
Curtain side-impact air bags and curtain side-impact/rollover air bags are different mainly in their sensing systems: curtain side-impact air bags are activated primarily in a lateral collision, whereas curtain side-impact/rollover air bags are activated in either a lateral collision or a rollover. Since a rollover event lasts longer than a side-impact event, curtain side-impact/rollover air bags are designed to remain inflated longer than curtain side-impact air bags.

Side-impact air bags and curtain side-impact air bags, along with the use of seat belts, help to cushion the impact force on the chest and pelvic area of the front occupants. In most NISSAN vehicles, curtain side-impact air bags also help to cushion the impact force to the head of rear outboard-seated occupants. These air bags can help save lives and reduce serious injury. However, an inflating side-impact air bag, curtain side-impact air bag, or curtain side-impact/rollover air bag may cause abrasions or other injuries.

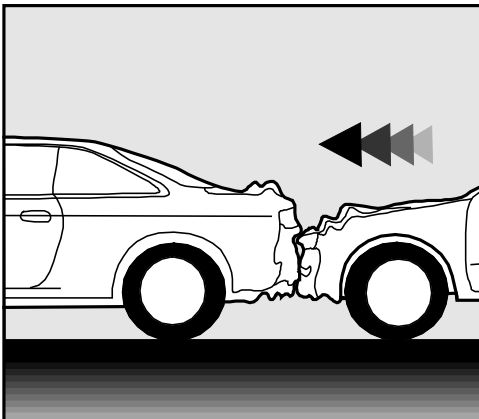
Seat belts should be worn correctly and vehicle occupants seated upright. Side impact air bags, curtain side-impact air bags, and curtain side-impact/rollover air bags inflate quickly in order to help protect the occupants. The force of an air bag inflating can increase the risk of injury if the occupant is too close to, or is against these air bag modules during inflation.

Like front air bags, an inflated side-impact air bag as well as an inflated curtain side-impact air bag will deflate soon after the collision is over. As noted above, an inflated curtain side-impact/rollover air bag will remain inflated for a short time afterward. See **REPLACING THE AIR BAGS** earlier in this guide.

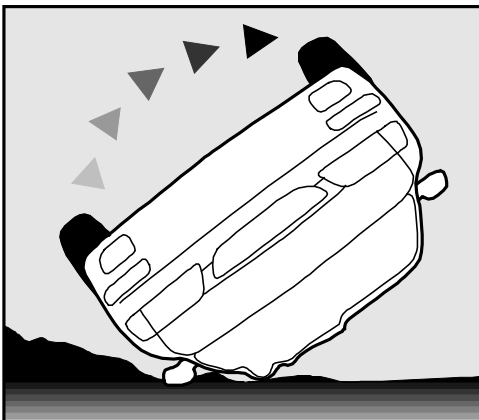
## SIDE AND OTHER COLLISIONS



On vehicles equipped with side-impact and curtain side-impact air bags, the air bags on the side the vehicle was impacted probably will activate depending on the collision.\* The front air bags are not likely to activate in this situation.



The air bags probably will not activate if your vehicle is struck from the rear.



On vehicles equipped with curtain side-impact/rollover air bags, the curtain air bags on both sides of the vehicle are designed to activate in certain types of rollovers. This function is in addition to the side-impact protection function described above. The front air bags are not likely to activate in this situation.

\*Curtain side-impact/rollover air bags (if so equipped) probably will also inflate, depending on the collision.

## **OTHER SPECIFICS ABOUT SIDE-IMPACT, CURTAIN SIDE-IMPACT, AND CURTAIN SIDE-IMPACT/ROLLOVER AIR BAG SYSTEMS**

- Do not allow anyone sitting in the front seat to extend his or her hand out the window or lean against the door.
- When sitting in the rear, do not hold onto the seatbacks of the front seats. Be especially careful with children, who should always be properly seated and restrained.
- Do not allow anyone to place their hand, leg or face near the side-impact air bag modules on the side of the seatbacks of the front seats or near the curtain side-impact air bag modules in the roof rails or in the front door panels.
- Curtain side-impact/rollover air bags are designed to inflate not only in rollovers, but also in near rollover situations. As a result, certain vehicle movements (for example, during severe off-road driving) may cause these air bags to inflate.
- See the vehicle owner's manual for other important information about side-impact, curtain side-impact, and curtain side-impact/rollover air bag systems (if the vehicle is equipped with these systems).

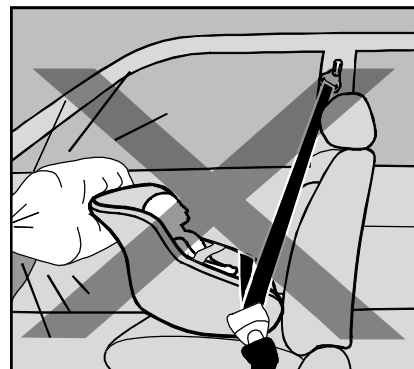
## **CHILD SAFETY**

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### **WHENEVER A CHILD IS IN YOUR VEHICLE**

The risk of serious or fatal injury to children in automobile collisions can be reduced with a properly installed child restraint. Before you install a child restraint in your vehicle, please consult the vehicle owner's manual and the child restraint manufacturer's instructions for proper installation.

**Never install a rear-facing child restraint in the front passenger seat.** An inflating front passenger air bag could seriously injure or kill your child. According to statistics, children are safer when properly restrained in the rear seat than in the front seat. NISSAN and the federal government recommend that children 12 and under should ride in the rear seat, properly secured in child restraints, booster seats, or seat belts, according to their size.

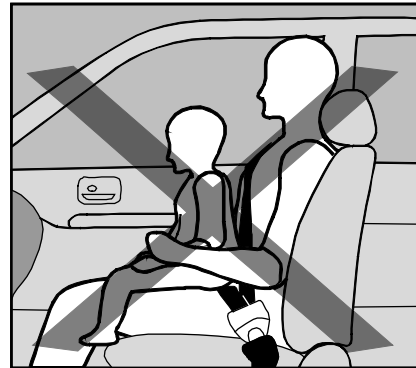


If you must install a forward-facing child restraint in the front passenger seat, move the passenger seat to the rearmost position. See the vehicle owner's manual for details and additional important information.

## CHILD RESTRAINTS FOR INFANTS AND SMALL CHILDREN

Infants and small children should always be placed in an appropriate child restraint while riding in the vehicle. Failure to properly use a child restraint can result in serious injury or death.

Children and infants should **never** be carried on your lap. It is not possible for even the strongest adult to resist the forces of a severe collision. The child could be crushed between the adult and parts of the vehicle. Also, **never** put the same seat belt around both your child and yourself, or another child.



Always install a child restraint properly, and check that it is securely held in place by the vehicle's seat belt or LATCH system (if so equipped). An improperly installed child restraint could lead to serious injury or death in a collision. See the vehicle owner's manual and your child restraint manufacturer's instructions for complete details.

Child restraints specially designed for infants and small children are offered by several manufacturers. When selecting any child restraint, keep the following points in mind:

1. The LATCH system (Lower Anchors and Tethers for CHildren) is a universal child restraint system. This system – which also may be referred to as the ISOFIX or ISOFIX compatible system – allows the child restraint to be installed into the vehicle without the use of seat belts. Both the vehicle and child restraint must have LATCH system capabilities.
2. Choose only a restraint with a label certifying that it complies with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 213.
3. Always make sure the child restraint is appropriate for the age and size of your infant or small child.

4. Check the child restraint in your vehicle to be sure it is compatible with the vehicle's seat and seat belt system.
5. If the child restraint is compatible with your vehicle, place your child in the child restraint and check the various adjustments to be sure the child restraint is compatible with your child. Always follow all recommended procedures.

All U.S. states require that infants and small children be restrained in a certified child restraint at all times while the vehicle is being operated.

### **THE LATCH SYSTEM (LOWER ANCHORS AND TETHERS FOR CHILDREN)**

Most 2015 NISSAN vehicles are equipped with universal child restraint lower anchors and top tether anchors for the installation of child restraints equipped with LATCH attachments. With this system, you do not have to use a vehicle seat belt to secure the child restraint. Instead, special anchor points are utilized to install the child restraint, provided it is compatible with the LATCH system. See the vehicle owner's manual for child restraint instruction details and additional important information.

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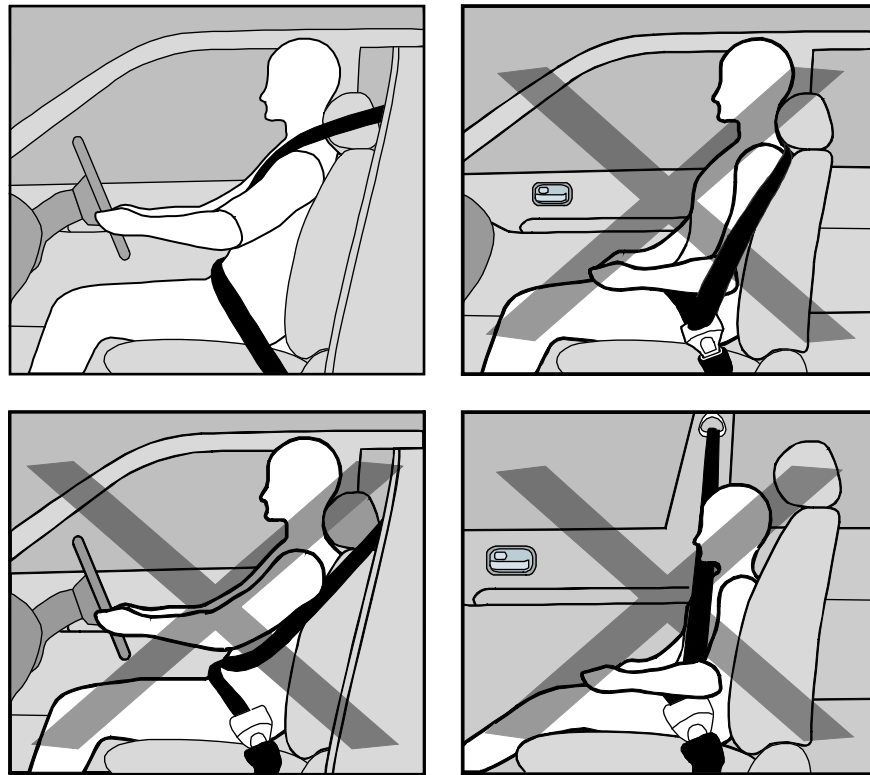
The first of its kind, Snug Kids™ is our online guide to selecting a child restraint seat for your NISSAN vehicle. Our Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians have evaluated numerous child restraint seats and have compiled their findings to create the Snug Kids™ Child Safety Seat Fit Guides. These guides include important tips on correct installation procedures. Visit [www.NISSANUSA.com/snugkids](http://www.NISSANUSA.com/snugkids) to view or download the latest guide information for finding a child restraint system that is right for your Nissan vehicle.



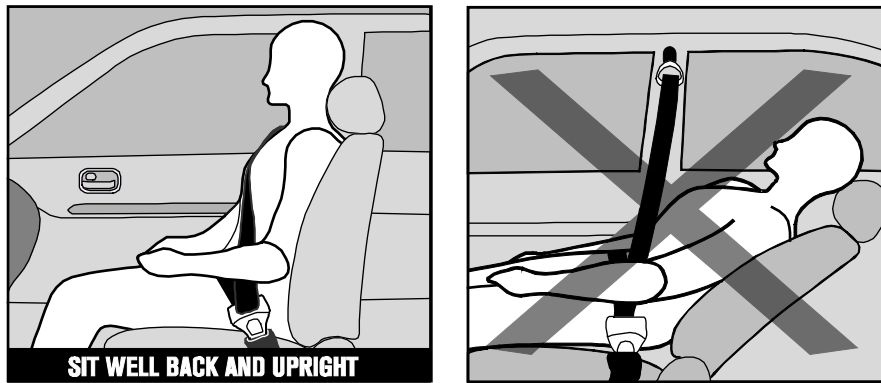
## SEAT BELT SAFETY

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If you are wearing a properly adjusted seat belt, your chances of being injured or killed in a collision and/or the severity of injury may be greatly reduced. NISSAN strongly encourages you and all of your passengers to buckle up every time you drive, even if your seating position includes a supplemental air bag system. Most States require that seat belts be worn at all times when a vehicle is being driven.



Always route the shoulder belt over your shoulder and across your chest. Never place the belt behind your back, under your arm or across your neck. The belt should be away from your face and neck, but not falling off your shoulder. If available, the shoulder belt anchor height should be adjusted to the position best suited for you (see the vehicle owner's manual for more detail). Position the lap belt as low as possible **AROUND YOUR HIPS, NOT YOUR WAIST**. A lap belt worn too high could increase the risk of internal injuries in a collision. Be sure the seat belt tongue is securely fastened into the proper buckle.



For the seat belt to be most effective when the vehicle is in motion, the seatback should be upright. Do not ride in a moving vehicle when the seatback is reclined. This can be dangerous, as the shoulder belt will not be against your body. In a collision, you could be thrown into it and receive neck or other serious injuries. You could also slide under the lap belt and receive serious internal injuries. Always sit well back in the seat with both feet on the floor and adjust the seat belt properly.

### **OTHER SPECIFICS ABOUT SEAT BELTS**

- Do not wear the seat belt inside out or twisted.
- Do not allow more than one person to use the same seat belt.
- Never carry more people in the vehicle than there are seat belts.
- If the seat belt warning light illuminates continuously while the ignition is turned ON with all doors closed and all seat belts fastened, it may indicate a malfunction in the system; have the system checked by a NISSAN dealer.
- See the vehicle owner's manual for more detailed information to help you better understand the important safety warnings, system features, operation and maintenance of your vehicle's seat belts.

### **CONCERN FOR YOUR SAFETY**

NISSAN urges you to always use your available seat belt restraint system whenever you drive, even if your vehicle is equipped with supplemental air bags. Please ask all of your passengers to buckle up too. For children, make sure they are properly secured in an appropriate child restraint or booster seat.\* Seat belts do save lives. See the vehicle owner's manual for details.

\* Please see the vehicle owner's manual and child restraint manufacturer's instructions for complete details.

# NISSAN'S CUSTOMER CARE PROGRAM

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## **NISSAN CARES...**

Both NISSAN and your NISSAN dealer are dedicated to serving all your automotive needs. Your complete satisfaction with your vehicle and your NISSAN dealer are our primary concerns. Your NISSAN dealer is always available to assist you with all your automobile service requirements.

If, however, a situation arises that you believe has not been addressed to your satisfaction, we ask that you take the following steps:

### **STEP 1:**

Discuss the situation with the dealership's manager. If a problem still exists, contact the dealership's Consumer Affairs manager or owner. They are best equipped to resolve the matter for you.

### **STEP 2:**

If the concern still has not been addressed to your satisfaction, please contact our (NISSAN's) Consumer Affairs Department using our toll-free telephone number:

**1-800-NISSAN-1 (1-800-647-7261)**

The Consumer Affairs Department will ask for the following information:

- Your name, address, and telephone number
- Vehicle Identification Number (on dashboard)
- Date of purchase
- Current odometer reading
- Your NISSAN dealer's name
- Details of the concern

On the other hand, you can write to NISSAN with the above information at:

**NISSAN North America, Inc.  
Consumer Affairs Department  
P.O. Box 685003  
Franklin, TN 37068-5003**

### **STEP 3:**

In the event that you believe NISSAN has been unable to satisfactorily address the issue with your vehicle, a special automotive complaint resolution program called BBB AUTO LINE is available to you. The Council of Better Business Bureaus, Inc. (BBB) independently operates the BBB AUTO LINE program.



For information about the BBB AUTO LINE in your area, please call us (NISSAN) toll-free at 1-800-NISSAN-1 (1-800-647-7261). We will be happy to provide you with information about BBB AUTO LINE. Or, you may contact the BBB directly:

**BBB Auto Line**  
**Council of Better Business Bureaus, Inc.**  
**3033 Wilson Blvd. Suite 600**  
**Arlington, VA 22203-4838**  
**1-800-955-5100**

If you call the BBB, its staff will take down details of your complaint by telephone. They will ask for the same information as described in Step 2.

The BBB AUTO LINE program consists of two parts: **mediation** and **arbitration**. The BBB will attempt to assist you to resolve the problem during mediation. If a satisfactory resolution has not been achieved during mediation, you will have the opportunity to personally present your case before an impartial arbitrator or three-person panel. The arbitrator(s) will make a decision after the arbitration hearing.

The BBB will, in most cases, send you a final decision within forty (40) days (plus seven if you have not contacted the proper person from the dealership or NISSAN) unless you delay the process. If you accept the decision, it will be legally binding on you and NISSAN. If you do not accept the decision, it will not be legally binding on you and NISSAN. (However, in some states, if the decision is not accepted, it may be introduced either by you or by NISSAN, as evidence in any potentially related court action.)

BBB AUTO LINE is an informal dispute settlement mechanism operated to comply with applicable Federal law and regulations. In states where BBB AUTO LINE is available, you are required to use BBB AUTO LINE before exercising rights or seeking remedies under Title I of the Federal Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act, 15 U.S.C. §2301, et. seq. If you choose to seek remedies other than those created by Title I of the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act, (for example, under state law), that Federal Act does not require you to first use BBB AUTO LINE. The program is still available to you, however, and may be of considerable assistance. Some states specify that informal dispute settlement mechanisms such as BBB AUTO LINE must be used before you may file a lawsuit under state law, and/or before you may have certain other rights or remedies available under state law. In accordance with those states' laws, NISSAN requires the prior use of BBB AUTO LINE in good faith before you resort to such other processes, file a lawsuit, or seek other remedies provided by state law. Please see the *Supplement to 2015 NISSAN Warranty Information Booklet & 2015 NISSAN Owner's Manual* for additional information.

BBB AUTO LINE may not be available in all states. We, NISSAN, would be pleased to provide you with information about the availability of BBB AUTO LINE in your state. On the other hand, you can call the BBB AUTO LINE telephone number listed on page 16.

NISSAN vehicles less than three years old from date of original delivery with fewer than 36,000 miles are eligible for the BBB AUTO LINE program.

## **NISSAN'S COMMITMENT TO CUSTOMER SATISFACTION**

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### **ASSISTANCE OUTSIDE OF WARRANTY**

In our continuing effort to convey our commitment to service and customer satisfaction, NISSAN may occasionally offer to pay or reimburse for part or all of the cost of making certain, specific repairs beyond or outside of the terms of the warranty for some specific vehicle models. (Some states refer to such programs as "adjustment programs.") In such circumstances, NISSAN mails notices to all known registered owners of affected vehicles. You may additionally inquire of your authorized NISSAN dealer or of NISSAN directly (through the 1-800-NISSAN-1 telephone number) of the applicability of such programs to your vehicle.

NISSAN may occasionally offer special assistance that may pay for part or all of vehicle repairs beyond the expiration of the limited warranty period on a case-by-case basis. Should you experience unusual difficulties with your vehicle please discuss the situation with your dealer. If your dealer is unable to assist you, you may call the NISSAN Consumer Affairs Department at 1-800-NISSAN-1 to discuss your concern. You will need to provide the Model, Model Year, VIN (Vehicle Identification Number), mileage, maintenance history, and a detailed explanation of the concern and why you believe that NISSAN should be responsible for the repair. Your request will be individually investigated and you will be informed of NISSAN's decision.

**Please also review the *Supplement to 2015 NISSAN Warranty Information Booklet & 2015 NISSAN Owner's Manual* for important information concerning consumer rights in your state.**

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