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The Honorable Ricardo Martinez, M.D.  
Administrator  
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**RE: VIN Deciphering Information**

Dear Dr. Martinez:

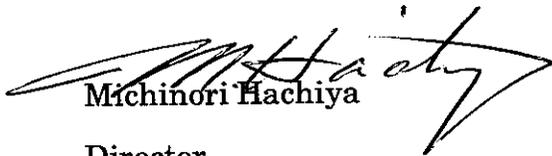
Nissan North America, Inc., with the specific authority of Nissan Motor Company, Ltd. of Tokyo, Japan, respectfully transmits the enclosed information in accordance with the provisions set forth in 49 CFR Part 565.5; "Vehicle Identification Number - Content Requirements". The attached Vehicle Identification Number coding chart for multipurpose passenger and light truck vehicles reflects the changes for the 1996 model year as follows:

- (1) Position #4 - "Engine Type" code changed from "H" to "A" to designate the 3.3L engine for the 1996 MY Nissan Pathfinder.
- (2) Position #5 - "Line/Series" code changed from "D" to "R" to designate the 1996 MY Nissan Pathfinder.
- (3) Position #7 - "Body Type" codes revised to reflect the 1996 MY Nissan Pathfinder.
- (4) Position #10 - "Model Year" code revised to "T" for the 1996 MY for all vehicles.

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I believe that this information satisfies the requirements set forth in 49 CFR Part 565.5. If there are any questions or if further information is required, please contact Mr. Haruhiko Kondoh of my staff at (202) 466-5284.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Hachiya', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Michinori Hachiya

Director  
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cc: Frank Slaveter - NMC

# NISSAN "VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER" CODING SYSTEM

## (MULTIPURPOSE PASSENGER VEHICLE, TRUCK)

Code	Manufacturer	Make	Type
JN6	NISSAN	NISSAN	Truck
JN8	NISSAN	NISSAN	Multipurpose Passenger Vehicle
1N6	*NISSAN	*NISSAN	Truck
Position 1-3			

\*Manufactured by Nissan Motor Manufacturing Corporation U.S.A.

**J N 8 A R 0 5 Y 0 T W 1 2 3 4 5 6**

Sequential Production Number  
(Numeric characters from 000001 to 999999 are assigned)

Category	Position 4		Position 5		Position 7		Position 8				
	Engine Type	Code	Line / Series	Code	Body Type	Code	GVWR	Chassis / Brake System *2	Code		
M.P.V	3.3L, Gasoline	A	NISSAN PATHFINDER	R	4-Door Wagon	5	Class C	Standard (2WD)	S		
							Class D	Standard (4WD)	Y		
Truck	2.4L, Gasoline	S	NISSAN TRUCK	D	Standard Body	1	Class C	Standard (2WD)	S		
							Class D	Standard (4WD)	Y		
							King Cab	6	Class C	Standard (2WD)	S
									Class D	Standard (4WD)	Y
3.3L, Gasoline	A	NISSAN PATHFINDER	R	VAN	6	Class C	Standard (2WD)	S			

M.P.V: Multipurpose Passenger Vehicle

Position 10		Position 11	
Model Year	Code	Manufacture Plant	Code
1996	T	OPPAMA PLANT	T
		ZAMA PLANT	U
		MURAYAMA PLANT	5
		KYUSHU PLANT	W
		HIRATSUKA PLANT	X
		KYOTO PLANT	Z
		GUNMA PLANT	9
		TOCHIGI PLANT	M
		U.S.A. PLANT	C
		MEXICO CIVAC PLANT	K
		MEXICO AGUASCALIENTES PLANT	L
		NAGOYA PLANT	4

NOTE)

\*1: The full model change for each vehicle line starting from 0 to 9 except Nissan Pathfinder. In case of Pathfinder, the next code after "1" is "0".

\*2: Hydraulic brake system.