

NHTSA Nissan Leaf Service Brake Complaints

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11 July 2013	SC	2013	10531552	No	No	Yes/No	WHEN STARTING THE CAR, ALL LIGHTS ON THE DASHBOARD ILLUMINATED AND CAR WOULD DO NOTHING. SHUT DOWN AND RESTARTED THE CAR AND EVERYTHING WAS CLEAR. PUT THE CAR INTO REVERSE AND HAD NOMINAL BRAKING. IT TOOK 10 FEET OF SLAMMING THE BRAKE PEDAL TO BRING THE CAR TO A STOP AT 2 MPH IN REVERSE. IT LITERALLY FELT LIKE NO BRAKE PRESSURE. STOPPED AND RESTARTED AGAIN AND THINGS WERE SEEMINGLY BACK TO NORMAL. TOOK IT TO DEALERSHIP WHO BLAMED IT ON LOW 12V BATTERY. BRAKING WAS PATHETICALLY WEAK AT THE ONE TIME... IT WAS NOT JUST THE TYPICAL LACK OF REGENERATIVE AND MOTOR ASSISTED BRAKING YOU WOULD GET DURING A FAULT. *TR
7 January 2014	NY	2013	10558977	No	No	Yes	I NEEDED TO PRESS HARD ON THE BRAKE PEDAL TO STOP THE CAR. THE ABS LIGHT AND THE RED BRAKE LIGHT STAYED ON. *TR
25 January 2014	GA	2013	10596607	Yes	No	No	TL* THE CONTACT OWNS A 2013 NISSAN LEAF. THE CONTACT STATED THAT WHILE REVERSING, THE STEERING WHEEL BECAME DIFFICULT TO MANEUVER AND THE BRAKES FAILED TO RESPOND WITHOUT WARNING. THE VEHICLE CRASHED INTO ANOTHER VEHICLE. A POLICE REPORT WAS NOT FILED. THERE WERE NO INJURIES REPORTED. THE VEHICLE WAS TAKEN A DEALER WHERE THE FAILURE WAS UNABLE TO BE REPLICATED. THE MANUFACTURER WAS NOTIFIED OF THE FAILURE. THE VEHICLE WAS NOT REPAIRED. THE APPROXIMATE FAILURE MILEAGE WAS 200 AND THE CURRENT MILEAGE WAS 3,000. THE VIN WAS NOT AVAILABLE.
23 February 2015	MI	2013	10689960	No	No	Yes	BAKING CAR OUT OF PARKING SPACE BRAKE LIGHT CAME ON. SHIFTED TO DRIVE AND STARTED MOVING FORWARD. BRAKES DID NOT FUNCTION. ROLLED CAR INTO ANOTHER PARKING SPACE AND HAD TOWED. ALL HAPPENED AT LOW SPEED WITHOUT ANY OTHER TRAFFIC BUT THIS COULD HAVE BEEN VERY DANGEROUS. FAILURE WAS CATASTROPHIC SUDDEN AND ESSENTIALLY COMPLETE. THERE MAY HAVE BEEN SOME MINIMAL BREAK FUNCTION BUT NOT ENOUGH TO STOP THE CAR SAFELY FROM ANY SPEED BEYOND 1MPH. *TR
6 April 2015	N/A	2013	10703972	Yes	Yes		I WAS TRAVELING AT 25 MPH WHEN I WAS FORCED TO MAKE A SUDDEN STOP DUE TO THE SCHOOL BUS IN FRONT OF ME STOPPING ABRUPTLY. I ENGAGED THE BRAKES AND THEY WENT STRAIGHT TO THE FLOOR WITH NO RESISTANCE. THE BRAKES DID NOT ENGAGE IN ANYWAY. I SWERVED BUT ENDED UP HITTING THE REAR OF SCHOOL BUS. *TR
24 August 2015	WA	2013	10758790	No	No	Yes	THE ISSUE: FROM PARKED AND POWERED OFF I APPLY THE FOOT BRAKE AND POWER ON - PUT IN GEAR (FORWARD OR REVERSE) AND GO - APPLY BRAKES AND THERE ISN'T ANY (AS IN NONE) - PANIC - PUSH PEDAL HARDER WHILE PANICKING - PEDAL RAPIDLY PULSES AS IT SINKS SEVERAL INCHES TO THE FLOOR BOARDS AND ALL FOUR TIRES SUDDENLY LOCK-UP AND THE CAR SKIDS. ALL THE WHILE MAKING A LOUD NOISE THAT SHAKES THE CAR AND SOUNDS LIKE A DRYWALL SCREW GUN THAT HAS SUNK THE SCREW ALL THE WAY IN. EVERY WARNING LIGHT ON THE DASH LIGHTS UP (ALL OF THEM).I HAD THIS ISSUE SEVERAL TIMES 11 MONTHS AGO AND TOOK IT INTO THE DEALERSHIP. THE SECOND TIME I BROUGHT IT IN THE ISSUE WAS SOMEHOW RESOLVED HOWEVER THE DEALER SAID THEY COULDN'T FIND A PROBLEM. NOW A YEAR LATER IT'S HAPPENING AGAIN.
28 November 2015	CA	2013	10807301	No	No		STARTED CAR BY PRESSING BRAKE AND IGNITION. PUT THE CAR IN REVERSE. CAR STARTED MOVING AT 2-5 MPH WITH THE BRAKE STILL PRESSED. BRAKE LOST RESISTANCE AND HAD TO PRESS HARD TO FLOOR TO STOP CAR. NO BRAKE PRESSURE. TOOK ATLEAST 10-15 FEET FOR THE CAR TO COMPLETE STOP. SAME THING HAPPENED WHEN MOVED TO DRIVE FORWARD. FORTUNATE THAT NO ONE WAS CLOSE TO CAR WHEN THIS HAPPENED. TIK-TOK-TIK-TOK SOUNDS FROM CAR, PEDAL PULSES RAPIDLY AND ABS AND BRAKE LIGHTS CAME ON. DEALER REPLACED THE 12V BATTERY 2 WEEKS BEFORE THIS HAPPENED. DROPPED THE CAR AT THE DEALERSHIP AGAIN. I SEE EXACT SAME COMPLAINTS ON THIS WEBSITE FROM AT LEAST 10 OTHER PEOPLE. NOT SURE WHEN THIS WILL BECOME AN ISSUE THAT WILL BE ADDRESSED BY THE MANUFACTURER. NOT SURE IF I CAN UPDATE THIS COMPLAINT LATER ONCE I HEAR BACK FROM THE DEALER. IF I CAN I WILL UPDATE IT.
17 October 2016	CA	2013	10916686	No	No	Yes	THE LEAF WAS IN MOTION ON A CITY STREET IN "B" DRIVE MODE. WHEN ATTEMPTING TO STOP FROM AROUND 45 MPH, THE BRAKE PEDAL BECAME VERY FIRM, AND THE CAR DID NOT SLOW. I RELEASED THE BRAKE AND DEPRESSED IT AGAIN. THIS TIME THERE WAS SIGNIFICANT BRAKE TRAVEL AND THE BRAKES ENGAGED WITH A MECHANICAL MOANING SOUND. THE CAR SKIDDED TO A STOP AS ABS CEASED FUNCTIONING. I PARKED THE CAR AND TOOK A PHOTO OF THE DASH WARNING LIGHTS. SIMILAR SYMPTOMS OCCURS 5 DAYS PRIO, RESTARTING THE CAR RETURNED IT TO NORMAL OPERATION BOTH TIMES. THE WEATHER WAS ABOUT 65 DEGREES F AND DRY DURING ONE OCCURRENCE. A SIMILAR TEMPERATURE ON A MORNING FOLLOWING A RAINY NIGHT IS WHEN THIS OCCURRED THE SECOND TIME. THE CAR NEARLY ENTERED AN INTERSECTION ON A RED LIGHT. THIS PROBLEM LOOKED AND SOUNDED LIKE THE VIDEOS POSTED ON YOUTUBE IN VERY.COLD CLIMATES IN WHICH THE LEAF BRAKING SYSTEMS FAILED WITH THE EXCEPTION THAT THIS WAS IN MILD WEATHER. THIS CAR HAS RECEIVED THE BRAKE MODULE FIRMWARE UPDATE FROM NISSAN PRIOR TO THESE INCIDENTS.

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4 January 2017	CA	2013	10939716	No	No		HAVING UNDERGONE A PREVIOUS RECALL TO FIX A BRAKE ISSUE SEVERAL MONTHS AGO, AT 50000 MILES ON DECEMBER 23, 2016 THE VEHICLE EXPERIENCED COMPLETE BRAKE FAILURE NARROWLY AVOIDING A SERIOUS COLLISION. WHILE DRIVING STRAIGHT ON A CITY STREET IN TRAFFIC AT APPROXIMATELY 35 MILES AN HOUR THE DRIVER REMOVED HIS FOOT FROM THE ACCELERATOR IN PREPARATION TO APPLY THE BRAKES TO STOP THE CAR FOR THE STOPPED TRAFFIC AHEAD. THE CAR'S REGENERATIVE BRAKING ABILITY WAS ALREADY SLOWING THE CAR WHEN THE DRIVER'S FOOT ATTEMPTED TO PUSH THE BRAKE PEDAL AND FOUND IT SOLID AND UNMOVING. THE DRIVER REMOVED HIS FOOT FROM THE BRAKE PEDAL AND REAPPLIED HIS FOOT, ATTEMPTED TO DEPRESS, AND AGAIN FOUND THE PEDAL UNMOVING. WITH THE CAR CONTINUING TOWARD STOPPED TRAFFIC AHEAD THE DRIVER BEGAN TO REPEATEDLY AND VERY FORCEFULLY ATTEMPT TO DEPRESS THE PEDAL. AFTER 4 OR 5 VERY STRONG KICKS THE BRAKE PEDAL BROKE LOOSE, WENT ALL THE WAY TO THE FLOOR WITHOUT THE DRIVERS PRESSURE, WITH NO RESISTANCE OR RESPONSE. THE DRIVER RETRACTED HIS FOOT AND THE PEDAL DID NOT COME BACK UP. THE DRIVER ATTEMPTED TO BEGIN TO "PUMP THE BRAKES" AND WITH THE FIRST TOUCH ON THE PEDAL WHICH WAS STILL ALL THE WAY DOWN, THE CAR'S WHEELS LOCKED AND CAME SKIDDING TO A STOP WITH NO ABS MODULATION INCHES BEFORE HITTING THE CAR IN FRONT. THE CAR WAS SHUT DOWN AND RESTARTED, THE BRAKE PEDAL RETURNED TO THE UNDEPRESSED POSITION BUT WHEN DEPRESSED HAD NO RESISTANCE AND WAS INEFFECTIVE AT STOPPING THE CAR (AS THOUGH THE BRAKES WERE NOT BEING APPLIED). THE PARKING BRAKE WAS UNAFFECTED AND WOULD SLOW/STOP THE CAR. THE CAR WAS TAKEN TO A NISSAN DEALER FOR REPAIR, THEY INDICATED THAT THEY HAD NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT AND HAD TO TALK WITH THE NISSAN ENGINEERS. 1/3/17 THE OWNER/DRIVER WAS TOLD THAT THE ENTIRE "BRAKE BRAIN BOOSTER CONTROLLER" WOULD HAVE TO BE REPLACED WITH A REPLACEMENT PART FROM THE NISSAN FACTORY IN KENTUCKY. *TR
6 November 2017	CA	2013	11043749	No	No		TL* THE CONTACT OWNS A 2013 NISSAN LEAF. WHILE DRIVING 40 MPH, THE BRAKE PEDAL WAS DEPRESSED, BUT THE VEHICLE DID NOT STOP. THE CONTACT ENGAGED THE PUSH START BUTTON AND TURNED OFF THE VEHICLE. THE VEHICLE WAS TOWED TO NISSAN OF ELK GROVE IN ELK GROVE, CALIFORNIA, BUT THE SOURCE OF THE FAILURE WAS NOT DETERMINED. THE VEHICLE WAS NOT REPAIRED. THE MANUFACTURER WAS NOT MADE AWARE OF THE ISSUE. THE FAILURE MILEAGE WAS APPROXIMATELY 48,000.
8 November 2017	AZ	2013	11044515	No	No	No	OCT 2017, LEAF PULLED OUT OF PARKING LOT FROM SHOPPING TRIP OK, DROVE PASS 1 STOP SING OK (RIGHT TURN, STOPPED) THEN LOST BRAKE FUNCTION AT UP COMING RIGHT LIGHT STOP, NO ABS, NO TRACTION CONTROL, NO NORMAL BRAKE FEEDBACK, NO 'ENGINE BRAKE' (SIMULATION OR RE-GENERATIVE BRAKING), WITHOUT ANY NOTICEABLE WARNING SUCH AS BEEPING SOUND. PANIC, TRIED TO PRESS 'PARK' NO REACTION, THE CAR FEEL LIKE ACCELERATING TOWARDS UPCOMING STOPPED TRAFFIC, LOOKED DOWN, MAKE SURE FOOT IS ON BRAKE PEDAL, CONFIRM NO BRAKE ACTION BUT IT DIDN'T ACCELERATE THE CAR. TRY HARD BRAKE TO FLOOR AND STEER CAR TO BETWEEN LANE, ALL WHEEL LOCKED WITH SQUEEEEEKI NOISE, CAR SLIPPED AND STOP BETWEEN 2 STOPPED CAR. SPEED LIMIT OF THE ROAD 35MILES/HR OUTSIDE TEMPERATURE 91F CLEAR SKY. THE CAR WAS AT 49249 MILES. MANAGED TO PULL THE CAR TO ROADSIDE PARKING LOT, CALLED TOW TRUCK TOW BACK TO DEALER I GOT IT FROM JUST 30DAYS AGO, SVC DEPT. CHECKED SAID THEY FOUND NO MECHANICAL ISSUE WITH BRAKE SYSTEM AND 12V BATTERY OK. TURN OVER THE CAR TO AUTONATION NISSAN TEMPE AZ. INITIAL CHECK SAID 12V BATTERY NOT PASSED TEST AND VOLTAGE DROPPED BELOW 10V, THEY SAID DROP OR UNSTABLE 12V MAY CAUSE THIS. I BROUGHT TO THEIR ATTENTION DRIVER WINDOW CONTROL IS ABNORMAL WHICH MAY ALSO CAUSE 12V UNSTABLE, AND ANOTHER DEALER CHECKED THE BATTERY AND IT PASSED. REPLACED 12V BATTERY AS REQUESTED, OLD BATTERY CORE MEASURED WITH VOLT METER AT 12.56V. TECH CAME BACK STATED 'BRAKE MASTER CYLINDER AND BRAKE CONTROL SYSTEM BUS NEED REPLACEMENT. PARTS WILL TAKE 1 WEEKS TO ORDER. NISSAN EV CUSTOMER RELATION INVOLVED. 7DAYS LATER CALLED DEALER AGAIN, TOLD PARTS JUST ARRIVED. CUSTOMER RELATION GUY RELATED DEALER WILL STILL TAKE A LOOK ON WINDOW SWITCH BUT THEY THINK THE NEW BATTERY STABILIZED THE 12V AND WINDOW MOTOR SHOULD NOT AFFECT 12V VOLTAGE. (THEY STILL HAVE NOT PUT IN THE REPLACEMENT PART AND TEST YET?!) WILL UPDATE RESULT IF I CAN.
29 November 2017	CA	2013	11051306	Yes	No		TL* THE CONTACT OWNS A 2013 NISSAN LEAF. WHILE DRIVING 50 MPH, THE VEHICLE FAILED TO STOP WHEN THE BRAKE PEDAL WAS DEPRESSED. AS A RESULT, THE CONTACT CRASHED INTO THE PRECEDING VEHICLE. THE FRONT DRIVER'S AIR BAG DEPLOYED. THE VEHICLE WAS TOWED TO AN INDEPENDENT FACILITY. A POLICE REPORT WAS FILED. THERE WERE NO INJURIES. THE VEHICLE WAS NOT REPAIRED. THE VEHICLE WAS NOT INCLUDED IN NHTSA CAMPAIGN NUMBER: 16V119000 (SERVICE BRAKES). NEITHER THE DEALER NOR THE MANUFACTURER WERE NOTIFIED OF THE FAILURE. THE APPROXIMATE FAILURE MILEAGE WAS 36,000.
2 January 2018	MN	2013	11058100	No	No	Yes	SHORTLY AFTER STARTING THE CAR AND AS I BEGAN TO ACCELERATE FORWARD, SEVERAL WARNING INDICATORS PERTAINING TO THE BRAKE SYSTEM ILLUMINATED AND THE NORMAL BRAKE PEDAL NO LONGER APPEARED TO FUNCTION UPON BEING DEPRESSED. THE CAR WAS ABLE TO BE BROUGHT TO A STOP WITH THE USE OF THE EMERGENCY BRAKE PEDAL BUT THE FAILURE OF THE MAIN BRAKES COULD HAVE EASILY LEAD TO A CRASH.
17 February 2018	ME	2013	11073355	No	No		I CHARGED THE LEAF THE NIGHT BEFORE AND WENT DOWNTOWN. IT WAS WINTER IN MAINE AND AROUND 10 DEGREES. AFTER GOING INTO A STORE AND COMING OUT WHEN I STARTED THE CAR AND PUT IT IN D THE BRAKES DIDN'T WORK. I SLAMMED THE PEDAL DOWN TO THE GROUND BUT IT DIDN'T SEEM TO DO MUCH. I ALMOST HIT THE PARKED CAR IN FRONT OF ME BUT I PUT THE EMERGENCY BRAKE DOWN AND LUCKILY STOPPED. I TURNED THE CAR ON AND OFF BUT THE PROBLEM WAS STILL HAPPENING. THE BRAKES MADE A WEIRD CLICKING AND ELECTRONIC NOISE. I TURNED THE CAR OFF FOR ABOUT 5 MINUTES TO CALL AAA AND WHEN I TURNED IT BACK ON IT WORKED. I'VE DONE SOME RESEARCH AND THIS HAS HAPPENED TO OTHER OWNERS. THERE WAS A VOLUNTARY RECALL (P5327?) WHICH WAS ALREADY DONE ON THE VEHICLE BUT THIS STILL HAPPENED. MY LEAFSPY APP SHOWED THE DTC CODES OF C118A 0109 ABS E-DRIVEN INT BRAKE SYSTEM BRC-124 AND C1A61 0109 BRAKE MOTOR POWER SUPPLY BR-46. I TOOK IT TO THE DEALERSHIP AND THEY SAID THAT POWER WASN'T BEING SUPPLIED TO THE BRAKES. DANGEROUS! THEY DID NOT REALLY HAVE A FIX FOR IT OTHER THEN PUT IN A \$2300 PART AND THEN DO MORE TESTS.

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30 May 2018	CO	2013	11098775	No	No	Yes at time	DRIVING ABOUT A MILE AWAY FROM MY HOUSE ON A LOCAL STREET THIS MORNING, I WAS APPROACHING AN INTERSECTION AT ABOUT 35 MPH, THE LIGHTS WERE ABOUT TO TURN RED, TYING TO BRAKE TO STOP...ALL THE BRAKE LIGHTS LIT UP AFTER I PUSH THE BRAKE PEDAL, BRAKE PEDAL CAME ALL THE WAY TO THE FLOOR, CAR HAD NO BRAKES, COMPLETE BRAKE FAILURE, THREW IT IN NEUTRAL AND SLAMMED ON THE EMERGENCY BRAKE TO STOP, THIS VEHICLE HAS ONLY ABOUT 42K MILES ON IT. AVOIDED A COLLISION WITH ONCOMING TRAFFIC BY SWERVING THE CAR.
24 February 2015	GA	2014	10690262	No	No		TL*THE CONTACT OWNS A 2014 NISSAN LEAF. THE CONTACT STATED THAT WHILE SHIFTING FROM PARK TO DRIVE ON AN INCLINE AND THE BRAKE PEDAL DEPRESSED, THE VEHICLE ROLLED DOWN HILL. THE CONTACT MENTIONED THAT THE BRAKE PEDAL HESITATED TO RESPOND. THE VEHICLE WAS NOT DIAGNOSED OR REPAIRED. THE MANUFACTURER WAS NOTIFIED OF THE FAILURE. THE APPROXIMATE FAILURE MILEAGE WAS 6,400. THE VIN WAS NOT AVAILABLE.
18 January 2016	CA	2014	10820864	No	No		LOSS OF ALL BRAKING POWER DUE TO ABS FAILURE.
5 May 2016	WA	2014	10864296	No	No		BRAKE FAILURE. PRESSING ON BRAKES WITH NORMAL PRESSURE HAD NO EFFECT. PRESSING ON PEDAL VERY HARD WOULD STOP THE CAR. WHEN DOING SO THERE WAS A NOISE THAT I BELIEVE WAS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ABS BRAKING SYSTEM. THIS COULD HAVE BEEN DISASTROUS IF THERE HAD BEEN A PEDESTRIAN AROUND.TOOK TO DEALER. THEY SAID THE BRAKING CONTROLLER HAD FAILED. THEY REPLACED AND IT APPEARS NORMAL NOW. THIS VEHICLE HAD THE COLD WEATHER BRAKE CONTROLLER UPDATE APPLIED TO IT APPROXIMATELY A MONTH EARLIER.
8 July 2017	FL	2014	11003810	No	No		BACKING OUT OF THE DRIVEWAY, THE BRAKES FAILED AND I WAS UNABLE TO STOP THE VEHICLE AS IT ROLLED INTO THE STREET. BRAKE PEDAL WENT TO THE FLOOR AND LOUD NOISES WERE HEARD FROM INSIDE THE ENGINE COMPARTMENT. TOWED TO DEALERSHIP, PAID ~\$300 TO "REINITIALIZE AND RECONFIGURE" THE BRAKE SYSTEM.
27 December 2017	TX	2014	11056759	No	No		AS I WAS DRIVING MY CAR THE BREAKS STARTED TO MAKE SOME NOISES WHEN ACTIVATED . I CHANGE MY ROUTE TO TAKE IT TO THE DEALERSHIP FOR A REVISION AND AS I WAS GETTING THERE THE BRAKES STARTED TO FAIL TO A POINT THAT, BY THE TIME I GOT TO THE DEALERSHIP 9A COUPLE OF MILES AWAY) , IT WAS ALMOST NOT BREAKING AT ALL. MAY THIS HAVE HAPPENED IN DIFFERENT CONDITIONS THE RESULT COULD HAVE BEEN A SERIOUS ACCIDENT
24 September 2018	HI	2014	11131039	No	No	Yes	DROVE VEHICLE FROM HOME TO DESTINATION 15 MILES AWAY WITH NO ISSUES. STOPPED AND TURNED OFF VEHICLE. AUDIBLE TONE CAME ON WITH EVERYTHING OFF. STARTED VEHICLE. MULTIPLE WARNING LIGHTS APPEARED. TURNED OFF VEHICLE. TURNED BACK ON, BRAKE WARNING APPEARED, CAR IDLED FORWARD AND COULD NOT BRAKE IT TO STOP WITHOUT HARD BRAKING. TURNED OFF VEHICLE.
23 January 2015	HI	2015	10678538	No	No		MY 2015 LEAF S IS 3 WEEKS OLD WITH LESS THAN 700 MILES. I WAS DESCENDING AN 8% GRADE HILL IN B MODE WITH A SHARP BEND AT THE BOTTOM. AS I WENT TO APPLY THE BRAKES, THE PEDAL WENT TO THE FLOOR AND B MODE CUT OUT. THE CAR WAS NOW ROLLING DOWN THE HILL AND ACCELERATING UNDER GRAVITY WITH NO BRAKES AND WITHOUT B MODE SLOWING THE CAR. I WAS EXPECTING TO HIT A BRICK WALL AT THE BOTTOM OF THE HILL WHEN SUDDENLY, AFTER NO MORE THAN TWO SECONDS, THE BRAKES AND B MODE CAME BACK ON AND I SAFELY STOPPED. ON REFLECTION AFTER THE INCIDENT, IT WAS AS IF THE WHOLE COMPUTER/ELECTRONICS MOMENTARILY SHUT DOWN AND THEN REBOOTED. I DIDN'T NOTICE IF THE DASH LIGHTS WENT OFF OR NOT. *TR
18 February 2015	GA	2015	10683997	No	No		BRAKE FAILURE. CAR BARELY STOPPED WHEN BACKING OUT OF GARAGE. SYSTEM DESIGNED TO MAINTAIN BRAKES IN CASE OF ELECTRICAL FAILURE DID NOT FUNCTION. CAR WAS TOWED TO DEALER WHERE PROBLEM WAS DUPLICATED BUT NO CAUSE WAS IDENTIFIED. STILL NOT REPAIRED AS OF 2/18/15 BECAUSE BRAKES STARTED WORKING AGAIN AT DEALER. WHEN FAILURE OCCURRED, TRACTION CONTROL WARNING LIGHT AND ABS LIGHT CAME ON. CAR HAD BEEN TO DEALER THE WEEK BEFORE FOR "GRABBING" EXTREMELY SENSITIVE, BUT TRANSIENT, BRAKE PROBLEM. NO PROBLEM COULD BE IDENTIFIED.
23 August 2015	GA	2015	10758632	Yes	No		AS I TURNED INTO A PARALLEL PARKING SPOT AND APPLIED THE BRAKES, THE BRAKES WENT TO THE FLOOR AND THE CAR NEVER SLOWED. MY CAR HIT THE PARKED CAR IN FRONT OF ME.
15 November 2015	CA	2015	10790507	No	No		UPON BACKING OUT OF MY GARAGE, I FOUND THAT THE BRAKES DID NOT WORK. I WAS ONLY ABLE TO STOP THE CAR BY APPLYING THE PARKING BRAKE. NOTE THAT I HAD THE CAR SERVICED ON 11/11/2015, AND ONE OF THE SERVICE ITEMS WAS "P5327 - LEAF ELECTRIC BRKE NTB15-089... ..7594 REPROGRAM ELECTRICALLY-DRIVEN INTELLIGENT BRAKE CONTROL UNIT... ..PERFORM CAMPAIGN P5327, ECM PART #46007-3NF9B"
20 November 2015	CA	2015	10795161	Yes	No		IT WAS EARLY MORNING OF NOV 13 FRIDAY AROUND 5:30 AM, I WAS ABOUT TO LEAVE THE HOUSE TO WORK. I BACKED UP THE CAR ABOUT 10-15 FT AWAY FROM ORIGINAL PARKING POSITION AND STOPPED BECAUSE I FORGOT SOMETHING IN THE HOUSE. AT THAT TIME MY FOOT WAS STILL ON BREAK PEDAL HOWEVER, AS SOON AS I CHANGED TO DRIVE MODE, THE CAR MOVE FORWARD QUICKLY EVEN THOUGH MY FOOT WAS ON THE BREAK PEDAL. I PRESSED HARDER ON THE PEDAL TO STOPPED THE CAR UNFORTUNATELY, THE CAR IMMEDIATELY HIT THE FILING CABINET, SHOE RACK AND PENETRATED THE HOUSE WALL. IT WAS A TERRIFYING EXPERIENCE FOR ME. MY HUSBAND ARRIVED HOME COUPLE OF HOURS LATER. HE ASSESSED THE CAR AND CAME INTO CONCLUSION THAT THE BREAK PEDAL IS TOTALLY REACHING THE FLOOR. WE IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED OUR INSURANCE COMPANY ON THE SAME DAY.

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25 November 2015	CO	2015	10806749	Yes	Yes		PURCHASED A BRAND NEW 2015 NISSAN LEAF ON SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2015 3 WEEKS LATER ON OCT 5TH, 2015 BRAKES FAILED ON THIS BRAND NEW CAR WHILE DRIVING IN TRAFFIC ON THE FREEWAY. AS A RESULT I ENDED UP HITTING A TRUCK IN THE REAR END AT 55 MPH. INURIES SUSTAINED IN THE ACCIDENT AND 2015 NISSAN LEAF WAS TOTALED. I CALLED THIS INTO NISSAN AND WAS TOLD THERE WAS A SERVICE NOTICE FOR THIS CAR FOR BRAKE FAILURE. THIS WAS NEVER DISCLOSED TO ME AND THE DEALER HAD NOT PERFORMED THIS SERVICE WORK ON THE CAR PRIOR TO SELLING IT TO US. PLEASE REPORT AND HAVE ALL BRAKE ISSUES WITH THE 2015 NISSAN LEAF INVESTIGATED.
4 December 2015	GA	2015	10808499	Yes	No		TL* THE CONTACT OWNS A 2015 NISSAN LEAF. THE CONTACT STATED THAT WHILE DRIVING AT 5 MPH AND ATTEMPTING TO PARK, THE BRAKE PEDAL WAS DEPRESSED AND TRAVELED TO THE FLOORBOARD CAUSING THE CONTACT TO CRASH INTO A BRICK WALL. THE BRAKES FAILED TO RESPOND. A POLICE REPORT WAS NOT FILED AND THERE WERE NO INJURIES SUSTAINED. THE VEHICLE WAS TAKEN TO THE DEALER WHERE IT WAS TO BE DIAGNOSED AND REPAIRED. THE MANUFACTURER WAS MADE AWARE OF THE FAILURE. THE FAILURE MILEAGE WAS 3,000. ..UPDATED 01/13/16 *BF
10 December 2015	CO	2015	10809498	No	No	Yes at time	TL* THE CONTACT OWNS A 2015 NISSAN LEAF. WHILE DRIVING 35 MPH AND ATTEMPTING TO PARK, THE BRAKE PEDAL WAS DEPRESSED AND TRAVELED TO THE FLOORBOARD. THE BRAKES FAILED TO RESPOND AFTER THE ABS WARNING LIGHTS ILLUMINATED. THE VEHICLE WAS TAKEN TO THE DEALER WHERE IT WAS DIAGNOSED THAT THE BRAKE SENSORS NEEDED TO BE REPLACED. THE MANUFACTURER WAS MADE AWARE OF THE FAILURE. THE FAILURE MILEAGE WAS 6,200. THE VIN WAS NOT AVAILABLE.
1 February 2016	CA	2015	10823368	No	No		I'VE ONLY HAD THE CAR FOR 2 MONTHS, AND THE BRAKES HAVE FAILED REPEATEDLY, ONCE ABOUT EVERY 5 DAYS ON AVERAGE. EVERY TIME THEY HAVE FAILED, IT WAS WHEN I START UP THE CAR, AND PUT IT IN EITHER FORWARD OR REVERSE. I USUALLY PULL FORWARD INTO A PARKING SPOT, SO I GO IN REVERSE MUCH MORE FREQUENTLY AFTER STARTING UP, BUT IT HAS HAPPENED WHEN GOING FORWARD TOO. THIS IS THE FAILURE MODE. I START THE CAR, WHILE HOLDING DOWN THE BRAKE PEDAL, AND THEN I PUT IT IN REVERSE. AT THAT POINT THE CAR STARTS ROLLING BACKWARDS, EVEN THOUGH I'M STILL HOLDING DOWN THE BRAKE PEDAL. THE BRAKE PEDAL GETS SOFT AND WHEN I FLOOR THE BRAKE PEDAL, THE CAR FINALLY SLOWS DOWN AND STOPS. ANOTHER WAY TO STOP IT IS TO PUT IT BACK IN PARK, BUT THAT CAUSES IT TO JERK TO A HALT. NEEDLESS TO SAY, THIS IS A SCARY SCENARIO, AND THIS FREQUENTLY HAPPENS AT MY KIDS' SCHOOL, WHERE THERE ARE MANY KIDS AND PARENTS WALKING THROUGH THE PARKING LOT. IN ADDITION, THE CAR ALSO HAS SOME OTHER PROBLEMS. IT SOMETIMES STARTS A LONG UNINTERRUPTED BEEP WHEN I TURN OFF THE CAR TO GET OUT. THE BEEP GOES ON FOR MINUTES, AND SOMETIMES I SEE A WARNING LIGHT ON THE DASHBOARD. FINALLY, THE CARD COMPLETELY STOPPED WORKING TODAY. AN ERROR MESSAGE OF "T/M SYSTEM MALFUNCTION" APPEARED ON THE DASHBOARD, AND I WAS NOT EVEN ABLE TO PUT THE CAR INTO NEUTRAL FOR THE TOW TRUCK. THE DRIVER WINDOW DID NOT WORK ANYMORE. AFTER ATTACHING A BATTERY CHARGER TO THE 12V BATTERY, I WAS ABLE TO PUT IT INTO NEUTRAL, BUT NOT ABLE TO PUT IT IN REVERSE OR DRIVE, OR EVEN BACK IN PARK. THE CAR HAD MORE THAN HALF OF ITS BATTERY CELLS FULL, SO THE PROBLEM WAS NOT BECAUSE IT RAN OUT OF CHARGE.
8 February 2016	CA	2015	10824739	No	No	Yes	BRAKES FAILED UPON STARTING THE CAR, THOUGH I DIDN'T KNOW IT WHEN I BEGAN TO DRIVE THE CAR. I HAD SEVERAL ERROR LIGHTS COME ON, BUT I COULDN'T FIGURE OUT WHAT THE ERROR WAS, BUT THEN FIGURE OUT AS SOON AS PUT THE CAR IN REVERSE. I COULDN'T STOP USING THE BRAKES AND ONLY GOT MYSELF TO STOP BY USING THE EMERGENCY BRAKE. I WAS BACKING OUT OF A PARKING SPOT ONTO A CITY STREET, BUT FORTUNATELY THERE WERE NO CARS PARKED BEHIND ME OR ANY MOVING CARS ON THE STREET. I ALSO ATTEMPTED TO DRIVE FORWARD, ALBEIT VERY CAREFULLY, ASSUMING IT WAS A STRANGE ONE-TIME OCCURRENCE. BUT THE BRAKES SIMPLY DID NOT WORK. UPON INSPECTING AND REPAIRING THE CAR (AFTER BEING TOWED TO A NISSAN DELERSHIP) NISSAN INFORMED ME THAT THE ABS BRAKE CONTROLLER FAILED.
12 April 2016	GA	2015	10855086	No	No		I WAS DRIVING DOWN A BUSY STREET AT APPROXIMATELY 25 MILE PER HOUR. I PRESSED THE BRAKE PEDAL TO SLOW DOWN FOR A STOP LIGHT. THE PEDAL WENT ALL THE WAY TO THE FLOOR AND THE CAR DID NOT SLOW DOWN. I TRIED TO PUT THE CAR INTO "B" MODE TO SLOW IT DOWN AND THAT DID NOT HAVE ANY EFFECT (NORMALLY IT WOULD SLOW THE CAR DOWN THROUGH REGENERATIVE BRAKING). I THEN CONTINUED TO DRIVE THE CAR SLOWLY (15-20MPH) FOR ~ 3 MORE MINUTES UNTIL I WAS IN A SAFE PLACE TO PULL OFF THE ROAD. I PRESSED THE BRAKE PEDAL AGAIN AND IT FELT "NORMAL" (PEDAL DID NOT GO ALL THE WAY TO THE FLOOR) AND THE BRAKES OPERATED NORMALLY. I CALLED NISSAN CUSTOMER SERVICE AND THEY OPENED A CASE NUMBER, TOLD ME TO EITHER CALL ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE, OR IF I FEEL COMFORTABLE, DRIVE THE CAR TO A LEAF-CERTIFIED DEALERSHIP. THIS WAS A VERY DANGEROUS SITUATION THAT COULD HAVE HAD A TRAGIC ENDING. SINCE I DID NOT (LUCKILY) GET INTO AN ACCIDENT, THE NISSAN REPRESENTATIVE DID NOT SEEM TOO WORRIED ABOUT IT. I WAS EXTREMELY DISAPPOINTED IN HER REACTION. THIS IS AN INCREDIBLY SERIOUS SAFETY-RELATED ISSUE THAT THE COMPANY SHOULD INVESTIGATE.
26 September 2016	UT	2015	10909792	No	No		TL* THE CONTACT OWNS A 2015 NISSAN LEAF. THE CONTACT STATED THAT THE BRAKES FAILED TO FUNCTION WHILE DRIVING 20 MPH. THE FAILURE OCCURRED WITHOUT WARNING. THE VEHICLE WAS TAKEN TO THE DEALER WHERE IT WAS DIAGNOSED THAT THERE WAS A SOFTWARE MALFUNCTION WITH THE ABS. THE VEHICLE WAS REPAIRED. THE MANUFACTURER WAS NOTIFIED OF THE FAILURE. THE FAILURE MILEAGE WAS APPROXIMATELY 23,000.

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25 October 2016	TX	2015	10918751	No	No	Yes	BRAKE RECALL ISSUE NHTSA CAMPAIGN NUMBER: 16V119000. I HAVE BEEN TO THE DEALERSHIP THREE TIMES TO GET THIS FIXED, BUT EVERY TIME THE DEALERSHIP COMES BACK AND SAYS THAT THEY COULD NOT REPRODUCE IT SO IT IS FIXED. BUT EVERY TIME I PARK IN THE GARAGE AT MY WORK PLACE OR PARK OVERNIGHT OUTDOORS, I RUN INTO THIS PROBLEM WHERE THE EXCLAMATION ICON WOULD LIGHT UP AND THE BRAKES WOULD MALFUNCTION WHERE I HAVE TO PRESS HARDER FOR THE BRAKES TO APPLY. THE WORKAROUND I FOLLOW IS - PRESSING AND RELEASING BRAKE PEDAL WILL MAKE THE EXCLAMATION ICON TURN OFF AND THE BRAKES WOULD FUNCTION NORMALLY. I HAVE HAD ATLEAST TWO INSTANCES WHERE THE CAR WILL START MOVING EVEN WITH MY FOOT ON THE BRAKE. I WAS VERY CLOSE TO RUNNING INTO ANOTHER CAR TWO TIMES! I LIVE IN AUSTIN TX AND THESE INCIDENTS HAPPENED DURING SUMMERTIME WHEN THE TEMPERATURES WERE ABOVE 70F. *TR
24 January 2017	CA	2015	10947449	No	No		THIS MORNING AFTER DROPPING MY KID AT DAYCARE, I WAS BACKING UP MY CAR IN THE PARKING LOT. DURING BACKING UP, I PRESSED THE BRAKE PEDAL BUT THE CAR DIDN'T SLOW DOWN AND KEPT MOVING. AFTER A COUPLE OF SECONDS, IT FINALLY STOPPED. FORTUNATELY THERE WAS NO ONE IN THE PARKING LOT. NISSAN NEEDS TO INVESTIGATE THE BRAKE ISSUE. I HAVE SEEN SIMILAR COMPLAINTS BUT THERE IS NO RECALL TO FIX IT. *TR
1 November 2017	CA	2015	11042139	No	No	No	I ACTIVATED MY VEHICLE BY PLACING MY FOOT ON THE BRAKE PEDAL AND PRESSING THE IGNITION BUTTON. I PLACED THE TRANSMISSION IN REVERSE. IMMEDIATELY AFTER, MY VEHICLE BEGAN TO MOVE, BUT THE BRAKE PEDAL WENT ALL THE WAY TO THE FLOOR. AT THIS POINT MY VEHICLE WOULD NOT STOP AND I FRANTICALLY PUMPED THE BRAKE PEDAL. AFTER ABOUT 5 OR 6 FEET OF DISTANCE IN REVERSE, MY VEHICLE FINALLY STOPPED AND I PLACED IT IN PARK. NOTE: THERE WERE NO PRIOR WARNING LIGHTS OR SOUNDS BEFORE THE BRAKES FAILED. THE INCIDENT I EXPERIENCED WAS A VERY CLOSE CALL. THE PARKING LOT I WAS LOCATED IS FREQUENTED BY MANY PEOPLE TAKING EXERCISE WALKS. IF SOMEONE HAD BEEN WALKING BEHIND MY VEHICLE WHEN IT MALFUNCTIONED, MY VEHICLE WOULD HAVE STRUCK THEM. MOREOVER, ANOTHER PARKED VEHICLE WAS JUST A FEW MORE FEET FROM WHERE I EVENTUALLY WAS ABLE TO STOP. THE DEALERSHIP SAID THE REASON THIS HAPPENED WAS DUE TO 12V AUXILIARY BATTERY FAILURE. I HAVE ASKED NISSAN CONSUMER AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT MULTIPLE TIMES OVER THE PAST MONTH (EMAIL/PHONE) FOR AN EXPLANATION AND THEY HAVE IGNORED ME. I WOULD LIKE TO FIND OUT IF THIS IS A PROBLEM THAT MAY OCCUR AGAIN AND/OR HOW IT CAN BE FIXED. THEY WILL NOT RESPOND TO MY EMAILS OR VOICE MAILS. I HOPE YOU CAN HELP IN SOME WAY TO GET INFORMATION. AT THE VERY LEAST, MAKE YOU AWARE OF THIS PROBLEM. NOTE: I HAVE NOT EXPERIENCED THE PROBLEM AGAIN, BUT AM ESPECIALLY CONCERNED NOW BECAUSE NISSAN IS IGNORING ME. *TR
30 November 2017	WI	2015	11051504	No	No		MUCH LIKE OTHER COMPLAINTS HERE, JUST AFTER STARTING THE CAR AND PUTTING IT INTO REVERSE FROM A PARKING SPOT, PRESSING THE BRAKE PEDAL DID NOT SLOW THE CAR DOWN, EVEN WITH THE PEDAL FULLY DEPRESSED. ONLY AFTER LETTING THE BRAKE UP AND PRESSING IT AGAIN DID IT WORK. FORTUNATELY I DIDN'T HIT ANYONE OR ANYTHING AND WAS ABLE TO GET THE BRAKES TO WORK IN TIME. THE NEXT TIME I WENT TO START THE CAR, THE DASHBOARD DISPLAY KEPT TELLING ME TO PRESS THE BRAKES WHEN PRESSING THE START BUTTON NO MATTER HOW MUCH I WAS PRESSING THE BRAKES. I COULD NOT GET THE CAR TO START. ONLY AFTER PLUGGING THE CAR IN AND RETURNING TO IT AN HOUR LATER DID THE CAR START.
21 January 2018	GA	2015	11063955	No	No	Yes	BRAKES WERE NOT FUNCTIONAL AFTER STARTING THE VEHICLE. THE BRAKES PEDAL WOULD DEPRESS WITHOUT RESISTANCE TO THE FLOOR. THE CAR WAS ABLE TO BE BE PLACED IN DRIVE AND ATTEMPTING TO USE THE BRAKES TO STOP WAS USELESS. HAD TO PLACE CAR IN PARK AND HOLD E BRAKE. BRAKE MALFUNCTION LIGHT WAS PRESENT. ISSUE OCCURRED MULTIPLE TIMES SPORADICALLY IN BOTH COOL AND WARM WEATHER OVER THE LAST ONE WEEK. HAD PRIOR BRAKE RECALL ADDRESSED LAST YEAR AT DEALERSHIP.
14 February 2018	GA	2015	11072985	No	No	Yes at time	I WAS STOPPED AT A RED LIGHT WITH MY FOOT ON THE BRAKE PEDAL AND THE CAR STARTED TO ROLL FORWARD. I PRESSED HARD ON THE BRAKES AND NOTICED SOME STRANGE NOISE AS IF THE BRAKE PEDAL WAS HITTING SOMETHING. THE INSTRUMENT DISPLAY SHOWED MULTIPLE WARNING SIGNS LIKE A SKID SYMBOL, BRAKE IN RED FONT. FORTUNATELY, THE PARKING BRAKE WORKED AND I WAS GLAD I WAS STOPPED AT THE TRAFFIC LIGHT WHEN THIS HAPPENED.
25 August 2018	OH	2015	11122973	No	No	Yes at time	I WAS DRIVING IN SOMEWHAT HEAVY TRAFFIC IN AN URBAN SETTING AT 25MPH WHEN, UNEXPECTEDLY, I HAD GREAT DIFFICULTY APPLYING THE BRAKES TO STOP AT AN INTERSECTION. IT TOOK CONSIDERABLE EFFORT, INCLUDING SWERVING, TO AVOID HITTING THE VEHICLE IN FRONT OF ME, AND I PULLED INTO A PARKING LOT AS SOON AS I WAS ABLE, AGAIN HAVING GREAT TROUBLE STOPPING. THE LOSS OF CONTROL OF THE BRAKES FELT LIKE I WAS SKIDDING ON SNOW OR ICE, DESPITE THE FACT THAT IT WAS A FAIRLY WARM AUGUST DAY. THERE WAS AN ACCOMPANYING LOUD, UNPLEASANT SOUND COMING FROM THE BRAKES WHEN I STOMPED ON THEM. I HAD ALSO NOTICED THAT A NUMBER OF WARNING LIGHTS ON THE DASH HAD COME ON ALL AT THE SAME TIME WHEN THE PROBLEM STARTED. AFTER COMING TO A COMPLETE STOP IN THE PARKING LOT, I TURNED THE VEHICLE ON AND OFF MANY TIMES, AND EACH TIME, THERE WAS A LOW BUT CLEARLY AUDIBLE THRUMMING SOUND, PLUS A VIBRATION I COULD FEEL IN THE BRAKES. THE SOUND WAS PARTICULARLY SURPRISING TO HEAR, GIVEN THAT THE VEHICLE IS OTHERWISE AN EXTREMELY QUIET (100% ELECTRIC) VEHICLE. AFTER ATTEMPTING TO RESTART THE VEHICLE ABOUT TEN TIMES, I DECIDED TO LEAVE TO WAIT FOR AWHILE BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO START IT AGAIN. AFTER ABOUT 20 MIN., I STARTED THE VEHICLE WITHOUT TROUBLE AND CAUTIOUSLY DROVE IT HOME ON LARGELY EMPTY SIDE-STREETS.

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20 October 2018	CA	2015	11141540	No	No	Yes	MY CAR WAS PARKED IN THE DRIVEWAY OF MY HOUSE. I TURNED IT ON LIKE I DO NORMALLY AND I THEN I SEE THE RED BRAKE WARNING INDICATOR LIGHTS AND THE ABS WARNING INDICATOR LIGHTS ON THE DASHBOARD. I DIDN'T THINK TOO MUCH OF IT AS I WAS RUSHING TO GET SOMEWHERE. MY DRIVEWAY IS SLOPED DOWN SO WHEN I PUT IT ON DRIVE, I HAD TO STEP ON THE BRAKES. I NOTICED IT DIDN'T WORK AS I DEPRESSED IT ALL THE WAY DOWN. THEN I QUICKLY USED THE EMERGENCY BRAKES SINCE MY CAR WAS SLOWLY ROLLING DOWN. MY CAR IS 3 YEARS OLD, HAS ABOUT 35,000 MILES AND HAS NEVER BEEN IN AN ACCIDENT. THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME THIS HAPPENED.
27 June 2017	CA	2016	11001701	No	No		WHILE APPROACHING AN INTERSECTION IN A BUSY AREA OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY, THE BRAKES FAILED ON MY NISSAN LEAF. THE BRAKE SHUDDERED UNDER MY FOOT, MUCH LIKE ANTI-LOCK BRAKES DO WHEN THEY'RE ENGAGED. AFTER I FELT THE SHUDDERING, THE BRAKE PEDAL WENT DOWN BUT THE VEHICLE DID NOT DECELERATE AS IT NORMALLY WOULD IN RESPONSE TO BRAKING. I TRIED THE BRAKE PEDAL A FEW TIMES WITH NO RESPONSE, BUT THE VEHICLE'S MOMENTUM SLOWED ENOUGH FOR ME TO AVOID A COLLISION AND CONTINUE ON THE ROAD. AS I CAME TO A SECOND INTERSECTION, I AGAIN TRIED THE BRAKES AND THE VEHICLE DID NOT RESPOND. I USED THE EMERGENCY BRAKE TO STOP THE LEAF AT THE INTERSECTION. I LOCATED AN UPHILL DRIVEWAY TO A CORPORATE PARKING LOCATION, AND DROVE THE VEHICLE VERY SLOWLY TO A PARKING SPOT. I INTENDED TO PARK THE CAR AND CALL A TOWING SERVICE, BUT WHEN I ONCE AGAIN TRIED THE BRAKE PEDAL THE NISSAN LEAF RESPONDED TO THE BRAKES AND STOPPED IN THE PARKING SPOT. BECAUSE I WAS CLOSE TO WORK AND THE BRAKES HAD RE-ENGAGED, I DROVE THE VEHICLE TO THE PARKING LOT AT MY OFFICE AND LATER THAT DAY CALLED NISSAN'S CONSUMER AFFAIRS LINE FOR THE LEAF (877-664-2738). I REPORTED THE ISSUE TO NISSAN, AND THEY HAD THE VEHICLE TOWED TO A NEARBY NISSAN DEALERSHIP. AT THIS POINT IN TIME, NISSAN IS WORKING WITH MOSSY NISSAN IN POWAY, CA TO TRY TO DIAGNOSE THE PROBLEM. NISSAN OPENED CASE #27170321 ON THE ISSUE. THIS IS A FAIRLY NEW VEHICLE (BOUGHT IN SEPTEMBER 2016), AND I DON'T THINK THERE ARE ANY PHYSICAL PROBLEMS WITH THE BRAKE PADS OR MECHANISM. MY BEST GUESS IS THAT AN ELECTRIC/CONTROLLER FAILURE OCCURRED WITH REGENERATIVE BRAKING.
11 February 2018	MN	2016	11072190	No	No		ON 6 OCCASIONS THE BRAKES FAILED TO WORK ON FIRST CONTACT WHEN ATTEMPTING TO COME TO A FULL STOP AT EITHER A STOP LIGHT OR A STOP SIGN ON CITY STREETS. RELEASING THE BRAKE PEDAL AND REAPPLYING THE BRAKES FINALLY BROUGHT THE CAR TO A STOP. THIS HAPPENED TO BOTH MY HUSBAND AND MYSELF AND HAPPENED ON BOTH STRAIGHT FLAT ROADS AND DOWNHILL ROADS. THIS HAPPENED IN BOTH REGENERATIVE AND NON-REGENERATIVE BRAKING BUT THE WORST FAILURE HAPPENED IN NON-REGENERATIVE BRAKING.
26 February 2018	CA	2016	11075080	No	No		CAR LOST ALL BREAK CAPABILITIES AS I APPROACHED A TRAFFIC LIGHT. BRAKE PEDAL WAS LOOSE AND CAR WOULD NOT ENGAGE BREAKS, LOUD CRACK SOUND ON FIRST PUMP BEFORE BREAK WAS LOST. SINCE I WAS GOING AT LOW SPEED (30MPH) I COULD EMPLOY MANUAL BREAK TO STOP VEHICLE. BREAK REMAIN IN FAILURE STATE TILL ON HOUR LATER WHEN IT SEEM TO HAVE RETURNED.
11 April 2018	WA	2016	11084606	Yes	No		MY 2016 LEAF SL WAS DAMAGED IN A FAIRLY LOW SPEED COLLISION DURING HEAVY OFFICE RUSH TRAFFIC (AROUND 7:30AM IN THE MORNING). WHEN THE CAR IN FRONT OF ME SUDDENLY STOPPED, I ALSO BRAKED HARD. AT THAT TIME I HEARD ABS LIKE SOUND BUT THE CAR DID NOT ACTUALLY STOP, IT KEPT ON GOING AND HIT THE CAR IN FRONT OF ME. I WAS TOO STRESSED OUT AT THE MOMENT THEREFORE I DID NOT HAVE TIME TO THINK. LATER ON, I SPENT SOME TIME SEARCHING INTERNET WITH SEARCH QUERIES LIKE 'NISSAN LEAF BRAKE PROBLEM' OR 'NISSAN LEAF DID NOT BRAKE' ETC. I FOUND MULTIPLE MENTIONS OF EXPERIENCES VERY SIMILAR TO MINE. IF YOU PERFORM GOOGLE SEARCH, YOU WILL SEE WHAT I MEAN. IS THERE A WAY TO LOOK AT THE LEAF ONBOARD DATA TO SEE WHAT MAY HAVE HAPPENED?
24 May 2018	TX	2016	11097873	No	No		I HAD A BRAKE FAILURE AT POWER ON ISSUE ON MY 2016 NISSAN LEAF SL. NOTHING ON THE DASH ALERTED ME. THE BRAKES DID WORK, BUT IT SEEMED LIKE NO VACUUM ASSIST, SO HAD TO PRESS REALLY HARD. TOWED TO A DEALER. REPLACED THE 12V BATTERY. VERY SCARY, I ROLLED OUT INTO AN INTERSECTION AND LUCKILY I WAS NOT IN AN ACCIDENT OR RAN OVER A PEDESTRIAN.