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Bradenton, FL [REDACTED]

Dear Ms. Eisele:

Thank you for your correspondence dated November 9, 2006, concerning your Model Year (MY) 2004 Hyundai Tiburon. Your correspondence was received by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Office of Defects Investigation on November 21, 2006. We regret any inconvenience our delay in responding may have caused you.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is the Federal agency responsible for improving safety on our Nation's highways. We are authorized to order manufacturers to recall and repair vehicles or items of motor vehicle equipment when our investigations indicate that they contain serious safety defects in their design, construction, or performance. We also monitor the adequacy of manufacturers' recall campaigns. In order for the agency to initiate an investigation, we look carefully at the body of consumer complaints and other available data to determine whether a defect may exist. We cannot act on isolated problems or resolve disputes between individual owners, dealers, or manufacturers.

We appreciate the report you provided. Reports from motorists are a very important source of information for us. Each report is analyzed and entered into a database to help us determine whether an investigation into a possible safety defect is warranted.

A review of our database relative to problems associated with the clutch assembly systems in MY 2004 Hyundai Tiburon vehicles revealed other reports concerning the specific problem you experienced with the engagement of 1st and reverse gears. That information is being forwarded to ODI's Defects Assessment Division for their review. Enclosed is a booklet that describes ODI's investigation process. The information you provided has been entered into our database. It will be considered with future reports to identify any safety defect trends that may require our attention.



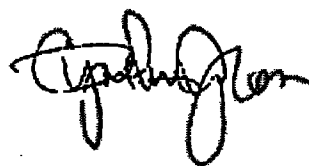
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We sympathize with you concerning the numerous problems you encountered with your Hyundai Tiburon; however, the operation of the air conditioning system, speakers and cigarette lighter that you described do not relate to motor vehicle safety within the meaning of our authorizing statute. Similarly, manufacturer tire replacement programs do not fall under our jurisdiction. If you have not done so, you may consider contacting the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). The FTC has jurisdiction over non-safety defects, paint, fraud or deception, warranty and dealership problems, remuneration matters, and fair trade practices. There are three ways you can contact the FTC: by toll free telephone at 1-877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357); by mail at Federal Trade Commission, CRC-240, Washington, DC 20580; and by using the Internet complaint form at <http://www.ftc.gov/ftc/complaint.htm>.

You can contact our toll-free NHTSA Vehicle Safety Hotline (Hotline) at 1-888-327-4236. One of our representatives may be able to assist you on matters concerning motor vehicle and motor vehicle equipment safety recalls or to report an alleged safety problem. You can also request safety information. If our telephones are busy, or you call during non-working hours, you can leave your name, telephone number, and a brief subject on our recording system. A Hotline representative will return your call.

Additionally, we have an Internet Web site at <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov> that you may want to visit. A Monthly Defect Report is available on that site that provides a listing of current investigations. Enter "Monthly Defect Report" in the NHTSA Search capability to locate the reports. An electronic Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire (VOQ) is also available on this Web site at <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/ivoq>. This form is for vehicle owners to report safety-related problems about their motor vehicles or motor vehicle equipment, e.g., child safety seats, jacks, tires, brake fluid, etc. The reports submitted are transferred to our database and are used to identify safety-related defect trends that require our attention. If you do not have access to the Internet, please use the enclosed VOQ to inform this agency of any future motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment safety problems you may experience. Also, a summary listing of vehicle owners' complaints, safety recalls, manufacturers' service bulletins, etc., can be obtained at <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems>.

Sincerely,



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