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To whom it may concern,

This letter is about my 2013 Hyundai Elantra recall (Campaign251) and the NHTSA number is 23V651000. The Elantra recall was sent out on September 26, 2023 to document the problem with the 2013 Elantra. This recall involves the Anti-Lock Brake System (ABS) modules that could leak brake fluid internally and cause an electrical short over time. An electrical short could result in significant over current in the ABS module, increasing the risk of an engine compartment fire while parked or driving the car. Hyundai advised us to park the car outside and away from structures until the recall fix is installed. I would like a case number created so that a record will be made of this letter.

- 1 – When will my Elantra be fixed. **Note replacing the ABS fuse may reduce the risk of fire in the engine compartment, but does not stop the leak of brake fluid. Hyundai knows how to fix this problem because this problem only exists in the 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 Elantras.** It was fixed in the 2016 Elantra. So Hyundai knew about this very dangerous problem for over EIGHT YEARS before they bothered to notify us. The Hyundai recalled the 2013 Elantra on September 26, 2023 which documented this dangerous problem. On November 10, 2023 I called Hyundai about this recall and the agent said a fix would be available by the end of November 2023. Eight years is a very long time to be driving a car that could catch fire. Hyundai knows how to fix this problem because this problem does not exist after the 2015 Elantra model year. I would also like to know why we were not notified by Hyundai about this very dangerous problem long before September 26, 2023, as Hyundai knew about this problem long before we were notified.
- 2 – Hyundai new about this dangerous problem for many years, where is the fix. Because of the fire hazard, Hyundai has advised us to park the car outside and away from structures until the recall remedy is completed. My car is always dirty because I have to park it outside. I have to wipe the water off the car windows in the morning and we get wet if it rains. I did not have these problems when I parked my car in the garage. We do not like driving this car because of the risk of a fire in the engine compartment. **I want this car fixed. I do not want to loose money by having to buy a new car. There would be no need for us to purchase a new car except for this dangerous safety problem with our Elantra.**

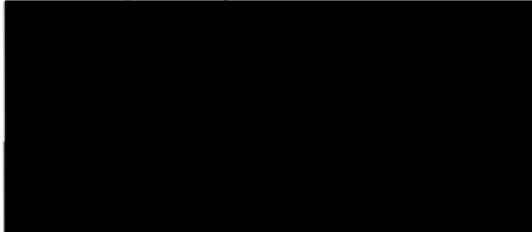
3 - I read that the NHTSA are investigating how Hyundai/Kia does recalls. I quote from Reuters: 'The National Highway traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) said it was opening an audit query to evaluate the timeliness of Hyundai and Kia defect decision making'. What is the status of this investigation?

4 - There was a Class Action lawsuit filed on 8/25/2020, that involved the ABS brake system. The Class members had until Jul 7, 2023 to file a claim. According to the lawsuit, the ABS modules remain charged with electrical current even when the cars are not running. This coupled with a defect that allows moisture to enter the electrified components, creates the risk of fires erupting even if the car has been parked for days. The lawsuit alleges that both automakers (Hyundai & Kia) were aware of the dangerous defect in the vehicles years before they warned the public.

This looks like the same problem I was having. Why wasn't I included in this Class Action lawsuit. I also believe Hyundai knew about this serious safety issue before Jul 2020 since my problem looks like the same dangerous problem defined by the 8/25/2020 Class Action lawsuit.

I would also like to know why we were not notified about this dangerous problem long before September 26, 2023 as it is evident that Hyundai knew about this problem long before we were notified.

Thank you for your time



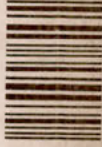


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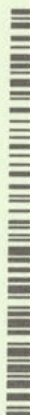
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