

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)
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Washington, DC 20590

cc: Hyundai Vehicles Corporate Engine Recall
10550 Talbert Avenue
Fountain Valley, California 92708

Greetings,

I am writing regarding our 2021 Hyundai Elantra:

VIN: [REDACTED]

This vehicle exhibits the same engine defects and symptoms addressed in recent Hyundai recalls, but to the best of our knowledge, it was not included in the recall.

Our vehicle is equipped with the 2.0-liter Nu GDI engine that Hyundai recalled in other 2021 and 2022 vehicles for engine stalling, internal engine damage, and fire risk. Although our VIN is not currently listed, the engine itself is identical to the recalled engines and is available for inspection.

Since early ownership, the vehicle has repeatedly:

Hesitated, surged, or jumped when accelerating from a stop, particularly at stoplights and intersections

Shown reduced power, inconsistent throttle response, and hesitation

Triggered warning lights and engine behavior consistent with internal engine distress

These issues are ongoing, reproducible under normal driving conditions, and were not caused by misuse or maintenance neglect. A certified Hyundai dealer has confirmed that our vehicle contains the 2.0L engine associated with the recall.

Symptoms observed:

Knocking noise from the engine that increases in frequency as engine RPM increases

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Reduced power and/or hesitation and vibration

Illumination of the "check engine" light in the instrument cluster

Illumination of the "engine oil pressure" warning lamp

According to Hyundai recall information, these symptoms may indicate premature engine bearing wear, which can lead to:

Engine stalling

Fracture of a connecting rod

Damage to the engine block, allowing oil to contact hot engine surfaces

Potential fire risk

When we attempted to make a claim under an extended warranty included with the dealership purchase, the claim was denied, despite ongoing engine issues mirroring known defects. A technician acknowledged that other Hyundai vehicles equipped with this same engine were included in the recall and exhibited similar problems, confirming that this is part of a broader defect pattern.

Given that continued operation of this vehicle could result in serious injury or death, we request that NHTSA and Hyundai:

Review this VIN for recall eligibility

Provide guidance on submitting a claim related to this engine defect

Advise on immediate actions to prevent a dangerous incident

We urge prompt attention to this matter due to the serious safety implications.

Thank you for your time and assistance.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Minneapolis, MN
[REDACTED]

OUR
VEHICLE
HAS ALL OF
THESE
ISSUES.

Engine Recalls

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In close coordination with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Hyundai has conducted several recalls to address manufacturing issues that could lead to engine failure and in certain circumstances an engine fire. While the majority of incidents among affected vehicles are limited to engine knocking, there have been instances of stalling, meaning the engine may stop running while the vehicle is being driven. Importantly, drivers in this situation can maintain control of the vehicle as brakes, steering and safety devices like airbags remain operational.

Typically, as an engine becomes inoperable, drivers will be alerted by warning lights and sounds, and while the engine may experience some hesitation, drivers should have time to safely move the vehicle off the road.

What to look out for



Check Engine

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Find out if your vehicle is eligible

Technical Overview

Among the affected vehicle population, vehicle stalling may be triggered by premature engine bearing wear. Indications of a worn bearing are outlined above. If the vehicle continues to be driven with a worn bearing, the bearing can fail, and the vehicle could stall. In some instances, engine stalling can lead to the fracture of a connecting rod. When a connecting rod fractures, it is possible for it to damage the engine block, allowing oil to escape and contact hot engine surfaces, which can lead to a fire.

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