

December 20, 2023

Ms. Tanya Topka  
Director, Office of Defects Investigations (ODI)  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

RE: TREAD Act Required Report of a Safety-related Campaign in a Foreign Country

Dear Ms. Topka:

Pursuant to the TREAD Act and Section 579.11 of Part 579 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and on behalf of Hyundai Motor Company (“HMC”), Hyundai Motor North America (“HMNA”) is submitting information concerning a safety recall that is being conducted in South Korea. Specific information as required by Section 579.12 of Part 579 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, given HMNA’s best understanding of the information as of the date of this submission, is as follows:

**1. Manufacturer:**

Hyundai Motor Company (“HMC”)

**2. Identification of the vehicles potentially containing the defect:**

The involved vehicles include certain model year 2024 Hyundai NEXO vehicles produced from April 7, 2023, through May 29, 2023, by Hyundai Motor Company (“HMC”) in South Korea. According to supplier and HMC manufacturing records, vehicles produced with the subject side curtain airbags (“SCAB”) were sold in South Korea only.

**3. Total number of vehicles potentially containing the defect:**

482

**4. Description of the defect/noncompliance:**

The side curtain airbag(s) (“SCAB”) in the subject vehicles could inflate without a deployment command from the airbag control unit (“ACU”) due to a supplier welding error during manufacture of the diffuser disk within the hybrid inflator. The diffuser disk could inadvertently break, releasing stored gas within the inflator and deploying the airbag. Inadvertent deployment of the curtain shield airbag(s) during a non-crash situation increases the risk of occupant injury. Additionally, an inadvertent air bag deployment may distract the driver and/or limit driving visibility, increasing the risk of a crash.

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**5. Foreign country in which the safety recall or other safety campaign is being conducted:**

This recall is being conducted in South Korea only.

**6. Description of the foreign action as a safety recall or other safety campaign:**

This foreign action is being conducted as a safety recall.

**7. Determination to conduct the recall made by the manufacturer or by a foreign government:**

The determination to conduct this campaign was made by Hyundai Motor Company.

**8. Manufacturer's program for remedying the defect or noncompliance:**

All involved owners will be notified to return their vehicles to a Hyundai dealer to have the SCAB assembly inspected and replaced, as necessary. The complete remedy procedure will be performed at no cost to owners.

**9. Date of the determination and the date the recall was commenced in each foreign country:**

The recall determination date is December 13, 2023. The campaign shall tentatively commence on January 12, 2024.

**10. Identify all motor vehicles sold or offered for sale in the United States that are identical or substantially similar to the motor vehicles covered by the foreign recall or campaign:**

The affected model year 2024 Hyundai NEXO vehicles sold in South Korea are substantially similar to model year 2024 Hyundai NEXO vehicles offered for sale in the United States and its territories; however, the sold U.S.-specification vehicles do not contain any airbags produced within the suspect range identified by the SCAB supplier.

Sincerely,



Cole Stutz  
Executive Director, North America Safety Office