



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE08-071
Date Opened: 12/15/2008
Principal Investigator: Lee Strickland
Subject: Interior Door Handle Laceration Hazard

Manufacturer: Hyundai Motor Company
Products: 2002-2003 Hyundai Sonata
Population: 155,000 (estimated)

Problem Description: Peeling or separation of plating on interior door handles.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	5		
Crashes/Fires:	0		
Injury Incidents:	8		
# Injuries:	8		
Fatality Incidents:	0		
# Fatalities:	0		
Other:	0		

Description of Other:

Action: Open a Preliminary Evaluation.

Engineer: Leamon H. Strickland LHS

Date: 12/15/2008

Div. Chief: Thomas Z. Cooper

Date: 12/15/2008

Office Dir.: Kathleen C. DeMeter

Date: 12/15/2008

Summary:

The agency has received five consumer complaints which allege that peeling of the plating on the interior door handles may produce sharp edges capable of inflicting laceration injuries to vehicle occupants.

A Preliminary Evaluation has been opened to assess the matter.