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Investigation: PE 12-012
Date Opened: 05/10/2012
Investigator: Michael Lee **Reviewer:** Scott Yon
Approver: Frank Borris
Subject: Side Curtain Air Bag Improper Deployment

MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

Manufacturer: HYUNDAI MOTOR COMPANY
Products: 2012 Hyundai Elantra
Population: 123,000 (Estimated)

Problem Description: The improper deployment of the driver-side curtain air bag resulted in a laceration to the driver's ear/face.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	1	TBD	TBD
Crashes/Fires:	0	TBD	TBD
Injury Incidents:	1	TBD	TBD
Number of Injuries:	1	TBD	TBD
Fatality Incidents:	0	TBD	TBD
Number of Fatalities:	0	TBD	TBD

ACTION / SUMMARY INFORMATION

Action: Open a Preliminary Evaluation.

Summary:

ODI has received a complaint of an improper deployment of the driver-side curtain air bag that deployed as a result of a crash. The photographs of the model year 2012 Hyundai Elantra provided by the vehicle owner show a metal component protruding from the left edge of the headliner above the driver's seat. It appears that the metal component caused a laceration to the driver's ear/face.

An investigation has been opened to evaluate the alleged defect in the subject vehicles.

The ODI report cited above can be viewed at www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/complaints under the following identification (ODI) number: 10457696