



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

# ODI RESUME

**Investigation:** RQ 13-004  
**Prompted by:**  
**Date Opened:** 12/04/2013  
**Investigator:** Michael Lee **Reviewer:** Scott Yon  
**Approver:** Frank Borris  
**Subject:** Headliner Bracket Detachment

## MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

**Manufacturer:** Hyundai Motor Company  
**Products:** 2009-2012 Hyundai Elantra Touring  
**Population:** 51,962

**Problem Description:** During a side-impact crash, a metal support bracket attached to the headliner may be displaced downward by a deploying side curtain air bag. The edge of the metal bracket may cause a laceration injury to an occupant seated near the bracket.

## FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

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

## ACTION / SUMMARY INFORMATION

**Action:** Open a Recall Query

### Summary:

In March 2013, Hyundai issued a safety recall to reinforce the attachment of the metal support brackets to the headliner assembly in approximately 186,254 model year 2011-2013 Hyundai Elantra vehicles built in Korea and sold in the U.S. (see NHTSA recall 13V-115 and investigation EA12-008 for more information). The recall covers vehicles built up to March 5, 2013. After that date, Hyundai began using headliners with reinforced bracket attachments in the Korea-built Elantra vehicles.

ODI has opened this Recall Query to investigate model year 2009-2012 Hyundai Elantra Touring vehicles. During EA12-008, ODI found these vehicles are equipped with a support bracket design and layout similar to that in the above-mentioned Elantra vehicles. Also, the headliner manufacturing processes used were similar for both models. Like the Elantra vehicles built before the recall, the Elantra Touring model headliner does not contain reinforced bracket attachments.