
Q&A: Recall 229 – Seat Belt Pretensioner**Summary**

Hyundai is initiating recall campaign 229, a safety recall to address a condition involving the seat belt pretensioner in certain Hyundai Elantra and Accent vehicles. This campaign also addresses previously recalled Hyundai Elantra/Elantra HEV and Accent vehicles with a formal remedy based on Hyundai's analysis of parts recovered through Recalls 211, 219, 220, and 223. A specific root cause has not yet been determined. Hyundai is conducting this action to ensure the safety of its vehicles for Hyundai customers.

Q1: What is the issue?

A1: The subject vehicles are equipped with driver/passenger pyrotechnic-type seat belt pretensioners that may deploy abnormally during a crash. A specific root cause has not yet been determined.

Q2: What are the affected vehicles?

A2: The subject population for this recall is approximately 239,000 vehicles including:

- Approximately 61,000 2019-2022 model year Accent vehicles produced by KMX for sale in the U.S.
- Approximately 166,000 2021-2023 model year Elantra vehicles produced by HMC and HMM for sale in the U.S.
- Approximately 12,000 2021-2022 model year Elantra HEV vehicles produced by HMC for the sale in the U.S.

Q3: What is the safety concern?

A3: An abnormal pyrotechnic pretensioner deployment could cause metal fragments to enter the vehicle occupant compartment, which may result in injury to vehicle occupants.

Q4: Have there been any accidents or injuries?

A4: As of the date of this filing, Hyundai is only aware of three crash events resulting in injuries (two incidents in the U.S. and one in Singapore).

Q5: What will be done during the recall service at the dealer?

A5: All owners of the subject vehicles will be notified by first class mail with instructions to bring their vehicles to a Hyundai dealer to have the seat belt pretensioner's micro gas generator and delivery pipe secured with a cap to prevent potential abnormal deployment. This remedy will be offered at no cost to owners for all affected vehicles, regardless of whether the affected vehicles are still covered under Hyundai's New Vehicle Limited Warranty. Additionally, Hyundai will provide owners of affected vehicles reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses incurred to obtain a remedy for the recall condition in accordance with the reimbursement plan submitted to NHTSA on February 24, 2022.

This recall supersedes Recalls 219, 220, and 223. Recall 211 will remain open for vehicles not included in Recall 229.

Q6: When will owners be notified?

A6: Owners will be notified in July 2022.