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TO: All Hyundai Dealership Service and Parts Managers  
FROM: NATIONAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT  
SUBJECT: NHTSA POSTING REGARDING HYUNDAI ACCENT 3 DOOR HATCHBACK

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On Tuesday, July 2, 2002, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, NHTSA, posted information on their website concerning a

recall of 3 door Hyundai Accent vehicles to correct a noncompliance with FMVSS 201 requirements. Model years 2000, 2001, and 2002 Hyundai Accent 3 door hatchback vehicles produced beginning September 16, 1999 through October 19, 2001 are affected.

FMVSS 201 requires that upper interior components meet specific head injury criteria standards when impacted at defined locations by a free motion headform moving at 15 mph. Eighteen (18) upper interior impact locations specified by FMVSS 201 apply to the 2000-2002 Accent 3 door hatchback. During a test conducted for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), the 2000-2002 Accent 3 door hatchback exceeded the head injury criteria standard at one location, AP3, approximately midway along the length of the right windshield support pillar (right A-pillar). An occupant's head that contacts the A-pillar at location AP3 during a collision may experience an increased risk of a head injury as a result of this noncompliance.

Hyundai will conduct a recall campaign of all model year 2000, 2001, and 2002 Hyundai Accent 3 door vehicles produced through October 19, 2001 to install new energy management brackets to further support the A-pillar covers and increase the energy absorbing performance of the A-pillar AP3 location during FMVSS 201 testing.

Hyundai is currently proceeding with the development and testing of these components. All owners of record of affected vehicles will be contacted by first class mail and instructed to bring their vehicles to Hyundai dealers to have energy management brackets installed at no cost to the vehicle owners.

The date that parts will be available and the date that owners will be notified has not yet been determined.

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