

MOTOR VEHICLE RECALL

Dear 2000-2002 Accent 3 Door Hatchback Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Based upon the results of a test conducted by a contractor for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Hyundai has decided to recall certain 2000-2002 model year Accent 3 door hatchback vehicles, manufactured through October 19, 2001, to enhance conformance to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 201, Occupant protection in interior impact.

What is the problem?

- 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. Numerous upper interior impact locations specified by FMVSS 201 apply to the 2000-2002 Accent 3 door hatchback.

During a test conducted by a contractor for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), the 2000-2002 Accent 3 door hatchback exceeded the performance criterion in the 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 condition.

What will Hyundai do?

- To improve your vehicle's conformance with the requirements of FMVSS 201, we are asking you to schedule an appointment as soon as possible to take your vehicle to your Hyundai dealer. The Hyundai dealer will install new energy management brackets to support the A-pillar covers and increase the energy absorbing performance of the A-pillar AP3 location in an FMVSS 201 test. The procedure will be performed at no charge to you. You should plan to leave your vehicle at your Hyundai dealer for a half day to have these energy management brackets installed.

What should you do?

- We urge you to call your Hyundai dealer to schedule an appointment to have this work performed as soon as possible.

What if you have other questions?

- If you have any difficulty having this repair performed, we recommend that you call the Hyundai Customer Assistance Center at 1-800-633-5151. If you are still not satisfied that we have remedied this situation without charge, and within a reasonable amount of time, you may wish to write to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, S. W., Washington, D.C. 20590 or call their toll-free Auto Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236.

We urge your prompt attention to this important safety matter.

Hyundai Motor America