

MOTOR VEHICLE RECALL

Dear 2003 and 2004 Santa Fe Owner:

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

Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

Hyundai has decided that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in 2003 and certain 2004 model year Santa Fe vehicles produced through February 27, 2004 that are equipped with 3.5 liter V-6 engines, 4 wheel drive, and antilock brake systems (ABS).

What is the problem?

- If the brake pedal is depressed at speeds between 3 and 12 mph when the brake pad friction surfaces are wet, a vibration may occur between the brake discs and pads, causing ABS sensor electronic signal noise to develop. At speeds below 5 mph, the ABS sensor signal noise may cause the ABS electronic control unit (BCU) to activate the ABS, extending the stopping distance.

If an extended stopping distance occurs at speeds below 5 mph, it may result in a crash.

What will Hyundai do?

- To ensure that your vehicle does not experience extended stopping distance at speeds below 5 mph as a result of inadvertent ABS activation, we are asking you to schedule an appointment as soon as possible to take your vehicle to your Hyundai dealer. The Hyundai dealer will reprogram your vehicle's ABS BCU. This procedure will be performed at no charge to you. You should plan to leave your vehicle at your Hyundai dealer to have this service performed. Repair times will vary and depend on your dealer's appointment schedule.

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.

Until then, if you wish to prevent the possibility of ABS operation at speeds below 5 mph prior to receiving the ABS ECU reprogramming service, you may remove the ABS fuse located in the underhood fuse and relay box. Please refer to your owner's manual. Removing the ABS fuse will prevent ABS system operation and will cause the ABS warning light to illuminate, but will not affect normal brake operation.

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