



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

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Washington, DC 20590

**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

*August 29, 2005*

ROBERT BABCOCK  
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HYUNDAI MOTOR COMPANY  
HYUNDAI AMERICA TECHNICAL CENTER, INC.  
5075 VENTURE DRIVE  
ANN ARBOR MI 48108

NVS-215  
05V-377

Subject: FRONT SEAT BELT

Dear MR. BABCOCK:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect or noncompliance information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this is the information that will be made available to the public.

**Makes/Models/Model Years:**  
HYUNDAI/SONATA/2006

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 05V-377

**Recall Date:** August 26, 2005

**Components:**  
SEATS:FRONT ASSEMBLY:RECLINER

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 36,000

**Summary:**  
ON CERTAIN PASSENGER VEHICLES, THE FRONT SEAT BELT MAY INTERFERE WITH THE MANUAL SEAT BACK RECLINER KNOB AND COULD CAUSE THE FRONT MANUAL SEAT BACK RECLINER TO INADVERTENTLY RELEASE.

**Consequence:**  
THE INADVERTENT RELEASE OF A FRONT SEAT BACK RECLINER MAY RESULT IN INJURY TO VEHICLE OCCUPANTS.

**Remedy:**

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE MANUAL SEAT BACK RECLINER KNOB(S). THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING OCTOBER 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT HYUNDAI AT 1-800-633-5151.

**Notes:**

HYUNDAI RECALL NO. 072. CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

We have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it meets the requirements of Part 577.

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin during October 2005. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by January 30, 2006.

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at [patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov](mailto:patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov) or [delia.lopez@NHTSA.dot.gov](mailto:delia.lopez@NHTSA.dot.gov). We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

*Patricia Wallace*

*for* George H. Person  
Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement