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Mr. Ronald Medford
Acting Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: Defect Information Report

Dear Mr. Medford:

Pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Hyundai Motor Company is submitting information concerning a recall that is being voluntarily initiated. Specific information as required by Section 573.6 is as follows:

573.6(c)(1)

Manufacturer - Hyundai Motor Company
Distributor - Hyundai Motor America

573.6(c)(2)

Certain model year 2005 Hyundai Tucson vehicles produced beginning March 29, 2005 through May 20, 2005.

573.6(c)(3)

Approximately 8,400 model year 2005 Hyundai Tucson vehicles produced beginning March 29, 2005 through May 20, 2005.

573.6(c)(4)

All of the model year 2005 Hyundai Tucson vehicles produced beginning March 29, 2005 through May 20, 2005.

573.6(c)(5)

Some parking brake ratchet pawls were manufactured with poorly finished teeth. Poorly finished teeth on the parking brake ratchet pawl may not properly engage the mating teeth on the parking brake lever ratchet and may result in damage to the teeth of the lever ratchet.

Damaged parking brake lever ratchet teeth may prevent the parking brake from engaging or may allow the parking brake to release after it has been engaged. The automatic transmission may be placed in the Park position and the manual transmission gearshift lever may be placed in one of the gear positions to prevent vehicle rolling if the parking brake lever cannot be engaged.

This condition affects vehicles manufactured between March 29, 2005 and May 20, 2005.

573.6(c)(6)

Hyundai Motor Company became aware of damaged parking brake lever ratchet teeth during warranty parts analysis of replaced parking brake lever assemblies from Korean market vehicles in June 2005. The supplier had already improved the manufacturing process for the ratchet pawl.

Hyundai Motor Company has decided to conduct a recall in the United States to replace the parking brake lever assemblies of 2005 Hyundai Tucson vehicles produced beginning March 29, 2005 through May 20, 2005. In late June 2005, Hyundai Motor Company provided notice to the United States distributor of Hyundai automobiles that it intended to conduct a recall to correct this condition. Hyundai is not aware of any customer contacts to Hyundai Motor America or its dealers related to this condition. Hyundai is not aware of any accidents or injuries related to this condition.

573.6(c)(8)

All owners of record of the affected vehicles will be contacted by first class mail and instructed to bring their vehicles to Hyundai dealers. Hyundai dealers will replace the parking brake lever assembly in each vehicle.

Hyundai anticipates the recall owner notification will be completed in one mailing during July 2005. Hyundai anticipates that dealers will be notified by July 12, 2005.

Replacement or other service to the parking brake lever assembly of all vehicles affected by this recall would have been covered for 5 years or 60,000 miles under Hyundai's new vehicle limited warranty. As no owners of these 2005 model year vehicles would have incurred expenses for this warranted repair as a result of this condition, Hyundai believes that it is not necessary, and should not be required, to provide notification regarding reimbursement under section 577.11.

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573.6(c)(9)

The Technical Service Bulletin containing the service procedure for replacing the parking brake lever assembly will be provided to NHTSA when available. Other relevant communications will also be forwarded when they are available.

573.6(c)(10)

A draft of the owner notification letter is attached.

573.6(c)(11)

Hyundai has assigned "Campaign 071" as the designation for the campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Babcock". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "R" and "B".

Robert Babcock
Manager, Corporate Affairs

Attachments: 1

DRAFT MOTOR VEHICLE RECALL

Dear 2005 Tucson 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 certain model year 2005 Hyundai Tucson vehicles that were produced during the period beginning on March 29, 2005 through May 20, 2005.

What is the problem?

- The parking brake lever ratchet pawl in your vehicle was not properly manufactured and may damage the teeth of the parking brake lever ratchet. Damaged parking brake lever ratchet teeth may prevent the parking brake from engaging or may allow the parking brake to release after it has been engaged.

The inability to engage, or the inadvertent release of, the parking brake lever may allow your vehicle to roll while it is parked and may result in a crash. To prevent your vehicle from rolling while it is parked, always place the automatic transmission in the Park position and place the manual transmission gearshift lever in one of the gear positions, even if you have engaged the parking brake.

What will Hyundai do?

- To ensure that your vehicle's parking brake lever works properly, we are asking you to schedule an appointment as soon as possible to take your vehicle to your Hyundai dealer. The Hyundai dealer will replace your vehicle's parking brake lever assembly. 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.

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 Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153), or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

We urge your prompt attention to this important safety matter.

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