

# MOTOR VEHICLE RECALL

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Dear 2006 Sonata 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 2006 Hyundai Sonata vehicles equipped with 3.3 liter engines that were produced during the period beginning on May 5, 2005 through June 10, 2005.

## **What is the problem?**

- Your vehicle is equipped with Electronic Stability Control (ESC), which can monitor your vehicle as it is being driven and detect if the vehicle is oversteering or understeering. The ESC contained in your vehicle may have been programmed to be oversensitive to the onset of oversteering while driving on banked curves, causing inadvertent application of the front outside brake when ESC activation may not be needed. This may cause the vehicle to slow and may affect the path that the vehicle is traveling. Brake application caused by inadvertent ESC activation may result in a crash.

The ESC switch, located on the instrument panel to the left of the steering wheel, may be pressed to turn off the ESC and prevent inadvertent ESC activation.

## **What will Hyundai do?**

- To ensure that your vehicle's Electronic Stability Control (ESC) 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 reprogram the ESC Hydraulic Electronic Control Unit (HECU). 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.

Hyundai Motor America