

MOTOR VEHICLE RECALL

Dear 2004 or 2005 Elantra 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 2004 and 2005 Hyundai Elantra vehicles that were produced during the period beginning on June 12, 2003 through September 9, 2005.

WARNING: Hyundai recommends that Child Restraint Seats (CRS) must always be properly installed in the rear seat. Child restraint seats must never be installed in the front seat. Should an accident occur and cause the right front airbags to inflate, it could cause severe injury or death for an infant or child seated in a CRS.

What is the problem?

- In certain situations, the Occupant Classification System (OCS) installed in the right front seat of your vehicle may misclassify a Child Restraint Seat (CRS) as an adult. This may occur if the CRS is installed after an adult has been seated in the right front seat, if there has not been a key ON - key OFF cycle with the right front passenger seat empty prior to installation of the CRS.

The possibility of misclassification of a CRS as an adult may allow the right front airbag or side impact airbag to deploy in an accident and result in injury to the right front occupant.

When the right front passenger airbags are activated (may inflate in an accident) the "PASSENGER AIR BAG OFF" light on the instrument panel is not illuminated. When a CRS or small child occupies the right front seat, the "PASSENGER AIR BAG OFF" light on the instrument panel must always be illuminated, indicating that the right front passenger airbags are disabled (may not inflate in an accident).

What will Hyundai do?

- To ensure that your vehicle's OCS will properly classify a CRS and will disable the right front airbags, 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 OCS Electronic Control Unit (ECU) to remove the feature that may cause the CRS to be recognized as an adult. 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.

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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