

MOTOR VEHICLE RECALL

Dear 2005 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 to conduct a motor vehicle safety recall of certain model year 2005 Hyundai Santa Fe vehicles that were produced during the period beginning on August 9, 2004 through November 5, 2004.

WARNING: Hyundai recommends that children must always be seated in the rear seat, properly wearing the seat belt, and Child Restraint Seats (CRS) must always be properly installed in the rear seat. Children must never be seated in the front seat and 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 a child seated in the front seat or 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 certain small children seated on the front edge of the seat as an adult. (Note: intended range of recognition as certain small children - height range of 45 to 49 inches and weight range of 46.5 to 56.5 pounds)

The possibility of misclassification of certain small children as an adult may allow the right front airbag to deploy in a frontal collision accident or the side impact airbag to deploy in a side collision accident.

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 certain small children when seated on the front edge of the seat 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 provide an increased margin for recognition of certain small children. 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