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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration MAY 2 6 2006

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COMPLIANCE ISSUES
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NVS-215 06V-180

Subject: IMPROPERLY ASSEMBLED HEADLAMPS

Dear MR. BABCOCK:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

HYUNDAI/SONATA/2006

NHTSA Campaign Number: 06V-180 Mfg's Report Date: May 19, 2006

Components: EXTERIOR LIGHTING: HEADLIGHTS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 463

Summary:

ON CERTAIN PASSENGER VEHICLES, THE INNER BEZELS OF THE HEADLAMPS WERE NOT PROPERLY ASSEMBLED WHICH MAY CAUSE THE TURN SIGNAL LENSES TO BE IMPROPERLY POSITIONED.

Consequence:

THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED A CONSEQUENCE FOR THIS CAMPAIGN.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE LEFT AND RIGHT HEADLAMP ASSEMBLIES FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING JULY 2006. OWNERS MAY CONTACT HYUNDAI AT 1-800-633-5151.

Notes:

HYUNDAI RECALL NO. 075. CUSTOMERS MAY 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.

We have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it does not meet the requirements of 49 CFR 577. 5 in these respects:

First, the statement beginning with "Hyundai has decided that a defect" must appear immediately after the opening statement "This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act." See 49 CFR 537.5 (a), (c).

Second, your letter does not include an evaluation of the risk to motor vehicle safety reasonably related to the defect you identified. Your letter must include this evaluation. Please review 49 CFR 577.5(f) for further instruction as to how your evaluation of risk should be written.

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 July 2006. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before October 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 or delia.lopez@NHTSA.dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

George H. Person

Chief, Recall Management Division

Office of Defects Investigation, Enforcement