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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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ROBERT BABCOCK
MANAGER, CERTIFICATION AND
COMPLIANCE ISSUES
HYUNDAI-KIA MOTORS
HYUNDAI-KIA AMERICA TECHNICAL CENTER, INC.
6800 GEDDES ROAD
SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP MI 48198

NVS-215
06V-445

Subject: FMVSS 208/AIR BAG SYSTEM

Dear MR. BABCOCK:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent noncompliance 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/TUCSON/2005-2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 06V-445

Mfg's Report Date: October 27, 2006

Components: AIR BAGS:FRONTAL:DRIVER SIDE INFLATOR MODULE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 141,500

Summary:

ON CERTAIN SPORT UTILITY VEHICLES, DURING STATIC AIR BAG DEPLOYMENT TESTING CONDUCTED BY NHTSA USING FIFTH PERCENTILE FEMALE DUMMIES INDICATED IF A SMALL STATURED ADULT DRIVER, NOT WEARING A SEAT BELT, IS INVOLVED IN A FRONTAL OR NEAR FRONTAL CRASH, DEPLOYMENT OF THE DRIVER AIR BAG MAY RESULT IN AN INSUFFICIENT MARGIN OF COMPLIANCE AS MEASURED BY THE TEST DUMMY USED IN THE NHTSA TEST.

Consequence:

THIS CAN CAUSE INCREASED RISK OF INJURY TO THE DRIVER UNDER CERTAIN CRASH CONDITIONS.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE DRIVER AIR BAG MODULE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON JANUARY 29, 2007, THROUGH SIX MAILINGS. OWNERS MAY CONTACT HYUNDAI AT 1-800-633-5151.

Notes:

HYUNDAI RECALL NO. 079. 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](http://www.safercar.gov).

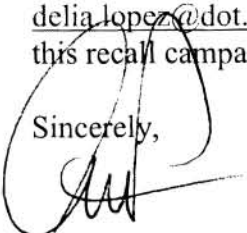
We have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it does not meet the requirements of Part 577. A consequence needs to be added, i.e., "This can cause increased risk of injury to the driver under certain crash conditions."

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 on January 29, 2007, through six mailings. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before April 30, 2007.

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@dot.gov or delia.lopez@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



George H. Person
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Enforcement