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Mr. Daniel Smith
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RE: Defect Information Report

Dear Mr. Smith:

Pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Hyundai Motor Company is submitting information concerning a recall that is being voluntarily initiated. Specific information as required by Section 573.6 is as follows:

573.6(c)(1)

Manufacturer - Hyundai Motor Company

Distributor - Hyundai Motor America

573.6(c)(2)

Certain model year 2006 Hyundai Sonata vehicles produced beginning on April 14, 2005 through August 31, 2005.

573.6(c)(3)

Approximately 43,926 model year 2006 Hyundai Sonata vehicles produced beginning April 14, 2005 through August 31, 2005.

573.6(c)(4)

All of the vehicles described in 573.6(c)(3) are potentially affected.

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to make an appointment with their Hyundai dealer. Hyundai dealers will replace sun visor assemblies which do not have securely attached and legible warning labels.

Hyundai anticipates the recall owner notification will be completed in two mailings during September 2006. Hyundai anticipates that dealers will be notified by August 31, 2006.

Replacement or other service to the sun visors of all vehicles affected by this recall would have been covered for 5 years or 60,000 miles under Hyundai's new vehicle limited warranty. As no owners of these 2006 model year vehicles would have incurred expenses for this warranted repair as a result of this condition, Hyundai believes that it is not necessary, and should not be required, to provide notification regarding reimbursement under section 577.11.

573.6(c)(9)

The Technical Service Bulletin containing the service procedure for replacing the sun visors will be provided to NHTSA when available. Other relevant communications will also be forwarded when they are available.

573.6(c)(10)

A draft of the owner notification letter is attached.

573.6(c)(11)

Hyundai has assigned "Campaign 076" as the designation for the campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Robert Babcock'.

Robert Babcock
Manager, Certification and Compliance Issues

Attachments: 1



573.6(c)(5)

The air bag warning labels installed on the sun visors on some of the vehicles identified in 573.6(c)(3) may lose adhesion to the sun visors and may distort or separate from the sun visors.

573.6(c)(6)

In August, 2005, Hyundai began to receive some reports from the field that the air bag warning labels installed on the sun visors of some of the vehicles identified in 573.6(c)(3) had lost adhesion to the sun visors and had distorted or separated from the sun visors. Hyundai Motor Company and its supplier began an investigation into this matter. The vehicles identified in 573.6(c)(3) containing insecure or distorted air bag warning labels on the sun visors identified during Hyundai's analysis of this condition were produced during the period beginning April 16, 2005 through August 11, 2005.

No changes had been made in the materials or production processes that could result in this condition. Additionally, the sun visor supplier concluded that no specific manufacturing error could be identified. Although no cause for the loss of adhesion was determined, the sun visor supplier made changes to enhance production quality control processes to ensure that sun visor labels could only be installed if the proper temperature was utilized. These quality control process enhancements were completed on sun visors that entered vehicle production at the Asan plant in Korea on August 10, 2005 and on sun visors that entered vehicle production at the Hyundai Motor Manufacturing Alabama plant on August 31, 2005.

It appears that not all vehicles may have been discovered and corrected, therefore, Hyundai Motor Company has decided to notify owners of the vehicles identified in 573.6(c)(3) that the warning labels may lose adhesion to the sun visors and may distort or separate from the sun visors. To ensure that all of the vehicles identified in 573.6(c)(3) that potentially contain sun visors with insecure or deformed warning labels would be repaired if necessary, the affected production date range was selected to include all 2006 model year Sonata vehicles produced through the production date when the enhanced quality control processes were implemented.

In June, 2006, Hyundai Motor Company provided notice to the United States distributor of Hyundai automobiles that it intended to conduct a recall to resolve this matter. Hyundai is not aware of any accidents or injuries related to this condition.

573.6(c)(8)

All owners of record of the affected vehicles will be contacted by first class mail and instructed to check the sun visor mounted warning labels in their vehicles for secure adhesion and legibility. Owners who find that a sun visor warning label is not securely attached and legible will be instructed

DRAFT - MOTOR VEHICLE RECALL

Dear 2006 Sonata Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Hyundai has decided that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in certain model year 2006 Hyundai Sonata vehicles that were produced during the period beginning on April 14, 2005 through August 31, 2005.

Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

What is the problem?

- Labels containing air bag warning information, illustrated below, are attached to your vehicle's sun visors. Some of these labels may not have been properly installed, causing them to distort or separate from the sun visors. If the labels are distorted or missing, the driver or front seat passenger will not have information available that may help protect them in the event of a crash.



What should you do?

- We urge you to inspect your sun visors to make sure that the air bag warning labels are legible and securely attached. If the labels are distorted, not securely attached or missing, please call your Hyundai dealer to schedule an appointment to have the sun visor(s) replaced with one(s) containing securely attached air bag warning labels as soon as possible. If you do not feel confident that you can properly check your vehicle's sun visor air bag warning labels, you may also make an appointment with your Hyundai dealer and ask them to inspect the labels.

What will Hyundai do?

- If any of your sun visor air bag warning labels are distorted or not securely attached, we are asking you to schedule an appointment as soon as possible to take your vehicle to your Hyundai dealer. The Hyundai dealer will replace your vehicle's sun visor(s) with one(s) containing securely attached air bag warning labels. 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 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