HYUNDAI-KIA
AMERICA TECHNICAL CENTER, INC.

April 11, 2008

Mr. Daniel Smith
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: NHTSA Recall 08E-006, Hyundai Recall 081

Dear Mr. Smith:

Hyundai is providing, as an attachment, a copy of the Hitch Mounted Bicycle Rack Safety Recall Notice, two of which are to be displayed at every Hyundai dealer. A copy of the letter to dealers instructing them about the Thule Bicycle Rack recall and the need to prominently display the posters in their dealerships where they may readily be seen by customers is also enclosed, along with a copy of the Technical Service Bulletin provided to all Hyundai dealers concerning this recall.

Sincerely,

Robert Babcock

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Senior Manager, Regulation and Certification Department

Attachments

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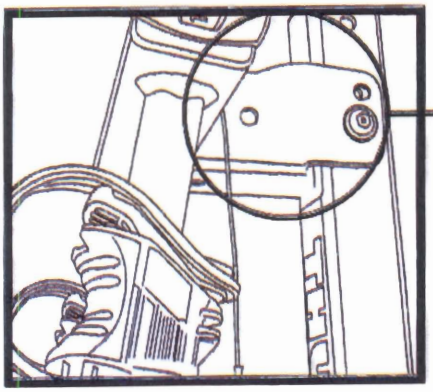
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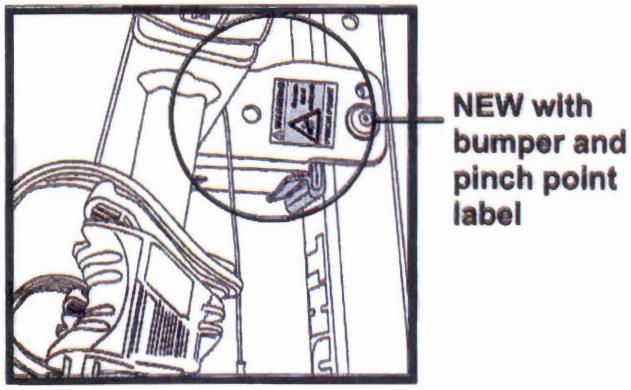
TO: ALL HYUNDAI DEALERSHIP PARTS MANAGERS AND SERVICE MANAGERS:
SUBJECT: **Campaign 081 – Hitch-Mounted Bicycle Racks Sold During 2005 – 2007**

In cooperation with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Hyundai Motor America is recalling all aftermarket Expressway 996 (P/N 00285-03000) and Expressway 995 (P/N 00285-03001) hitch mounted bike racks supplied by Thule and sold during the 2005 – 2007 period. Thule has determined and has notified Hyundai Motor America that a pinch point exists between the bike arm bracket and the upright assembly, which has the potential of causing a severe laceration or amputation to the user's fingertips or hand when the bike arm bracket is moved to it's "down" position. In December, 2007, Hyundai Motor America ceased distribution of Thule manufactured Hitch Mounted Bicycle Racks sold under the Part Numbers 00285-03000 and 00285-03001 during 2005 through 2007. HMA has also issued a Technical Service Bulletin related to this matter, 08-01-003.

Without recall repair kit



With recall repair kit



CONSUMERS SHOULD STOP USING THESE RACKS IMMEDIATELY and contact Thule at 800-THULE-91 (800-848-5391) between the hours of 9:00 AM and 8:00 PM Eastern Time for information on how to obtain a free repair kit along with repair instructions. Consumers can also obtain information on this recall online at www.thuleracks.com. If, after contacting Thule, consumers believe that this bike rack issue has not been satisfactorily addressed by Thule, they may contact Hyundai Consumer Affairs at 1(800)633-5151.

Enclosed with this letter are two Point of Sale posters and two acrylic poster stands that contain important **SAFETY RECALL NOTICE** information for your customers, who may have purchased these bike racks from your dealership. Please prominently display these posters in your dealership where they can be readily seen by affected customers. *It is important that customers be aware of the pinch point hazard* and how to have it corrected.

Hyundai appreciates your cooperation and support. Questions may be directed to your District Parts and Service Manager.

HYUNDAI MOTOR AMERICA

HYUNDAI Technical Service Bulletin

Group	CAMPAIGN
Number	08-01-003
Date	MARCH, 2008
Model	BIKE RACK

Subject

RECEIVER HITCH MOUNTED BICYCLE RACK (CAMPAIGN 081)

CIRCULATE TO:	[ ] GENERAL MANAGER	[X] PARTS MANAGER	[X] TECHNICIAN
[X] SERVICE ADVISOR	[X] SERVICE MANAGER	[X] WARRANTY MGR	[ ] SALES MANAGER

DESCRIPTION:

Thule, Inc. manufactured Expressway 995 and 996 receiver hitch mounted bicycle racks that were sold under the Hyundai brand during the 2005-2007 time period are being recalled because a pinch point exists between the bike arm bracket and the upright assembly. This condition has the potential to cause severe personal injury, including laceration or amputations to the user's fingertips or hand when the bike arm bracket is moved to its down position. Because this could happen without warning, owners **must stop using the rack immediately**. At all times, hands and fingers must be kept away from the area between the bike arm bracket and the upright assembly.

VEHICLES AFFECTED:

- Model: 2001-2008 Santa Fe, 2005-2008 Tucson, 2007-2008 Entourage, and 2007-2008 Veracruz equipped with an optional Hyundai towing hitch.
- Affected vehicle production date range: N/A

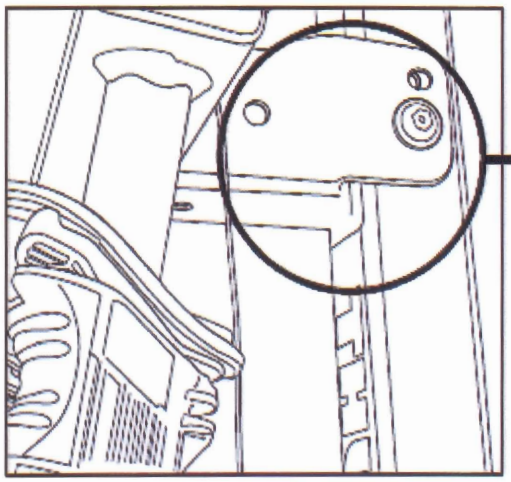
PARTS AFFECTED:

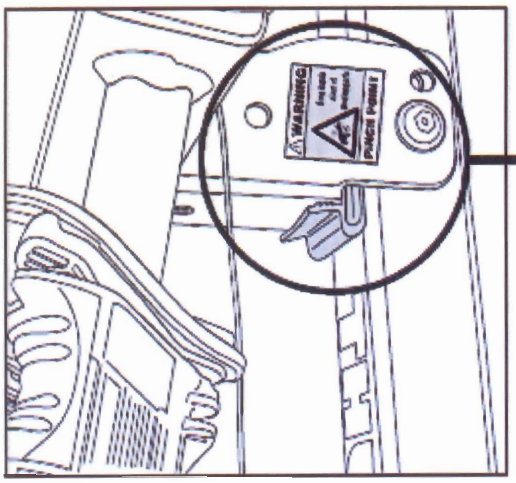
Affected Part Numbers:

- 00285-03000
- 00285-03001

REPAIR:

A free repair kit is available that will allow you or your customer to correct this condition by inserting a bumper at the pinch point location and adding a warning label. To obtain the kit, please call Thule at 1-800-THULE 91 (800-848-5391), provide them with your name and address, and follow the instructions to install the additional parts. You can also visit **http://www.thuleracks.com** for more information. If customers have incurred any cost for remedies in advance of this notification, please contact the toll free number listed above for information regarding reimbursement. Supporting documentation will be requested by Thule.





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SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

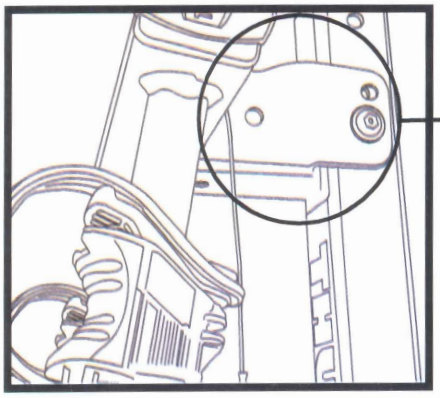
HITCH MOUNTED BICYCLE RACKS
SOLD DURING 2005 through 2007

AFFECTED MODELS:

EXPRESSWAY 996 (PART NUMBER: 00285-03000) and
EXPRESSWAY 995 (PART NUMBER: 00285-03001)

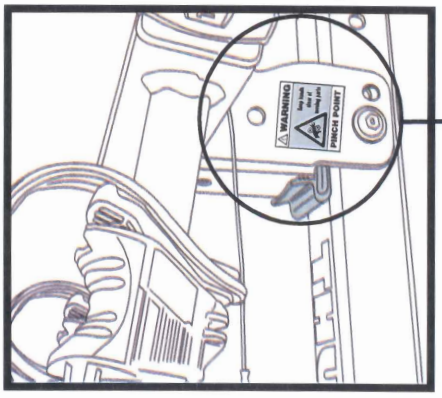


Without recall repair kit



OLD

With recall repair kit



NEW with bumper and pinch point label

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