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Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
Att: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

**09V-317**  
**(3 Pages)**

RE: Defect Information Report

In pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Hyundai de Puerto Rico (HdPR) hereby submits 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 de Puerto Rico

573.6(c)(2)

- (i) Affected models and production range
  - a. Sonata EF (Jan. 28, 2002 to Mar. 22, 2003)

573.6(c)(3)

Approximately 82 vehicles were affected.

573.6(c)(4)

All of the vehicles identified above in 573.6(c)(2) can be affected.

573.6(c)(5)

The outer chromium plating of the door inside handle may peel off.

Repeated use of the interior door handle may cause wear of the chrome plating. If the top edge of the handle has very thin chrome plating, that portion of the plating may wear away more easily than more thickly plated areas as the door handle is used. The worn chrome plating on the upper edge of the handle may result in a crack or separation between the chrome plating on the inboard and outboard surfaces of the handle, which may form a sharp edge. This may cause inflicting laceration injuries to vehicle occupants.

573.6(c)(6)

Hyundai de Puerto Rico has no any field or quality reports for this condition. The manufacturer "Hyundai Motor Company" inform us that the condition can be present in the vehicles mentioned in section 573.6(c)(2).

573.6(c)(7)

Not applicable.

573.6(c)(8)

- (i) Hyundai de Puerto Rico will notify all owners of the affected vehicles identified in 573.6(c)(2) to return their vehicles to their Hyundai dealer to have the inside door handle repaired.

Owners of affected vehicles that have incurred expenses for the repair of the inside door handle as a result of the condition mention in section 573.6(c)(5) will be instructed to contact Hyundai de Puerto Rico for instructions on advice for reimbursement regarding section 577.11.

- (ii) Hyundai de Puerto Rico will notify owners in one mailing during September 2009 the safety related issue and that a remedy without charge will be available to them.

573.6(c)(9)

Not applicable.

573.6(c)(10)

A copy of the technical service bulletin containing the service procedure to repair the inside door handle is included as attachment in this document.

573.6(c)(11)

A copy of the owner notification letter in accordance to Part 577.5 is included as attachment in this document.

573.6(c)(12)

Hyundai has assigned "91B032" as the designation for this campaign.

If you have questions regarding, don't hesitate to contact me at one of points listed below.

Sincerely,

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Attachments (2)

1. Technical Service Bulletin
2. Owner Notification Letter

Copy:

1. R. Garcia – EVP & COO HdPR
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