



April 23, 2009

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

RE: NHTSA Recall 09V-125, Hyundai Recall 091

Dear Mr. Smith:

Hyundai Motor Company previously submitted a Defect Information Report to NHTSA regarding a recall campaign of model year 2001 through some 2003 Hyundai Elantra vehicles and some model year 2003 Hyundai Tiburon vehicles (NHTSA Recall Number 09V-125) pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Enclosed for NHTSA's files are a revised owner notification letter that has been updated to include production date information for the Tiburon, a final copy of the Pre-Notification Recall Remedy Reimbursement Plan, and letters to dealers.

Sincerely,

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Attachments

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# MOTOR VEHICLE RECALL

Dear 2001-2003 Elantra or 2003 Tiburon 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 2001 through 2003 Hyundai Elantra vehicles that were produced during the period beginning June 30, 2000 through January 13, 2003 and certain model year 2003 Hyundai Tiburon vehicles produced beginning on October 26, 2001 through January 13, 2003. This recall affects such vehicles registered in and operated in Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wisconsin, and the District of Columbia (the Salt Belt).

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?**

- During winter months, large quantities of salt are used to de-ice roads in the Salt Belt states, noted above. Road salt may result in internal corrosion and thinning of the steel in the front lower control arms. In severe cases, the corrosion may progress to the point where the lower control arm's upper and lower panels become perforated. A perforated front lower control arm may fracture between its ball joint attachment and the forward and rearward pivot attachments to the chassis. This could affect your control over the tire and wheel assembly.

Reduced control of the front wheel direction may increase the risk of a vehicle crash without warning.

## **What will Hyundai do?**

- We are asking you to schedule an appointment as soon as possible to take your vehicle to your Hyundai dealer. The Hyundai dealer will inspect the front lower control arms for corrosion damage. If specified levels of internal corrosion damage are found, the front lower control arms will be replaced with new front lower control arms incorporating additional holes in the upper and lower panels. If your front lower control arms do not require replacement, the dealer will add drainage holes to the front lower control arms and will treat the front lower control arms with rust-proofing material to arrest the internal corrosion process.

In addition to treating the front lower control arms, the Hyundai dealer will inspect the front subframe of your vehicle for signs of corrosion that could potentially progress and ultimately affect vehicle performance. This additional inspection is a precautionary measure to offer improved drainage in the front subframe. If the dealer finds a specified level of corrosion damage, the dealer will replace the front subframe. Otherwise, the dealer will treat the front subframe with rust-proofing materials and add drainage holes.

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Both procedures 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 should you do?**

- We urge you to call your Hyundai dealer to schedule an appointment to have this work performed as soon as possible.

## **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, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, 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>.

## **Reimbursement Notification**

- Hyundai has a program for reimbursing owners of 2001 through 2003 Elantras and 2003 Tiburons produced through January 13, 2003 who paid to have the front lower control arms replaced after April 14, 2008 and prior to receiving this recall notification letter.

To obtain information about reimbursement from Hyundai, please call the Hyundai Customer Assistance Center at 1-800-633-5151. Ask about reimbursement information for campaign 091.

We urge your prompt attention to this important safety matter.

Hyundai Motor America