



July 13, 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-171, Hyundai Recall 093

Dear Mr. Smith:

Hyundai Motor Company previously submitted a Defect Information Report to NHTSA regarding a recall campaign of certain model year 2002 and 2003 Sonata vehicles produced beginning January 28, 2002 through March 22, 2003 (NHTSA Recall Number 09V-171) pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

The affected number of units has been revised based upon information gathered from state motor vehicle registration records. Hyundai had projected in the Part 573 notification that 91,202 vehicles were potentially affected. The affected quantity has been revised to 91,350 vehicles.

Owner notification will begin on July 13, 2009.

Enclosed for NHTSA's files are a final copy of the owner notification letter, a final copy of the Technical Service Bulletin, and copies of letters to dealers.

Sincerely,

Robert Babcock  
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Attachments

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HATCI is an authorized representative of both Hyundai Motor Company and Kia Motors Corporation; which are separate and distinct automotive manufacturers.

Dear 2002-2003 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 2002 and 2003 Hyundai Sonata vehicles produced during the period beginning January 28, 2002 through March 22, 2003.

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?

"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.

What will Hyundai do?

"We are asking you to schedule an appointment to take your vehicle to your Hyundai dealer. The Hyundai dealer will repair the chrome plated interior door handle. This procedure will be performed at no charge to you. 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 2002 and 2003 Sonatas produced during the period beginning January 28, 2002 through March 22, 2003 who paid to have the chrome plated interior door handles repaired or replaced after May 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 093.

We urge your prompt attention to this matter.

Hyundai Motor America