

Dear 2011 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 2011 Hyundai Sonata vehicles produced during the period beginning December 11, 2009 through February 15, 2010.

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?

"The front door latches incorporate a convenience feature that allows a locked door latch to be unlocked and opened by pulling the inside door release handle without first unlocking the door with the inside door lock switch. If a front inside door lock switch is held in the locked position while the inside door handle is pulled to open the door, the door latch may malfunction. If this occurs, the inside door handle will not return to its normal, stowed position and the door latch will remain in the unlatched position when attempting to close the door. If this condition occurs, the "Door Open" pictogram warning lamp in the instrument cluster will illuminate. If the driver or passenger does not notice that the door is unlatched, the door may open while the vehicle is being driven. Driving a vehicle with the door unlatched could result in increased risk of injury to an unbelted driver or passenger.

What will Hyundai do?

"We are asking you to schedule an appointment to take your vehicle to your Hyundai dealer. The Hyundai dealer will inspect your vehicle to determine if your front door latches are affected. If necessary, the dealer will replace the affected front door latch or latches. 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>.

We urge your prompt attention to this matter.
Hyundai Motor America