OMB Control No.: 2127-0004

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

# 17V-365

Manufacturer Name: Hyundai Motor America

**Submission Date:** AUG 22, 2017 NHTSA Recall No.: 17V-365 Manufacturer Recall No.: 165



#### **Manufacturer Information:**

Manufacturer Name: Hyundai Motor America

Address: 10550 Talbert Avenue

Fountain Valley CA 92708

Company phone: 800-633-5151

## **Population:**

Number of potentially involved: 17,160 Estimated percentage with defect:

#### Vehicle Information:

Vehicle 1: 2017-2018 Hyundai Santa Fe Sport

Vehicle Type: LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style: SUV Power Train: GAS

Descriptive Information: Model Year 2017 Hyundai Santa Fe Sport vehicles produced at Hyundai Motor

Manufacturing Alabama beginning on June 20, 2016 through April 24, 2017.

Production Dates: JUN 20, 2016 - APR 24, 2017

VIN Range 1 : Begin : NR End: NR Not sequential

#### **Description of Defect:**

Description of the Defect: The bolt for the driver's seat belt anchor may not have been fastened to the

vehicle's inner sill structure with the appropriate amount of torque during

vehicle assembly.

FMVSS 1: NR FMVSS 2: NR

Description of the Safety Risk: If the driver's seat belt detaches from the anchor point in a collision, the risk

of injury to the occupant is increased.

Description of the Cause: Incomplete fastening of the bolt attaching the driver's seat belt anchor to the to

the vehicle's inner sill structure during vehicle assembly.

Identification of Any Warning None

that can Occur:

#### **Supplier Identification:**

### **Component Manufacturer**

Name: NR Address: NR NR

Country: NR

## **Chronology:**

Hyundai was contacted by a dealer in early May, 2017 regarding a 2017 Santa Fe Sport with the driver's seat belt anchor disconnected from the to the vehicle's inner sill structure. The belt anchor is attached to the to the vehicle's inner sill structure with a bolt. The assembly plant was notified and inspected Santa Fe Sport vehicles for the appropriate seat belt anchor bolt torque before shipping vehicles from the assembly plant. Further investigations identified an error in the assembly process that could allow the possibility of a vehicle being shipped without properly torqueing the driver's seat belt anchor bolt. After a review of the available information, on May 26, 2017 Hyundai decided to conduct a safety recall for the affected 2017 Model Year Santa Fe Sport vehicles.

Through the investigations, other seat belt assemblies were considered and the front passenger seat belt was not affected. The front passenger seat belt incorporates a seat belt anchor pretensioner and the assembly process differs from that used on the driver's belt. Therefore, the front passenger seat belt is not affected by this issue.

Hyundai is not aware of any accidents or injuries related to this condition.

#### **Description of Remedy:**

Description of Remedy Program: Hyundai will notify all owners of affected vehicles by first class mail to

return to their Hyundai dealer to verify the proper connection between the

driver's seat belt anchor and to the vehicle's inner sill structure.

The seat belt for the vehicles affected by this recall is covered for 5 years or 60,000 miles under Hyundai's new vehicle limited warranty. As owners of these vehicles would not have incurred expenses for the warranted

repair as a result of this condition, no notification regarding

reimbursement under section 577.11 is necessary.

How Remedy Component Differs NR from Recalled Component:

Identify How/When Recall Condition The assembly process was revised on May 12, 2017 to ensure torque

was Corrected in Production: verification for the driver's seat belt anchor bolt.

#### **Recall Schedule:**

Description of Recall Schedule: Hyundai will begin notifying dealers and owners in June 2017. Final

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notifications are expected to be completed by the end of July 2017. Copies

of all communications will be sent to ODI when available.

Planned Dealer Notification Date: JUN 12, 2017 - JUN 12, 2017 Planned Owner Notification Date: JUN 30, 2017 - JUN 30, 2017

\* NR - Not Reported