



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

26V069

Manufacturer Name: Hyundai Motor America

Submission Date: Feb 05, 2026

NHTSA Recall No.: 26V069

Manufacturer Recall No.: 295

Manufacturer Information

Population

Manufacturer Name: Hyundai Motor America
Address: 10550 Talbert Avenue
Fountain Valley CA, 92708

Total number of potentially involved: 4,555
Estimated percentage with defect: 6%

Vehicle Information

Vehicle 1: 2026-2026 HYUNDAI KONA

Product Category: Light Vehicles

Product Type: Multipurpose Passenger Vehicle

Fuel / Propulsion: Spark Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: Oct 31, 2025 - Dec 22, 2025

Number of potentially involved: 4,555

Descriptive Information:

Based on manufacturing records, the affected population includes certain model year 2026 Hyundai Kona vehicles equipped with gasoline combustion engines and produced by Hyundai Motor Company ("HMC") on the specified dates for sale in the U.S. market.

Defect / Noncompliance Description

Description of the defect or noncompliance:

The front steering knuckle (s) within a single production lot may have been improperly cast and installed into the subject vehicles, which could result in a crack developing in the knuckle assembly when subjected to high load inputs during certain driving maneuvers.

FMVSS1:

FMVSS2:

Description of the safety risk, including crash, fire, death, injury:

A damaged steering knuckle can eventually fracture, which may result in a loss of steering control and increase the risk of a crash.

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Description of the cause:

Contamination of mold cavity after routine maintenance.

Identification of any warning that can occur:**Component Manufacturer****Tier of Supplier:** Tier 1**Supplier Type:** OEM**Name:** Myunghwa Co.,Ltd.**Address:** 91, Injusandan-ro, Geolmae-ri
Inju-myeon, Asan-si
Chungcheongnam-do Foreign States**Country:** Korea, Republic Of**Involved Components****Component Name 1:** KNUCKLE ASSY-FR, LH**Component Description:** Front Steering Knuckle Assembly (LH)**Component Part Number:** 51710-BE100**Component Name 2:** KNUCKLE ASSY-FR, RH**Component Description:** Front Steering Knuckle Assembly (RH)Front Steering Knuckle Assembly (RH)**Component Part Number:** 51711-BE100**Chronology**January 2026

On January 5, 2026, NASO received a Speak Up for Safety ("SUFS") report regarding a potential casting defect on a steering knuckle identified during vehicle assembly, prompting a new investigation into the reported condition. NASO requested additional information from HMC regarding the suspect parts, manufacturing processes, and inspection results.

From January 8, 2026, through January 14, 2026, HMC provided NASO with technical information related to the casting process of the front steering knuckle, including inspection findings and analysis

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indicating that contamination could occur following a mold repair conducted in October 2025. The information indicated that the contamination could reduce the structural strength of the knuckle.

On January 21, 2026, NASO and HMC conducted a joint technical review to evaluate the condition, clarify potential production scope, and review supplier containment actions and corrective measures.

On January 26, 2026, HMC provided NASO with updated vehicle population information regarding potentially affected vehicles in the U.S. market.

January 29, 2026

Based on the investigation results, NASO convened its North America Safety Decision Authority ("NASDA") and decided to conduct a safety recall of the affected model year 2026 Hyundai Kona vehicles in the U.S. market.

As of the date of this filing, Hyundai has not received any reports of field incidents, crashes, injuries, fatalities, or fires related to the condition in the affected vehicles.

Related NHTSA Recall Number:

Description of Remedy

Remedy Type: Inspect, Replace

Consumer Advisories: Do Not Drive Park Outside

Description of remedy program:

All owners of the subject vehicles will be notified by first class mail with instructions to bring their vehicle to a Hyundai dealer for inspection of the front steering knuckle (s) lot information and replacement, as necessary. This remedy will be offered at no cost to owners for all affected vehicles, regardless of whether the affected vehicles are still covered under Hyundai's New Vehicle Limited Warranty. Additionally, Hyundai will provide owners of affected vehicles reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses incurred to obtain a remedy for the recall condition in accordance with the reimbursement plan submitted to NHTSA on February 22, 2024.

How remedy component differs from recalled component:

Remedy components are sourced from non-suspect production lots unaffected by mold contamination.

Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:

The supplier repaired the mold on October 16, 2025.

Reimbursement Plan

Manufacturer used general reimbursement plan on file.

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Recall Schedule

Description of recall schedule:

Dealers will be notified electronically by the specified dates.
Owners will be notified via certified mail by the specified dates.

Planned Dealer Notification Date: Apr 06, 2026 - Apr 06, 2026

No Dealers

Planned Interim Owner Notification Date:

No Owners

Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date: Apr 06, 2026 - Apr 06, 2026

Phased Recall

Date when VIN will be searchable: Feb 07, 2026