



U.S. Department
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National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

26V169

Manufacturer Name: Hyundai Motor America

Submission Date: Mar 19, 2026

NHTSA Recall No.: 26V169

Manufacturer Recall No.: 297

Manufacturer Information

Population

Manufacturer Name: Hyundai Motor America

Address: 10550 Talbert Avenue
Fountain Valley CA, 92708

Total number of potentially involved: 46,787

Estimated percentage with defect: 100%

Vehicle Information

Vehicle 1: 2026-2026 HYUNDAI PALISADE

Product Category: Light Vehicles

Product Type: Multipurpose Passenger Vehicle

Fuel / Propulsion: Spark Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: May 08, 2025 - Nov 22, 2025

Number of potentially involved: 34,677

Descriptive Information:

The subject vehicles include model year 2026 Hyundai Palisade vehicles equipped with "Limited" and "Calligraphy" trim packages. These vehicles were assembled on the specified production dates by Hyundai Motor Company ("HMC") in South Korea for sale in the U.S.

Vehicle 2: 2026-2026 HYUNDAI PALISADE HYBRID

Product Category: Light Vehicles

Product Type: Multipurpose Passenger Vehicle

Fuel / Propulsion: Hybrid Electric Vehicle

Production Dates: Aug 11, 2025 - Nov 17, 2025

Number of potentially involved: 12,110

Descriptive Information:

The subject vehicles include model year 2026 Hyundai Palisade Hybrid electric vehicles equipped with "Limited" and "Calligraphy" trim packages. These vehicles were assembled on the specified production dates by Hyundai Motor Company ("HMC") in South Korea for sale in the U.S.

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Defect / Noncompliance Description

Description of the defect or noncompliance:

The internal wiring within the 3rd-row left-hand (driver-side) seat belt buckles may become damaged due to excessive tension applied when the buckle is pulled. Damage to the buckle wiring can prevent detection of the seat belt latch status for the 3rd-row driver-side seating position.

FMVSS1:

FMVSS2:

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

Unfastened seat belts could increase the risk of injury during a crash.

Description of the cause:

Seatbelt wiring damage due to tension on the harness with a sudden applied load.

Identification of any warning that can occur:

The rear passenger seat belt warning indicator displayed in the instrument panel cluster may indicate false latch status of the 3rd-row driver-side seat belt.

Component Manufacturer

Tier of Supplier: Tier 1

Supplier Type: OEM

Name: JOYSON SAFETY SYSTEMS KOREA CO., LTD.

Address: 22, Jangangongdan 6-gil
Jangan-myeon, Hwaseong-si
Gyeonggi-do Foreign States

Country: Korea, Republic Of

Involved Components

Component Name 1: BUCKLE & ANCHOR ASSY-3RD, LH

Component Description: LH 3rd row Seat Belt Buckle and Anchor Assembly

Component Part Number: 898J3-P9000

Chronology

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January 2026

- January 7, 2026 – The North America Safety Office (“NASO”) received information from HMC regarding certain model year 2026 Palisade vehicles in the Korean domestic market exhibiting a false indication of the latch status for the 3rd-row driver-side seat belt. According to HMC, the internal wiring within the buckle was found to be unseated and/or damaged between the wiring harness and the buckle. NASO opened a new investigation and initiated monitoring of field data while gathering parts from the U.S. market for further analysis.
- January 13, 2026 – NASO conducted replication trials using NASO fleet test vehicles to understand the seat belt latching/locking operation and potential failure mechanism(s) involving the 3rd-row driver-side seat belt.

February - March 2026

- February 2026 – NASO held weekly discussions with HMC to review potential root causes, manufacturing/design change point history, warranty part returns analyses, and the overall scope of potentially affected vehicles. During these discussions, NASO decided that additional evaluation was needed to assess susceptibility of the buckle’s internal wiring to become unseated through normal usage by U.S. market owners due to the short wiring length.
- March 2026 – NASO conducted a survey of corporate associate fleet vehicles to evaluate typical user interactions in various buckling/latching scenarios involving 3rd-row seat belt assemblies equipped with wiring shorter than the seatbelt webbing.

March 12, 2026

- NASO convened its North America Safety Decision Authority (“NASDA”) and decided to conduct a safety recall of the affected model year 2026 Hyundai Palisade vehicles in the U.S. market.
- As of the date of its decision, Hyundai is aware of five (5) reports of the defect condition in the U.S. market. There are no related crashes, fires, injuries, and fatalities in the U.S.

VIN(s)	Date(s)
KM8RMESA1TU*****	12/31/2025
KM8RMES22TU*****	12/10/2025
KM8RMES29TU*****	1/10/2026
KM8RMES25TU*****	12/19/2025
KM8RM5S28TU*****	10/1/2025

Related NHTSA Recall Number:

Description of Remedy

Remedy Type: Repair, Replace

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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 installation of a wiring harness extension remedy and, if necessary, replacement of the seat belt buckle assembly. 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 March 2, 2026.

How remedy component differs from recalled component:

The internal wiring harness used in the remedy of seat belt assemblies is 110 mm longer to reduce tension during handling.

Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:

The revised seat belt assemblies were implemented as a production running change on November 7, 2025.

Reimbursement Plan

Manufacturer used general reimbursement plan on file.

Recall Schedule

Description of recall schedule:

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

Planned Dealer Notification Date: May 18, 2026 - May 18, 2026 No Dealers

Planned Interim Owner Notification Date: No Owners

Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date: May 18, 2026 - May 18, 2026 Phased Recall

Date when VIN will be searchable: Mar 21, 2026