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Mr. Kenneth Weinstein  
Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
400 Seventh Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: Noncompliance Information Report

04V-178  
(4 pages)

Dear Mr. Weinstein:

Pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Hyundai Motor Company is submitting information concerning a recall that is being voluntarily initiated. Specific information as required by Section 573.6 is as follows:

573.6(c)(1)

Manufacturer - Hyundai Motor Company  
Distributor - Hyundai Motor America

573.6(c)(2)

Certain model year 2002 and 2003 Hyundai Elantra, Sonata, Tiburon, and XG 350 vehicles produced beginning October 1, 2001 through November 9, 2002.

573.6(c)(3)

Approximately 263,968 vehicles identified in 573.6(c)(2) above.

573.6(c)(4)

Approximately one half of one percent (0.5%) of the vehicles identified in 573.6(c)(2) above may be affected.

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573.6(c)(5)

Some of the vehicles identified in 573.6(c)(2) above may contain a fuel tank assembly valve that may not close properly. If a vehicle with a fuel tank assembly valve that is not properly closed were to roll over, fuel spillage may occur. If that occurred, there is a possibility that the fuel spillage may exceed the limits established by FMVSS 301, Fuel System Integrity.

573.6(c)(7)

Transport Canada conducted a CMVSS 301 frontal barrier impact test on a 2003 model year Canadian specification XG 350 vehicle. During the CMVSS 301 rollover test, a small amount (~10 grams) of fuel spillage occurred. The quantity of spillage was within the allowances of CMVSS 301 and therefore was not reported by Transport Canada as a noncompliance.

The Canadian test vehicle was manufactured on October 23, 2002. Hyundai has evaluated the Canadian test vehicle and determined that its fuel tank assembly vent valve and a small portion of these valves installed in the vehicles identified in 573.6(c)(2) above may have the potential to allow some fuel spillage. Hyundai Motor Company has decided to conduct a recall in the United States to install an additional fuel tank assembly valve in each of the vehicles identified in 573.6(c)(2) to correct a potential noncompliance condition.

Hyundai is not aware of any accidents, injuries or fires that have occurred related to this condition.

573.6(c)(8)

All owners of record of the approximately 263,864 affected vehicles will be contacted by first class mail and instructed to bring their vehicles to Hyundai dealers. Hyundai dealers will install an additional fuel tank assembly valve in each vehicle.

Hyundai anticipates the recall will be initiated during the second quarter of 2004 and plans to complete the owner notification with ten mailings.

Replacement of the fuel tank assembly valves of all vehicles affected by this recall would have been covered for 5 years or 60,000 miles under Hyundai's new vehicle limited warranty. As no owners of these 2002 or 2003 model year vehicles would have incurred expenses for this warranted repair as a result of this condition, Hyundai believes that it is not necessary, and should not be required, to provide notification regarding reimbursement under section 577.11.

573.6(c)(9)

The Technical Service Bulletin containing the service procedure for installing the additional fuel tank assembly valve will be provided to NHTSA when available. Other relevant communications will also be forwarded when they are available.

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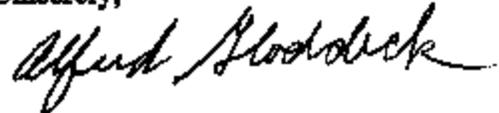
573.6(c)(10)

A draft of the owner notification letter is attached.

573.6(e)(11)

Hyundai has assigned "Campaign 066" as the designation for the campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alfred Gloddeck". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Alfred Gloddeck  
Senior Manager, Corporate Affairs

Attachments: 1

## **MOTOR VEHICLE RECALL**

Dear Hyundai Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

Hyundai has decided that certain 2002 and 2003 model year Elantra, Sonata, Tiburon, and XG 350 vehicles, produced beginning October 1, 2001 through November 9, 2002, may fail to conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 301, Fuel System Integrity.

### **What is the problem?**

- A valve on the fuel tank assembly may not close properly. If a vehicle rolls over and the fuel tank assembly valve is not properly closed, fuel spillage may occur. Fuel spillage in the presence of an ignition source may result in a fire. However, Hyundai is not aware of any accidents, injuries or fires that have occurred as a result of the fuel tank assembly valve.

### **What will Hyundai do?**

- To ensure that your vehicle's fuel tank assembly valve will operate properly, we are asking you to schedule an appointment as soon as possible to take your vehicle to your Hyundai dealer. The Hyundai dealer will install an additional fuel tank assembly valve. This procedure will be performed at no charge to you. You should plan to leave your vehicle at your Hyundai dealer to have this service performed. 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, 400 Seventh Street, S. W., Washington, D.C. 20590 or call their toll-free Auto Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236.

We urge your prompt attention to this important safety matter.

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