

MOTOR VEHICLE RECALL

Dear 2006, 2007 or 2008 Sonata 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 a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in certain model year 2006, 2007, and 2008 Hyundai Sonata vehicles.

What is the problem?

- Your Sonata is equipped with an advanced air bag system meeting all federal regulations, which features an Occupant Classification System (OCS) in the right front seat. The purpose of the OCS is to disable the right passenger seat front air bag when it detects the presence of a child restraint system or small child in the right front seat. The right front air bag is disabled to prevent injuries to a child that may result from right front air bag inflation during a crash.

The OCS installed in the right front seat of your vehicle may misclassify a small stature adult as a child. This would cause the "PASSENGER AIR BAG OFF" lamp to illuminate and would deactivate the passenger front air bag. Misclassification of a small stature adult as a child in the right front passenger seat may cause the right front air bag to not inflate in an accident that merits air bag deployment and may result in injury to the right front occupant.

What will Hyundai do?

- If your vehicle's "PASSENGER AIR BAG OFF" lamp illuminates while the right front seat is occupied by an adult or if your vehicle's "AIR BAG" warning lamp is illuminated, we are asking you to schedule an appointment as soon as possible to take your vehicle to your Hyundai dealer. The Hyundai dealer will check your vehicle to confirm that the OCS is not properly recognizing an adult passenger. After confirmation, the Hyundai dealer will remove the right front seat cushion assembly and send it to an evaluation and repair station, which will inspect the right front seat cushion assembly OCS for proper operation and then will reprogram the OCS, if necessary, to provide a greater margin of recognition for adults seated in the right front seat. 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. Hyundai will provide you with a vehicle at no cost for your use while your vehicle is being serviced.

This reprogramming is not recommended for most vehicles and is not an upgrade or enhancement. The reprogramming is only intended to improve the capability of the OCS to recognize a small segment of adult seated passengers.

What should you do?

- You should make sure that adult passengers seated in the right front seat always sit upright with the seatback in an upright position, centered on the seat cushion, with the seat belt on and legs comfortably extended. This will help the OCS to recognize the seated occupant as an adult.

If your vehicle's "PASSENGER AIR BAG OFF" lamp illuminates while the right front seat is occupied by an adult or if your vehicle's "AIR BAG" warning lamp is illuminated, 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>.

WARNING: Hyundai recommends that Child Restraint Seats (CRS) must always be properly installed in the rear seat. Child restraint seats must never be installed in the front seat. Hyundai also recommends that all children under the age of thirteen always ride only in the rear seat, properly wearing their seat belts. Should an accident occur and cause the right front air bags to inflate, it could cause severe injury or death for an infant or child seated in a CRS or for a child seated in the right front seat.

We urge your prompt attention to this important safety matter.

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