#### OMB Control No.: 2127-0004

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

# 18V-137

Manufacturer Name: Hyundai Motor America

Submission Date: APR 18, 2018 NHTSA Recall No.: 18V-137 Manufacturer Recall No.: 174



#### **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 : 580,058 Estimated percentage with defect : 100 %

#### **Vehicle Information:**

Vehicle 1: 2011-2013 Hyundai Sonata

Vehicle Type: LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : 4-DOOR Power Train : GAS

Descriptive Information: The subject vehicles include certain model year 2011 through 2013 Hyundai Sonata

vehicles produced between December 11, 2009 and August 31, 2012 at the Hyundai Motor Manufacturing Alabama ("HMMA") plant and certain model year 2011 through 2012 Hyundai Sonata Hybrid vehicles produced between December 2, 2010 and August 23, 2012 by Hyundai Motor Company ("HMC") in the Republic of Korea. These vehicles are equipped with the Advanced Airbag System ("AAS") and an airbag control unit ("ACU") containing a certain application-specific integrated circuit ("ASIC") that, in the absence of circuit protecting diodes, could be susceptible to electrical overstress ("EOS") during certain frontal crash events. As of the date of this

filing, Hyundai's best understanding is that no other Hyundai or Genesis vehicles

contain the same ACU.

Production Dates : DEC 11, 2009 - AUG 31, 2012

Vehicle 2: 2011-2012 Hyundai Sonata Hybrid

Vehicle Type: LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style: 4-DOOR

Power Train: HYBRID ELECTRIC

Descriptive Information: The subject vehicles include certain model year 2011 through 2013 Hyundai Sonata

vehicles produced between December 11, 2009 and August 31, 2012 at the Hyundai Motor Manufacturing Alabama ("HMMA") plant and certain model year 2011 through 2012 Hyundai Sonata Hybrid vehicles produced between December 2, 2010 and August 23, 2012 by Hyundai Motor Company ("HMC") in the Republic of Korea. These

vehicles are equipped with the Advanced Airbag System ("AAS") and an airbag control unit ("ACU") containing a certain application-specific integrated circuit ("ASIC") that, in the absence of circuit protecting diodes, could be susceptible to

electrical overstress ("EOS") during certain frontal crash events. As of the date of this filing, Hyundai's best understanding is that no other Hyundai or Genesis vehicles

contain the same ACU.

Production Dates: DEC 02, 2010 - AUG 23, 2012

## **Description of Defect:**

Description of the Defect: The subject vehicles are equipped with an original equipment airbag control

unit ("ACU") which detects a crash signal and commands deployment of the Advanced Airbag System ("AAS") and seat belt pretensioners when necessary. The subject ACU's contain a certain application-specific integrated circuit ("ASIC") that, in the absence of circuit protecting diodes, could be susceptible to electrical overstress ("EOS") resulting in the inability to properly deploy the

AAS and seat belt pretensioners during certain frontal crash events.

FMVSS 1: NR FMVSS 2: NR

Description of the Safety Risk: If the ACU circuitry is not adequately protected and the ASIC becomes

damaged, the AAS and seat belt pretensioners may not deploy in some crashes where deployment is necessary, increasing the risk of injury.

Description of the Cause: As of the date of this filing, Hyundai believes that the ASIC used in the subject

ACUs could be susceptible to EOS because it lacks adequate circuit protection. In at least one crash test, damage to the DS84 ASIC from EOS could have caused the loss of the AAS and seat belt pretensioner deployment. At the request of Hyundai, ZF-TRW is continuing their analysis of the source of EOS and noncommunication of the DS84 ASICs from other related crash-test ACUs. HMA notes that this defect appears substantially similar to the defect in Recall No. 16V-668 where EOS appeared to be a root cause of AAS non-deployment in significant frontal crashes involving certain Fiat Chrysler vehicles. As such, Hyundai reasonably believes that this is a defect in original equipment installed

in the vehicles of more than one manufacturer. See 49 CFR 573.3(f).

**Identification of Any Warning None** 

that can Occur:

## **Supplier Identification:**

#### **Component Manufacturer**

Name: ZF TRW

Address: Active & Passive SafetyTechnology

12001 Tech Center Drive Livonia MICHIGAN 48150

**Country: United States** 

#### **Chronology:**

Please see Attachment A for the amended chronology.

# **Description of Remedy:**

Description of Remedy Program: HMA and HMC are actively investigating this issue with the ACU supplier

and evaluating a remedy. The remedy will be performed at no charge.

Hyundai will provide reimbursement to owners for repairs according to

the plan submitted on November 2, 2016.

Identify How/When Recall Condition Redesigned ACU's were used beginning with model year 2013 Hyundai

How Remedy Component Differs Hyundai is actively evaluating a remedy.

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was Corrected in Production: Sonata vehicle production.

#### **Recall Schedule:**

Description of Recall Schedule: Hyundai is actively evaluating a remedy.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : APR 20, 2018 - JUN 15, 2018 Planned Owner Notification Date : APR 20, 2018 - JUN 15, 2018

<sup>\*</sup> NR - Not Reported