

RECALL 219 ATTACHMENT A

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS LEADING UP TO DEFECT DECISION

❖ September 2021

On September 15, 2021, NHTSA's ODI informed HMA's NASO of a crash incident involving a model year 2021 Hyundai Elantra vehicle where the driver-side seat belt pretensioner allegedly deployed abnormally causing metal fragments to enter the rear cabin and resulting in injury to an occupant's leg. NHTSA was notified of the incident by a law firm representing the operator of the incident vehicle. The law firm also notified HMA's external counsel on the same day, who then alerted HMA's Legal department of the incident.

In subsequent discussions with the agency following the initial notice, ODI requested Hyundai's assessment of the incident under cover of SGO 2015-01, a standing general order involving abnormal deployments of frontal airbag inflators manufactured by ARC. On September 22, 2021, in accordance with requirements set forth in SGO 2015-01, HMA submitted its first report notifying ODI of its receipt of the 2021 Elantra incident.

On September 30, 2021, NASO provided an update on its investigation of the 2021 Elantra incident. NASO informed ODI of plans to inspect the incident vehicle on October 8, 2021. NASO also informed ODI that it would be targeting seat belt pretensioners produced in the same production lot as the incident pretensioner for further study into root cause and manufacturing/design defect identification.

On October 6, NASO convened its North American Safety Decision Authority. Although the cause of the abnormal deployment is unknown, NASO decided to conduct a safety recall of vehicles equipped with pretensioners produced within the same production lot to conduct a detailed part return analysis.

❖ December 2021

Hyundai actively continued its investigation to determine if a specific root cause and defect trend exists. On December 3, 2021, HMC notified NASO of a second incident occurring on a 2020 Hyundai Accent vehicle in Puerto Rico. According to supplier information, the incident pretensioner was produced thirteen months prior to the suspect production lot initially identified in Recall 211. In accordance with requirements set forth in SGO 2015-01, HMA submitted a report notifying ODI of the new incident on December 10, 2021.

Based on this information, on December 10, 2021, NASO re-convened its North America Safety Decision Authority and decided to expand Recall 211 to include model year 2020-2021 Hyundai Accent vehicles equipped with pretensioners from the earlier suspect production lot. Hyundai will continue to actively investigate this condition and conduct detailed part return analysis on both suspect production lots to determine if a specific root cause and defect trend exists.

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❖ February 2022

On February 7, NHTSA's ODI met with NASO to discuss tentative plans to require all manufacturers to submit new recall filings when expanding the vehicle scope of an existing recall that has been filed and posted to NHTSA's recall website. ODI requested NASO to file a new recall for the model year 2020-2021 Hyundai Accent vehicles previously specified in Hyundai's amendment of Recall 211 filed December 17, 2021. In an effort to enhance customer notifications and comply with ODI's request, on February 8, 2022, NASO re-convened its North America Safety Decision Authority and decided to conduct a new recall of model year 2020-2021 Hyundai Accent vehicles in the U.S. for the same defect specified in Recall 211.

As of the date of this filing, Hyundai is aware of one (1) related injury from one (1) crash event(s) in the U.S. received on December 3, 2021.