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**National Highway  
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# ODI RESUME

**Investigation:** RQ 17-004  
**Date Opened:** 05/18/2017  
**Investigator:** Stephen Mchenry                      **Reviewer:** Greg Magno  
**Approver:** Bruce York-B  
**Subject:** Scope and Timeliness

## MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

**Manufacturer:** Hyundai Motor America  
**Products:** Vehicles subject to Recalls No. 15V-568 and 17V-226.  
**Population:** 1,042,000 (Estimated)  
**Problem Description:** Model Year (MY) 2011 - 2014 Hyundai vehicles with "Theta II" engines previously recalled under Recalls No. 15V-568 and 17V-226. The recalls addressed a condition which could cause the engine to seize and the vehicle to stall.

## FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
<b>Complaints:</b>	0	TBD	TBD
<b>Crashes/Fires:</b>	0	TBD	TBD
<b>Injury Incidents:</b>	0	TBD	TBD
<b>Number of Injuries:</b>	0	TBD	TBD
<b>Fatality Incidents:</b>	0	TBD	TBD
<b>Number of Fatalities:</b>	0	TBD	TBD

## ACTION / SUMMARY INFORMATION

**Action:** A Recall Query has been opened.

**Summary:**

On September 10, 2015, Hyundai Motor America (Hyundai) filed a Defect Information Report (DIR) recalling 470,000 MY 2011 and 2012 Sonata vehicles with "Theta II" engines (Recall No. 15V-568). Hyundai's DIR described the defect as an issue involving manufacturing debris. Hyundai limited the population of recalled vehicles to those produced on or prior to April 12, 2012, stating that a process change in April 2012 resolved the issue of manufacturing debris.

On March 31, 2017, Hyundai expanded its original recall to include 572,000 MY 2013-2014 Sonata and Santa Fe Sport vehicles with "Theta II" engines (Recall No. 17V-226). The DIR continues to describe the defect as an issue involving manufacturing debris.

This RQ is being opened to investigate both the timeliness and scope of Hyundai's "Theta II" engine recalls, and Hyundai's compliance with reporting requirements.