



U.S. Department
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National Highway
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DOT Auto Safety Hotline
Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire
To Report Vehicle Safety Defects
1-888-DASH-2-DOT
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OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name
Address
City ROCHESTER State NY Zip Code

Daytime Telephone Number
Evening Telephone Number
E-mail Address

Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of this report to the manufacturer of your vehicle? ☒ YES ☐ NO
In the absence of an owner's signature, please print the name and address of the vehicle manufacturer.
Signature of Owner Date 11/17/03

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side
KNDJA722915043807 Make KIA Model SPORTAGE Model Year 2001

Date Purchased 5/8/01 Dealer's Name and Telephone Number DASHIEL KIA (585) 334-9440
Original Owner Dealer's City State Zip Code Engine: No. Cylinders Fuel Type: 4 GAS

Transmission Type 4 SPEED
Antilock Brakes ☐
Cruise Control ☐
Powertrain 4-WHEEL
DRIVE SYSTEM
Vehicle Component Code
114000 ELECTRICAL SYSTEM: WIRING
Multiple Failure:

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s) 07-08-2003
21 AUG '03
Failure Mileage 20000
Failure Speed

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Make Tire Model (Name or Number) Tire Size (Example P215/65R15)
DOT No. (Example: DOTM15ABC036) Original Equipment ☐ Prior Repair ☐ Failure Location:
Tire Component Code Tire Failure Type

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A CHILD SEAT FAILURE

Make: Date Manufactured: Model No./Name:
Seat Type: Installation System:
Child Seat Component Code: Failed Part:

APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION

(Please describe in detail the incident(s), failure(s), crash(es), and injury(ies).)

Crash ☐ Yes ☒ No Fire ☒ Yes ☐ No
Number of Persons Injured 0 Number of Deaths 0 Reported to Police Y

Narrative Description of Incident(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies).
Please describe (1) events leading up to the failure, (2) failure and its consequences, and (3) what was done to correct the failure;
i.e., parts repaired or replaced (and if old part is available).

WHILE DRIVING CHECK ENGINE LIGHT APPEARED ON THE DASHBOARD, THE VEHICLE STARTED TO DECELERATE. WHEN CONSUMER PULLED INTO A DRIVEWAY VEHICLE CAUGHT ON FIRE. FIRE DEPARTMENT EXTINGUISHED THE FIRE. *AK

Include, if available: Police/Fire Department Report, Photos, and Repair Invoice.

ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

The Privacy Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-579) This information is requested pursuant to authority vested in the National Highway Traffic Safety Act and subsequent amendments. You are under no obligation to respond to this questionnaire. Your response may be used to assist the NHTSA in determining whether a Manufacturer should take appropriate action to correct a safety defect. If the NHTSA proceeds with administrative enforcement or litigation against a manufacturer, your response, or a statistical summary thereof, may be used in support of the agency's action.

Narrative Description of Incident(s), Failure(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies)

MY GRANDDAUGHTER JESSICA DIGIOVANNI IS THE BUYER OF THIS VEHICLE. I AM THE CO-BUYER - ON AUG 27, 2003 SHE DROVE INTO MY DRIVEWAY, WITH THE VEHICLE ON FIRE - SHE CALLED THE GATES-CHILI FIRE DEPT. WHO CAME OVER AND PUT OUT THE FIRE. MR. MICHAEL FANTI GROSSI OF THE ARSON SQUAD DID AN INVESTIGATION. HIS PHONE NO. IS (585) 428-14546 IN ROCHESTER, N.Y. - MY ATTORNEY SEEMS TO THINK THERE WAS A DESIGN DEFECT IN THE VEHICLE'S STRUCTURE. I HAVE CONTACTED KIA MOTORS WHO SAY THAT THEY CLAIM NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE VEHICLE'S MALFUNCTION. I DO NOT HAVE THE FUNDS TO PURSUE MY LITIGATION THROUGH AN ATTORNEY. PLEASE ADVISE - THANK YOU

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