



U.S. Department of Transportation
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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 [Redacted]
Address [Redacted]
City CHANDLER State AZ Zip Code [Redacted]

Daytime Telephone Number [Redacted] E-mail Address [Redacted]
Evening Telephone Number [Redacted]

Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of this report to the manufacturer of your vehicle? YES NO
In the absence of an authorization, NHTSA WILL NOT provide your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.
Signature of Owner _____ Date ____/____/____

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side
KNAFB1214X [Redacted] Make KIA Model SEPHIA Model Year 1998
Date Purchased 14-AUG-04 Dealer's Name and Telephone Number Engine: No. Cylinders Fuel Type:
Original Owner Dealer's City State Zip Code
Transmission Type Automatic Brakes Antilock Brakes Powertrain Vehicle Component Code
AUTOMATIC Cruise Control 1S1300 SEAT BELTS:FRONT:RETRACTOR
Multiple Failure: 1

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s) Failure Mileage 42000 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: DOTMALSABC036) 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 Number of Deaths Reported to Police N

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).

DRIVER'S SIDE SEAT BELT SOUNDED AS IF IT WAS LOCKED/STUCK IN THE RETRACTOR WHEN IT REALLY WAS NOT. *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(es)

When the seat belt is placed into the latch, a clicking sound is made, however, the seat belt is not latched and can be pulled out. This problem is actually a recall in my 1998 Kia Sophia. However, in this 1999 Kia Sophia, there is no recall. This problem was verified by a service technician at Desert Kia, of Gilbert, in Gilbert, AZ.

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