



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  
(1-888-327-4238)  
INTERNET:www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline

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OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name [REDACTED]  
Address [REDACTED]  
City IRVINGTON State NJ 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 [REDACTED] Date 11/1/05

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side: KHDJA723 [REDACTED]  
Make KIA Model SPORTAGE Model Year 1999  
Date Purchased [REDACTED] Dealer's Name and Telephone Number PLANTE HONDA Engine: No: Cylinders [REDACTED] Fuel Type: Gas  
Original Owner  Dealer's City UNION State NJ Zip Code [REDACTED]  
Transmission Type  Automatic  Lock Brakes  Cruise Control Powertrain 4 WHEEL DRIVE  
Vehicle Component Code 114200 ELECTRICAL SYSTEM; WIRING; INTERIOR/UNDER DASH  
Multiple Failure: 1

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s) 31-AUG-2005 Failure Mileage 66000 Failure Speed [REDACTED]

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Make [REDACTED] Tire Model (Name or Number) [REDACTED] Tire Size (Example P215/65R15) [REDACTED]  
DOT No. (Example: DOTM4L8ABC038)  Original Equipment  Prior Repair Failure Location: [REDACTED]  
Tire Component Code [REDACTED] Tire Failure Type [REDACTED]

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A CHILD SEAT FAILURE

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

APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION

(Please describe in one of the incidents, Failure(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies).)

Crash  Yes  No Fire  Yes  No  
Number of Persons Injured [REDACTED] Number of Deaths [REDACTED] Reported to Police [REDACTED]

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).

DT: THE CONTACT STATES THE DASHBOARD LIGHTS WILL STAY ON WHICH CAUSED THE BATTERY TO DIE. A FUSE KEPT BLOWING. OUT, BUT SHE WAS NOT SURE WHICH FUSE. SHE HAD A MECHANIC LOOK AT THE CAR, AND HE SAID THE PROBLEM WAS DEFINITELY ELECTRICAL. SHE STARTED HAVING THIS PROBLEM AT THE END OF AUGUST. THE CONTACT SAW RECALL 98V325000 ON THE INTERNET BUT WAS NOT SURE IF THIS VEHICLE WAS INCLUDED IN THIS RECALL. SHE DID NOT TO A DEALER ABOUT THIS PROBLEM, BUT PLANNED TO DO SO WHEN SHE FINISHED THIS CALL. SHE STILL WANTED TO FILE A COMPLAINT.\*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.