



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
(1-888-327-4236)
INTERNET:www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline

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OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name

Address

City

WEYMOUTH

State

MA

Zip Code

Daytime Telephone Number

E-mail Address

Evening Telephone Number

Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of this report to the manufacturer of your vehicle? In the absence of an authorized signature, your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer. YES NO
Signature of Owner Date 8/8/06

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at: bottom of windshield on driver's side
KNDJA7237Y5

Make KIA

Model SPORTAGE

Model Year 2000

Date Purchased 23-JUL-00

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number

Engine: No: Cylinders 4

Fuel Type: Gas

Original Owner

Dealer's City

State

Zip Code

Transmission Type AUTOMATIC

Antilock Brakes
Cruise Control

Powertrain 4 WHEEL DRIVE

Vehicle Component Code 071100 FUEL SYSTEM, GASOLINE:STORAGE:TANK ASSEMBLY

Multiple Failure: 1

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s) 02-AUG-2006

Failure Mileage 12367

Failure Speed

GAS TANK LEAK

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: DOTM19ABC036)

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

Fire

Number of Persons Injured

Number of Deaths

Reported to Police

Yes No

Yes No

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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 STATED THE FUEL TANK ROTTED CAUSING FUEL TO LEAK FROM THE TANK. THE DEALERSHIP INFORMED THE CONTACT THIS WAS A COMMON PROBLEM WITH THIS VEHICLE.

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 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)

Note: As original owner there is less than 13,000 miles on my car. So, it doesn't make sense that the gas tank would rust out at the top of the tank on a well-maintained, low mile vehicle. It seems to me that there is a general defect and given that the defect is in the gas tank (and KIA will recall for repairs only certain VIN #s), this should be corrected.

SAFETY ISSUE: The gas leak just happened without any warning. Thank goodness I was in my driveway and noticed the smell. Otherwise, I would have driven the car with a leaking gas tank!!! KIA REFUSED

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TO REPAIR!

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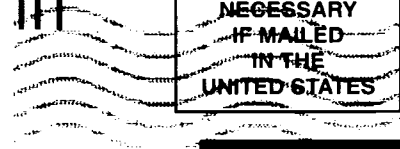
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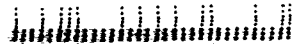


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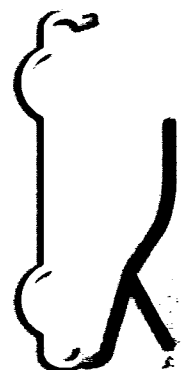
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Think your vehicle has a safety defect?



**If so:
Use the enclosed form to file a report.**

or visit:

www.safercar.gov

or call:

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