



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 [REDACTED] Daytime Telephone Number [REDACTED] E-mail Address [REDACTED]
 Address [REDACTED] Evening Telephone Number [REDACTED]
 City HAZLETON State PA Zip Code 18201

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 8/15/06

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side: KNDJA7 [REDACTED]
 Make KIA Model SPORTAGE Model Year 1999

Date Purchased 02-JUL-01 Dealer's Name and Telephone Number B AND B AUTO Engine: No: Cylinders 4 Fuel Type: Gas
 Original Owner Dealer's City HAZLETON State PA 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) 23-JUL-2006 Failure Mileage 59000 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: 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 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).

DT*: THE CONTACT STATED THERE WAS A SMELL OF GAS AND A FUEL LEAK OBSERVED UNDER THE VEHICLE. IT WAS DRIVEN TO AN INDEPENDENT REPAIR SHOP WHO REPLACED THE FUEL TANK AND THE FUEL LINES. THE DEALER HAS BEEN ALERTED.

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)

FUEL TANK AND FUEL LINES WERE SUB-STANDARD METAL + RUSTED AND WERE LEAKING GASOLINE. FORTUNATELY THE CONDITION WAS CAUGHT BEFORE ANYONE WAS HURT/BURNED. ENCLOSED ARE COPIES OF THE REPAIR INVOICES. *NHTSA MAY NOTIFY THE MANUFACTURER KIA MOTORS. I HAVE SEVERAL TIMES.

ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

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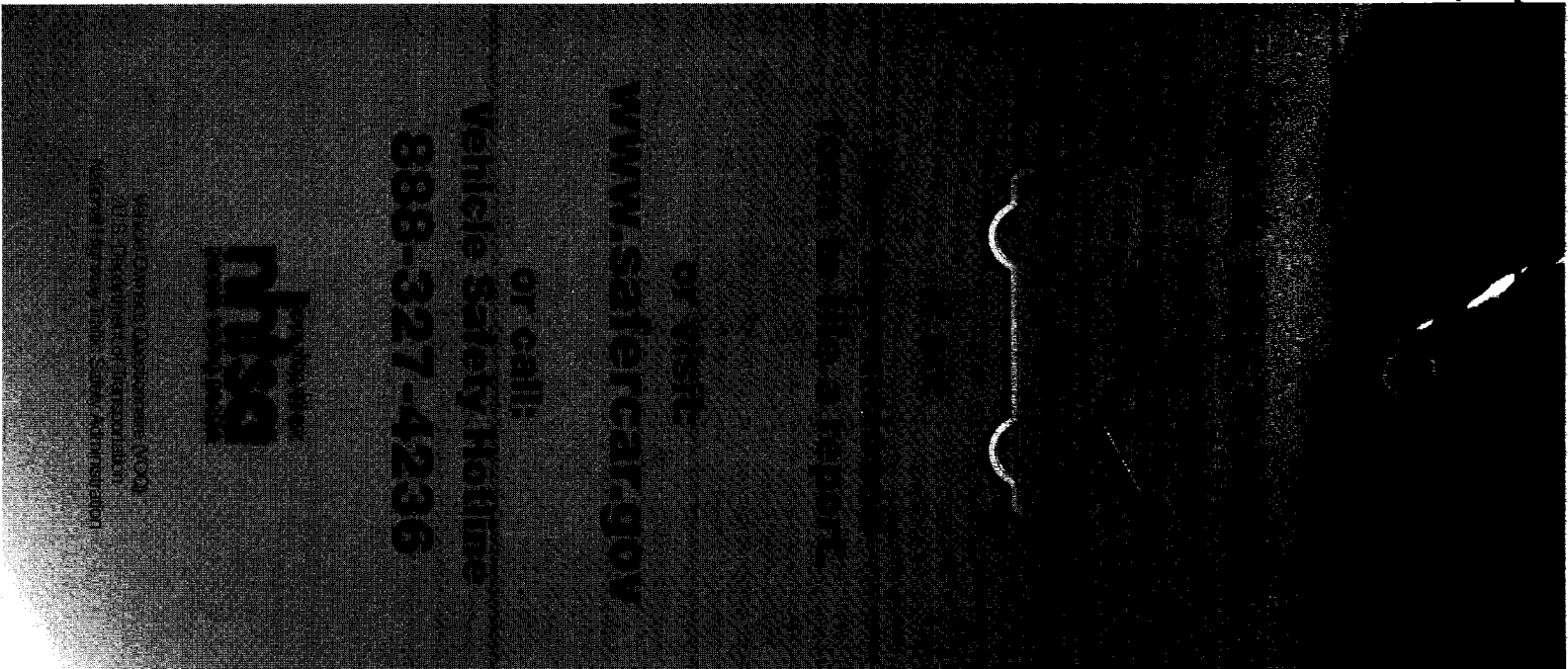
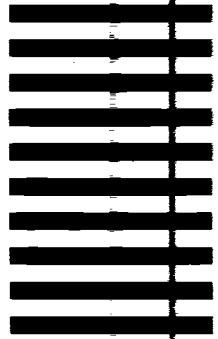


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To: N.H.T.S.A.

DEAR SIR/MADAME,

ENCLOSED PLEASE FIND
COPIES OF REPAIR INVOICE
ALONG WITH YOUR V.O.Q.

IN ADDITION, I HAVE
THE ORIGINAL CORRODED
PARTS IN MY POSSESSION
AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION.
SHOULD YOU REQUIRE THEM.

Sincerely,



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DOCUMENT HAVE BEEN REMOVED
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THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
ACT (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(6).**