



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	Daytime Telephone Number	E-mail Address
Address	Evening Telephone Number	
City VENICE	State FL	Zip Code

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 6/1/08

**VEHICLE INFORMATION**

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side KNAID12537	Make KIA MOTOR	Model AMANTI	Model Year 2007
Date Purchased 10-4-07	Dealer's Name and Telephone Number SAN COAST KIA 941 412 0515	Engine: No: Cylinders 6	Fuel Type: Reg.
Original Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dealer's City Venice, Florida	State FL	Zip Code
Transmission Type Auto	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Antilock Brakes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cruise Control	Powertrain	Vehicle Component Code 162000 STRUCTURE:BODY
Multiple Failure:			

**FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION**

Incident Date(s) 16-MAR-2008	Failure Mileage 15000	Failure Speed 15
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**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)	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> 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 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Fire <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Number of Persons Injured 0	Number of Deaths 0	Reported to Police N
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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).

TL\*THE CONTACT OWNS A 2007 KIA AMANTI. WHILE DRIVING 15 MPH, THE DRIVER SIDE FLOORMAT WAS SUCKED INTO THE ENGINE THROUGH A HOLE BENEATH THE BRAKE AND ACCELERATOR PEDALS. ONCE HALF OF THE FLOORMAT BECAME STUCK IN THE ENGINE, IT CAUSED THE BRAKES TO STOP WORKING AND THE STEERING WHEEL TO LOCK. THE CONTACT STOPPED THE VEHICLE AND MANAGED TO REACH UNDER THE BRAKE PEDAL AND PULL THE FLOORMAT OUT OF THE ENGINE. THE VEHICLE HAS NOT BEEN DIAGNOSED BY THE DEALER. THE VIN WAS UNKNOWN. THE CURRENT AND FAILURE MILEAGES WERE 15,000.

See enclosed detailed letter.

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.

6/2/08

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On 3/16/08, I was returning home from a local store. As I proceeded to a main road, U.S. 41 in Venice, FL, my vehicle's brakes and steering failed to respond. I was accelerating and had reached 15 mph.

In order to stop my vehicle, I had to turn off the ignition, maneuver the car onto a grassy shoulder and eventually roll to a halt. I then proceeded to search for the root of the problem, after my heart stopped racing. I discovered that the floor mat was sucked through a floorboard opening into the engine compartment. The mat had become entangled around something in the engine area, that must have controlled the brakes and steering mechanisms. It was a mess.

Two young men noticed my vehicle and came to my aid. As a senior citizen with health issues, I was unable to pull the mat free. These fine men used their combined strength to pull the entangled mat free. As it unraveled, I was still in a state of shock!

I brought this event to the attention of the KIA dealership from whom I purchased my vehicle. Their response was basically - thanks for telling us, we never heard of this before.

I felt it my civil duty to bring this safety concern to your Department's attention. It is my hope that no one should suffer either injury or possibly death from such an event!

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]