



DOT Auto Safety Hotline

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

Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire

To Report Vehicle Safety Defects

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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]
Address: [Redacted]
City: WARWICK State: RI Zip Code: [Redacted]

Daytime Telephone Number: [Redacted]
Evening Telephone Number: [Redacted]

E-mail Address: [Redacted]

Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of this report to the manufacturer of your vehicle?
In the absence of your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.
Signature of Owner: [Redacted] Date: 11/18/08
 YES NO

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side: KNAFE12248 [Redacted]
Make: KIA Model: SPECTRA Model Year: 2008

Date Purchased: Sep 08 Dealer's Name and Telephone Number: BALD HILL KIA 822 8120
Original Owner: Dealer's City: WARWICK State: RI Zip Code: 02886
Engine: No: Cylinders: 4 Fuel Type: GAS

Transmission Type: auto Antilock Brakes: Powertrain: Multiple Failure: Incident Date(s): 01-SEP-2008
Cruise Control:

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Vehicle Component Code: 140000 AIR BAGS Failure Mileage: 500 Failure Speed: 0

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: DOTM9ABC036): 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: 0 Number of Deaths: 0 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).

TL*THE CONTACT OWNS A 2008 KIA SPECTRA. THE CONTACT STATED THAT THE AIR BAG INDICATOR DOES NOT DIM WHEN THE FRONT PASSENGER SEAT IS OCCUPIED. THE DEALER STATED THAT THE MANUFACTURER SHOULD BE SENDING A RE-CALIPER SWITCH TO REPAIR THE AIR BAG INDICATOR. TWO WEEKS LATER, NO ONE HAS CALLED THE CONTACT REGARDING THE REPAIR. THE VEHICLE WAS TAKEN TO THE DEALER ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS, BUT THE FAILURE STILL PERSISTS. THE FAILURE MILEAGE WAS 500.

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.

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The air bags on passenger side would not engage when you sat on the seat.

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