



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration

1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

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Cape Coral, FL [REDACTED]

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Ref. No. 11206714

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your correspondence concerning your leased model year (MY) 2017 Kia Sportage truck. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Office of Defects Investigation received your correspondence. I am pleased to respond.

NHTSA is the Federal agency responsible for improving safety on our Nation's highways. We are authorized to order manufacturers to recall and repair vehicles or motor vehicle equipment when our investigations indicate that they contain safety defects in their design, construction, or performance. We also monitor the completion rates and adequacy of manufacturers' recall campaigns.

We appreciate the report you provided. Reports from motorists are a very important source of information for us. We reviewed our database in an effort to identify whether a safety defect trend exists with regard to a transmission problems and discoloration/mold on the dashboard of MY 2017 Kia Sportage trucks. At this time, there is insufficient evidence to warrant opening a safety defect investigation or to initiate a recall. The information you provided has been entered into our database. It will be considered with future reports to identify any safety defect trends that may require our attention. For your information, an explanation of NHTSA's investigation and recall process is on our website at [www.nhtsa.gov/sites/nhtsa.dot.gov/files/documents/mvdefectsandrecalls\\_808795.pdf](http://www.nhtsa.gov/sites/nhtsa.dot.gov/files/documents/mvdefectsandrecalls_808795.pdf). We recommend that you continue to work with Kia and your local dealer to resolve this matter.

Should you encounter a safety-related problem with a motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment in the future, we would appreciate it if you would complete an electronic Vehicle Owner's

Questionnaire online at [www.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov) or call the Vehicle Safety Hotline at 888-327-4236. Also, a summary listing of vehicle owners' complaints, safety recalls, manufacturers' service bulletins, etc. can be obtained at our website.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Randy Reid".

Randy Reid, Chief  
Correspondence Research Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement