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Good afternoon –

I have an important follow-up to my car acceleration problem (case number is above). I was in disbelief when the Kia technician told me what was wrong yesterday, which was that the WeatherTec floor mat on the drivers side was on top of the gas peddle. He did say that it took them a bit to figure it out but also that they have definitely seen it before. I realized after I talked to him that if this were a gas vehicle I would have heard the engine revving and would have been clued in to immediately checked the gas peddle. In an all EV like my 2023 Kia Niro there is zero sound when the gas peddle is depressed and there were no warning lights of any sort. It was kind of embarrassing that I did something like that after cleaning my car for decades with no incident. I remember being frustrated because the mat (and it was the correct one, meaning the drivers side mat) was puckering out on the right side and I kept fiddling with it to try and get it flush to the side of the car. I'm guessing that is when I lost focus that it was now covering the gas peddle. I also know that the mat was in place in terms of the clips being firmly pressed into the corresponding holes that keep the mat from inching forward. The frustrating thing is my husband also has a weather tech mat for his 2022 Toyota Corolla and that one is completely cut away from the gas peddle so there is no way you could somehow cover it by accident. I will be reaching out to Weather Tech to let them know my experience and maybe somewhere down the road they will redesign this mat so it is unable to cover the gas peddle. I also think Kia needs to think about having some kind of warning light or automatic shut off if the gas and brake pedals are pressed at the same time. It's necessary mainly because a depressed gas pedal is silent and my car did lurch forward very dangerously when I lifted my foot off the brake.

I hope you are able to update my incident report in a timely manner. Thanks for being there to keep us all safe on the roads!

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Thank you

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