



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

ODI RESUME

Investigation: BA 04-007
Prompted By: RQ03-007
Date Opened: 02/27/2004 Date Closed: 07/26/2004
Principal Investigator: Lee Strickland
Subject: Seat Belt Buckle False Latch/Malfunction

Manufacturer: Kia Motors America, Inc.
Products: 1999-2000 Kia Sephia and Sportage, 2000 Kia Spectra
Population: 262,636

Problem Description: Alleged False Latch or Malfunction of Seat Belt Buckle Assembly

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	10	120	130
Crashes/Fires:	0	52	52
Injury Incidents:	0	42	42
# Injuries:	0	52	52
Fatality Incidents:	0	0	0
# Fatalities:	0	0	0
Other*:	0	3047	3047

*Description of Other: Warranty claims filed by dealers

Action: This Engineering Analysis is closed. Recall 04V305

Engineer: Leamon H. Strickland *LHS*
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Summary:

The manufacturer has initiated a safety related campaign to recall the subject vehicles for correction of the seat belt buckle defect. The corrective action is to replace the seat belts/buckles. This safety recall program has been assigned NHTSA Campaign No. 04V305.

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