



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 11-010
Date Opened: 04/07/2011
Investigator: Steve Mchenry
Approver: Scott Yon
Subject: Transmission Intermediate Driveshaft

Date Closed: 05/10/2011
Reviewer: Jeff Quandt

MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

Manufacturer: HYUNDAI MOTOR COMPANY, KIA MOTORS CORPORATION
Products: 2011 Kia Sorento
Population: 12,690 (Estimated)

Problem Description: The vehicle may lose motive power due transmission intermediate driveshaft failure.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	9	7	9**
Crashes/Fires:	0	0	0
Injury Incidents:	0	0	0
Fatality Incidents:	0	0	0
Other*:	0	0	0

*Description of Other:

** Count indicates duplicate reports received by ODI and manufacturer.

ACTION / SUMMARY INFORMATION

Action: This Preliminary Evaluation has been closed. Recall 11V-258 (Kia Recall No. SC089).

Summary:

On April 25, 2011, Kia Motors Corporation submitted a defect notification letter to NHTSA regarding a transmission intermediate driveshaft condition in approximately 12,690 model year (MY) 2011 Kia Sorento 2-wheel drive vehicles equipped with automatic transmissions and 2.4L engines (NHTSA Recall No. 11V-258). The recall addresses a defect with the external shape of the engine block which can prevent the intermediate shaft bearing bracket from mating evenly with the engine block. This can cause a misalignment of the intermediate shaft with the right side output gear. Resulting damage could cause a loss of motive power.

Additionally, on April 27, 2011, Hyundai Motor Company submitted a defect notification (NHTSA Recall No. 11V-261) for the same issue in approximately 6,169 MY 2010 Sante Fe 2-wheel drive vehicles equipped with automatic transmissions and 2.4L engines that use the same components as the recalled Kia Sorento vehicles.

This investigation is closed.