



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

# ODI RESUME

**Investigation:** PE 13-035  
**Date Opened:** 10/21/2013  
**Investigator:** Emily Reichard  
**Approver:** Frank Borris  
**Subject:** Sunroof Implosion  
**Reviewer:** Scott Yon

## MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

**Manufacturer:** Kia Motors Corporation  
**Products:** 2011-2013 Kia Sorento  
**Population:** 64,117

**Problem Description:** The sunroof may shatter while the vehicle is parked or in motion.

## FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
<b>Complaints:</b>	15	TBD	TBD
<b>Crashes/Fires:</b>	0	TBD	TBD
<b>Injury Incidents:</b>	1	TBD	TBD
<b>Number of Injuries:</b>	1	TBD	TBD
<b>Fatality Incidents:</b>	0	TBD	TBD
<b>Number of Fatalities:</b>	0	TBD	TBD
<b>Other*:</b>	0	Confidential	Confidential

\*Description of Other: Manufacturer supplied Early Warning Reporting (EWR) field report data

## ACTION / SUMMARY INFORMATION

**Action:** A Preliminary Evaluation (PE) has been opened.

### Summary:

The Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) has received fifteen (15) consumer complaints on model year 2011-2013 Kia Sorento vehicles alleging that the optional sunroof shattered unexpectedly. Of those complaints, thirteen (13) occurred while the vehicle was in motion. One injury was reported where the complainant suffered minor cuts from the shattered glass. ODI has also received early warning field report data from the manufacturer regarding the alleged problem. Glass shattering while driving could distract the driver and the resulting glass particles could injure occupants.

ODI has opened this investigation to further analyze the scope, frequency and consequence of the alleged incidents.

ODI reports cited above can be reviewed at [www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/complaints](http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/complaints) under the following identification (ODI) numbers: 10345933, 10366885, 10380921, 10410440, 10428261, 10432904, 10453957, 10466987, 10478778, 10492886, 10502219, 10508983, 10514388, 10531972, 10534883