

**INITIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF DEFECT INFORMATION
REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. **04V-179** by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: **April 7, 2004**

Date NHTSA Faxed: **April 16, 2004**

Manufacturer: **Kia Motors Corporation**

Manufacturer Contact: **Mr. Alfred Gloddeck, Senior Manager, Corporate Affairs**
(Designated Agent)

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SUBJECT: **187,790 MY 2001-2004 Kia Rio and Rio Cinco vehicles manufactured from May 4, 2000 through March 31, 2004. The fuel intake nipple of the fuel distributor is subject to fracture or cracking during removal of the quick connect coupling securing the main fuel tube assembly to the fuel intake nipple, or when force is accidentally applied to the intake nipple during the vehicle assembly process or during engine compartment repairs. Kia Recall No. SC036.**

This is an acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be written ONLY if we have additional comments or concerns.


This recall was the subject of an Engineering Analysis, EA03-015, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

We have reviewed your proposed owner notification letter and it does not meet the requirements of Part 577. Please change the word "determined" to "decided" in accordance with Part 577.

Also a statement needs to be added concerning leased vehicles, i.e., Federal regulation requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

As stated in Part 573.6, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin during June 2004. Since we are so close to the end of the quarter, the first quarterly report will be due by July 30, 2004.

If you have any questions, please call:

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