

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

Assigned Recall No. 04V-180 by the  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: **April 8, 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: 25,803 MY 2002-2003 Kia Optima vehicles manufactured from October 1, 2001 through November 9, 2002. Some vehicles may contain a fuel tank assembly valve that may not close properly. If a vehicle with a fuel tank assembly valve that is not properly closed were to roll over, fuel spillage may occur. Kia Recall No. SC038.**


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

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 May 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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