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**National Highway  
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NVS-215  
05V-557

Subject: FMVSS 225/CHILD SEAT ANCHORAGE SYSTEM

Dear MR. GLODDECK:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect (or noncompliance) information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

**Makes/Models/Model Years:**

KIA/RIO/2003-2005

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 05V-557

**Mfg's Report Date:** December 9, 2005

**Components:** CHILD SEAT

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 90,865

**Summary:**

CERTAIN PASSENGER VEHICLES FAIL TO CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 225, 'CHILD RESTRAINT ANCHORAGE SYSTEMS.' CERTAIN CHILD RESTRAINT ANCHORS WILL NOT FULLY LATCH ONTO THE CHILD LOWER ANCHORS LOCATED BETWEEN THE REAR SEAT BACK AND REAR SEAT CUSHION BECAUSE OF INTERFERENCE BETWEEN THE CHILD SEAT ANCHORS AND A METAL WIRE LOCATED IN THE FRAME OF THE REAR SEAT BACK. IF YOUR CURRENT CHILD SEAT DOES NOT HAVE LOWER ANCHORS, CONTINUE TO SECURE THE SEAT WITH THE VEHICLE'S SAFETY BELTS PURSUANT TO THE CHILD SEAT MANUFACTURER'S INSTRUCTIONS. IF YOUR CHILD SEAT DOES HAVE ANCHORS, THE ANCHORS MAY NOT LATCH. SECURE THE CHILD SEAT WITH THE REAR SEAT SAFETY BELTS UNTIL YOU HAVE THE RECALL COMPLETED. UNTIL THE RECALL REPAIR IS COMPLETED, FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS PROVIDED BY YOUR CHILD SEATS MANUFACTURER ON HOW TO PROPERLY INSTALL THE CHILD SEAT WITH YOUR VEHICLE'S REAR SAFETY BELTS.

**Consequence:**

IN THE EVENT OF A VEHICLE CRASH, IF THE CHILD SEAT IS NOT PROPERLY INSTALLED, PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH COULD OCCUR.

**Remedy:**

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE CHILD LOWER ANCHORS FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING JANUARY 2006. OWNERS MAY CONTACT KIA AT 1-800-333-4542.

**Notes:**

KIA RECALL NO. SC057. CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

This recall was the subject of an investigation, PE-225-051005, conducted by the Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance.

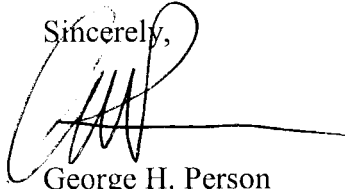
The information in your defect or noncompliance report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6 except for the following items:

Please provide us with the beginning dates for the build date range [of vehicles] affected by this recall.

As stated in Part 573.7, 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 January 2006. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by April 30, 2006.

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at [patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov](mailto:patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov) or [delia.lopez@NHTSA.dot.gov](mailto:delia.lopez@NHTSA.dot.gov). We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Person', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

George H. Person  
Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement