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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

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Chief of Recall Division
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

05V-183
(5 pages)

Re: Recall Campaign
2005 MY Kia Spectra Steering System

Dear Mr. Person:

The following information is submitted in accordance with Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

573.6 (C)(1)

Manufacturer:	Kia Motors Corp.
Importer:	Kia Motors America, Inc.
Agent Designated by Manufacturer:	Alfred E. Gloddeck Hyundai America Technical Center, Inc.

573.6(C)(2)

Identification of Vehicle, Make, Model Year and Manufacturing Date:	All model year 2005 Kia Spectra vehicles produced from February 22, 2005 through March 28, 2005.
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573.6(C)(3)

Total Number of Vehicles	Approximately 368 Kia Spectra vehicles for the 2005 Model Year have been delivered to dealers or customers and will be recalled. Another 4704 vehicles will have this change made at the port prior to being shipped to dealers. All 5,072 vehicles in this production range will be corrected.
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573.6(C)(4)

Percentage of Vehicles Estimated to Actually Contain the Defect:	The percentage of the 2005 Kia Spectra vehicles with the part defect is unknown but believed to be small.
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573.6(C)(5)

Description of the Defect:

The metallurgy in the Steering Tie Rod does not meet manufacturing specifications. When subjected to stresses that arise in the normal operation of the vehicle, it is possible that a section of the steering tie rod may crack or fail, impairing steering ability.

573.6(C)(6)

Basis for Defect Determination

Kia Motors Corp. (KMC) became aware of this condition during its routine final vehicle inspection at the Hwasang Plant on March 23, 2005. Following the discovery, KMC and its supplier conducted further testing, evaluation and analysis of this condition. On April 8, 2005, KMC concluded its analysis and determined that the subject part was defective. KMC notified Kia Motors America (KMA) on April 8, 2005 that the product condition described in Section (C)(5) existed and warranted a safety recall.

Kia Motors America does not have any customer contacts, techline cases, field reports or warranty claims regarding this issue.

573.6(C)(8)(i)

Program to Remedy Defect:

All owners including fleet vehicles (a total of 38) identified in (C)(3) have been contacted by phone and advised to discontinue driving the vehicle. Those owners who have not returned their vehicle by the time of the recall will be sent an Owner's Letter informing them of the recall. Kia will make arrangements to tow recalled vehicles to the dealer to have the Steering Rack Assembly replaced, which includes the Tie Rod Components. Alternative transportation will be provided to owners of recalled vehicles at no charge.

Notice to dealers to stop sale on and to ports to stop shipment on vehicles having the condition described in Section (C)(5) was made on April 8, 2005. These vehicles will be repaired prior to being reintroduced into the stream of commerce.

573.6(C)(8)(ii)

Estimated Date for Notification of Safety-Related Defect to Owners and Dealers

A stop sale was issued to dealers with inventory on 4/8/05, and customers were contacted by phone. A Fedexletter was sent to customers that were not

reached by phone and advised to return call right away. Those customers who have not returned their vehicles for repair will be sent an owner notification letter by first class mail immediately following an approval of the letter by NHTSA.

573.6(C)(11)
Notices

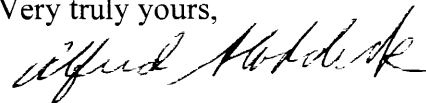
A draft of the owner notification letter is attached. The Technical Service Bulletin will be provided to NHTSA shortly.

573.6(C)(12)
Manufacturer's Campaign Number If
Different From Identification Number
Assigned by NHTSA

SC-047

If you or your staff have questions or comments regarding this matter, please contact me in writing at the above address.

Very truly yours,



Alfred E. Gloddeck
Senior Manager—Corporate Affairs

SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

April XX, 2005

Dear Kia Spectra Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. Kia Motors America, Inc. has decided that a defect relating to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2005 Spectra models.

What is the problem?

- The steering tie rods on some 2005 MY Spectra models may have a manufacturing flaw that affects the metallurgy. If the tie rod cracks or fails, it could possibly result in loss of vehicle steering control and a crash may ensue.

What can you immediately do to protect yourself and others?

- **You should immediately stop driving the Spectra and contact the Kia Customer Assistance number below to have your vehicle towed to your nearest dealer. Kia will provide you with a replacement vehicle during the repair process.**

What will Kia do?

- To eliminate the risk of a steering tie rod failure, Kia will replace the steering rack assembly, which includes the tie rod components, at no cost to you, when you take your vehicle to your Kia dealership. Kia will also provide a replacement vehicle if a repair cannot be done within a reasonable amount of time.
- If you have incurred expense to remedy this defect prior to the date of this notice, you may have the opportunity to obtain reimbursement for that expense. Please contact the Kia Consumer Assistance number listed below for assistance in submitting your claim.

What should you do?

- Please call your Kia dealer to schedule a service appointment and have your vehicle towed. ***IMPORTANT. DO NOT DRIVE YOUR VEHICLE** to the dealer. Arrangements will be made to tow your vehicle and courtesy transportation will be provided. The time required to repair your vehicle could take one day. However, depending on the dealer's work schedule, it may be necessary to make your vehicle available for a longer period of time. Please present this notice when you arrive at the dealer.

Have you changed your address or sold your Kia?

- If you have changed your home address, sold your Kia vehicle, or no longer own your vehicle, please complete the attached prepaid "Change of Address/Ownership" card and mail it to us.

What if you are a vehicle lessor?

Federal regulation requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

What if you have other questions?

- If your dealer does not respond to your service request in a timely manner, we suggest that you call Kia's Consumer Assistance Center at 1-800-333-4542. This number has

TTY capability. If you still are not satisfied that we have remedied this situation, without charge and within a reasonable amount of time, you may wish to write to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590, or call their toll-free Auto Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236.

This action has been taken in the interest of your safety, and we regret any inconvenience this situation may cause you.

Sincerely,

Consumer Affairs Department