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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
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05V-329
(5 pages)

Re: Recall Campaign
2003 - 2004 - 2005 MY Kia Sedona Throttle Cable

Dear Ms. DeMeter:

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:	2003 Kia Sedona vehicles produced from April 4, 2003, all 2004 Sedonas, and 2005 Sedonas produced through January 31, 2005
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573.6(C)(3)

Total Number of Vehicles	There are approximately 118,447 vehicles in the range specified in (c)(2). This includes 12,064 2003MY Sedonas, 53,141 2004MY Sedonas and 53,242 2005MY Sedonas.
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573.6(C)(4)

Percentage of Vehicles Estimated to Actually Contain the Defect:	The defect potentially exists in all vehicles identified in (C)(2).
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573.6(C)(5)

Description of the Defect:

Water can get between a protective rubber sleeve and the throttle cable towards the rear portion of the cable. If the ambient temperature goes below 32°F, the water can freeze, causing the throttle to stick and the vehicle to accelerate in a manner not intended by the driver.

573.6(C)(6)

Basis for Defect Determination and Chronology;

On January 17, 2005, Kia provided NHTSA notice of a recall (05V-013) regarding MY 2002 and 2003 Kia Sedonas manufactured through April 3, 2003. This recall was based on moisture entering the forward portion of the throttle cable due to an inadequate crimping force at that location. All vehicles manufactured after that date had adequate crimping.

NHTSA and Kia thereafter discussed data for December 2004 which indicated the possibility of a throttle freezing problem for vehicles manufactured after the recall cutoff date. Based on a joint analysis of this information, KMA thereafter collected field information for the time period through March 2005 which was sent to KMC in April.

During the April through early July 2005 time period, KMC evaluated the field data for the 2004MY Sedona in conjunction with its suppliers, and the suppliers conducted testing. That testing identified that changes commencing with April 4, 2003 production had been made to the rubber sleeve on the rear portion of the cable which permitted water to get between the sleeve and the cable. This water was also subject to freezing, thus causing cable sticking.

As a result of this testing and analysis, on July 12, 2005, KMC determined that there was sufficient information to conclude that the Kia Sedona vehicles produced from April 4, 2003 through January 31, 2005 should be recalled.

Kia Motors America, Inc. (KMA) has identified the following claims within the specified production timeline:

- 17 Tech Line Cases
- 176 Warranty Claims
- 2 Field Reports
- 15 Customer Complaints

573.6(C)(8)(i)

Program to Remedy Defect:

All owners of vehicles identified in (C)(3) will be notified by first class mail to bring their vehicle to a Kia dealer to have the rubber sleeve towards the rear portion of the throttle cable modified to ensure that water cannot enter between the sleeve and the cable.

573.6(C)(8)(ii)

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

The estimated date of notification to dealers is August 31, 2005. The estimated date of notification to owners is September 7, 2005.

573.6(C)(11)

Notices

A draft of the owner notification letter is attached. The technical Service Bulletin will be provided to NHTSA in the near future.

573.6(C)(12)

Manufacturer's Campaign Number If Different From Identification Number Assigned by NHTSA

SC-051

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

Very truly yours,



Alfred E. Gloddeck
Senior Manager—Regulation & Certification Dept.

SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

September XX, 2005

Dear Kia Sedona 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 cold weather defect relating to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2003-2005 Sedona models.

What is the problem and what can you do to operate your vehicle more safely?

- Freezing conditions can cause water on the throttle cable to freeze during normal operation. Resistance to movement of the throttle cable can occur when the driver lifts their foot off of the gas pedal. This can cause the cable to hang up, thus allowing the vehicle to maintain speed or accelerate. Such an event can occur without warning and may cause a crash.

If you feel your vehicle maintaining speed or accelerating on its own, press as hard as possible on your brake pedal and turn off your ignition to stop the engine.

Note that it is likely that you will feel the vehicle throttle performing erratically before it causes your vehicle to maintain speed or accelerate. If you sense that the vehicle throttle is operating erratically, as soon as safely possible move your vehicle off the roadway and obtain assistance to get your vehicle to your nearest Kia dealer. If you fail to heed an erratic throttle performance, a vehicle crash may occur. If you remove your vehicle from the road because of such safety concerns, you may contact the Kia Consumer Assistance Center at the number located below for towing assistance.

What will Kia do?

- Kia will modify a protective sleeve around the throttle cable, at no cost to you, when you take your vehicle to your Kia dealership.

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. Since the throttle cable in your vehicle is covered by a 5-year/60,000 mile warranty, any such repair should have been made under that warranty at no expense to you. However, if you incurred an emergency repair where you did not have access to a Kia dealer, please contact the Kia Consumer Assistance number listed below for assistance in submitting your claim or mail your receipts with a cover letter directly to Kia for review and consideration:

Consumer Assistance Center
Kia Motors America, Inc.
P.O. Box 52410
Irvine, CA 92619-2410

What should you do?

- Please call your Kia dealer to schedule a service appointment. The time required to repair your vehicle should be less than one hour. 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 submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 40990; or call the toll free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>

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