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DEFECTS INVESTIGATION

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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
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Re: Recall Campaign
2006MY Kia Sedona Rear Caliper Brake Hoses

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: Hyundai-Kia America Technical Center, Inc

573.6(C)(2)

Identification of Vehicle, Make, Model Year and Manufacturing Date: A portion of the model year 2006 Kia Sedona vehicles produced from June 15, 2005 through March 10, 2006.

573.6(C)(3)

Total Number of Vehicles: Approximately 13,060 vehicles are subject to the

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recall. There are 38,511 Kia Sedona vehicles in the range specified in (C)(2), but 16,319 vehicles have had their rear caliper brake hoses adjusted at the ports and 9,132 will be adjusted at the ports prior to being shipped to dealers. The remaining 13,060 vehicles in this range are subject to this recall.

573.6(C)(4)

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

573.6(C)(5)

Description of the Defect: The rear caliper brake hoses may be out of position in the effected vehicles. It is possible for an improperly positioned hose to make contact with the rear suspension components. Repeated contact may eventually compromise the integrity of the hose, which could result is a slow loss of brake fluid. If a customer failed to bring his vehicle in for servicing when the dashboard brake light came on, brake functioning would eventually be impaired. This could lead to an accident and personal injuries.

573.6(C)(7)

Basis for Defect Determination During February and early March 2006, Kia Motors Corporation (“KMC”) became aware that certain rear caliper brake hoses were positioned improperly. This condition was identified through routine product monitoring. There was no initial indication that this condition would impair the integrity of the brake system.

KMC conducted an evaluation and analysis of this condition, and beginning March 11, 2006, it

repositioned the rear caliper brake hoses on the assembly line and began a 100% inspection procedure to confirm the positioning.

Over the following months, KMC monitored vehicles in the field as well as the effectiveness of the repositioned rear caliper brake hoses. KMC also conducted further evaluations of the interactions between the hoses and suspension components.

As a result of these evaluations, on July 11, 2006, KMC determined that there was sufficient information to conclude that the Kia Sedona vehicles produced from October 10, 2005 to March 10, 2006 should be recalled.

Kia Motors America, Inc. ("KMA") does not believe the defect presents an immediate issue but has decided to conduct a recall based on the information above. KMA has not identified the condition in any field reports, Techline cases, warranty claims, or customer complaints within the specified production range.

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. At that time, the dealer will inspect the positioning of the rear caliper brake hoses and adjust or replace, as necessary, to correct for this condition. Vehicles still at dealers will be inspected and repaired prior to sale.



573.6(C)(8)(ii)

Estimated Date for Notification of Defect to Owners and Dealers The estimated time of notification to dealers and owners is not yet determined but estimated to be early September 2006.

573.6(C)(11)

Notices A draft of the owner notification letter will be submitted contemporaneously with this notice. A Technical Service Bulletin will be provided to NHTSA in the near future.

573.6(C)(12)

Manufacturer's Campaign Number SC061
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Number Assigned by NHTSA

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

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Robert Babcock'.

Manager
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