



U.S. Department of Transportation  
**National Highway Traffic Safety  
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

April 3, 2013

Mr. Robert Babcock  
Kia Motors Corporation  
Hyundai-Kia America Technical Center Inc  
6800 Geddes Road  
Superior Township, MI 48198

NVS-215KS  
13V-114

**Subject:** Stop Lamp Switch may Function Intermittently

Dear Mr. Babcock:

This letter serves to acknowledge Kia Motors Corporation's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. 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/OPTIMA/2011  
KIA/RONDO/2007-2010  
KIA/SEDONA/2007  
KIA/SORENTO/2007-2011  
KIA/SOUL/2010-2011  
KIA/SPORTAGE/2007-2010

**Mfr's Report Date:** March 29, 2013

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 13V-114

**Components:**

EXTERIOR LIGHTING: BRAKE LIGHTS: SWITCH  
SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC: SWITCHES: BRAKE LIGHT

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 623,658

**Problem Description:**

Kia Motors Corporation (Kia) is recalling certain model year 2007-2010 Rondo and Sportage, model year 2007-2011 Sorento, model year 2007 Sedona, model year 2010-2011 Soul, and model year 2011 Optima vehicles. The stop lamp switch in the affected vehicles may malfunction. A malfunctioning stop lamp switch may cause the brake lights to not illuminate when the brake pedal is depressed or may cause an inability to deactivate the cruise control by depressing the brake pedal. Additionally, a malfunctioning stop lamp switch may also result in intermittent operation of the push-button start feature, affect the operation of the brake-transmission shift interlock feature preventing the shifter from being moved out of the PARK position and cause the Electronic Stability Control (ESC) malfunction light to illuminate.

**Consequence:**

Failure to illuminate the stop lamps during braking or inability to disengage the cruise control could increase the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Kia will send an interim notification to owners in May 2013. When parts are available, owners will receive a second notification and

dealers will replace the stop lamp switch, free of charge. Owners may contact Kia at 1-800-333-4542. Kia's recall campaign number is SC098.

**Notes:**

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov).

We have received Kia's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.


Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

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. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at [kelly.schuler@dot.gov](mailto:kelly.schuler@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto:rmd.odi@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement