

**Part 573 Safety Recall Report****15V-446****Manufacturer Name :** Kia Motors America**Submission Date :** JUL 09,2015**NHTSA Recall No. :** 15V-446**Manufacturer Recall No. :** SC123**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : Kia Motors America

Address : 111 Peters Canyon Road  
Irvine CA 92606

Company phone : (949)468-4800

**Population :**

Number of potentially involved : 2,587

Estimated percentage with defect : 100

**Vehicle Information :**

Vehicle : 2016-2016 Kia Sorento

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : ALL

Power Train : GAS

Descriptive Information : Certain 2016MY Sorento vehicles produced from 10/23/14 through 12/10/14.  
Not all vehicles identified in the production range are affected by this recall. For  
VIN verification, please contact KMA's Consumer Assistance Center at  
1-800-333-4542 or contact a local Kia dealer.

Production Dates : OCT 23, 2014 - DEC 10, 2014

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

Begin : NR

End : NR

 Not sequential VINs**Description of Defect :**

Description of the Defect : If the front passenger seatbelt latch tongue is forcibly inserted into the seatbelt buckle at an extreme angle, the seatbelt will not fasten due to an interference between the latch tongue and an internal component within the seatbelt buckle housing. The inability to fasten the seatbelt is readily apparent to the front passenger and does not result in a partial latching of the seatbelt. This condition does not affect the driver or rear passenger seatbelt buckle assemblies.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : There is an increased risk of injury in the event of a crash if an occupant rides in  
the front passenger seat without a fastened seatbelt.

Description of the Cause : NR

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : NR

**Supplier Identification :****Component Manufacturer**

Name : Autoliv ASP, Inc.

Address : 1320 Pacific Drive

Auburn Hills MICHIGAN 48326

Country : United States

**Chronology :**

See attached document titled "2016 MY Sorento Front Passenger Seatbelt Buckle Assembly Chronology"

**Description of Remedy :**

Description of Remedy Program : All owners of the subject vehicles will be notified by first class mail with instructions to bring their vehicles to a Kia dealer. Kia will instruct dealers to replace the front passenger seatbelt buckle cover with an improved one containing a guide plate. Kia will reimburse owners for repair expenses already incurred pursuant to Kia's General Reimbursement Plan filed April 14, 2014.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : The remedy component contains a guide plate inside the buckle cover to prevent interference with the latch tongue.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : The remedy component was introduced into assembly at Kia Motors Manufacturing Georgia on December 11, 2014.

**Recall Schedule :**

Description of Recall Schedule : NR

Planned Dealer Notification Date : AUG 07, 2015 - AUG 07, 2015

Planned Owner Notification Date : AUG 18, 2015 - AUG 18, 2015

\* NR - Not Reported