OMB Control No.: 2127-0004

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

## 15V-626

**Manufacturer Name:** Kia Motors America

**Submission Date:** OCT 02.2015 NHTSA Recall No.: 15V-626 Manufacturer Recall No.: SC124



### **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: 377,062 Estimated percentage with defect: 100

### **Vehicle Information:**

Vehicle: 2011-2013 Kia Sorento Vehicle Type: LIGHT VEHICLES

**Body Style: ALL** Power Train: GAS

Descriptive Information: 2011-2013 MY Sorento vehicles equipped with automatic transmission

Production Dates: OCT 19, 2009 - JAN 31, 2013

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range** 

End: NR Begin: NR Not sequential VINs

### **Description of Noncompliance:**

Description of the Noncompliance: FMVSS 114 section S5.3 requires the service brake to be depressed before

the transmission can be shifted out of PARK. When excessive force is applied to the gear shift lever, the park position catch in the brake-shift interlock mechanism can chip or crack. Once sufficient damage occurs to the park position catch, it is possible for the shift lever to be moved out of

PARK without the brake pedal being depressed.

FMVSS 1:114 - Theft protection

FMVSS 2:NR

Description of the Safety Risk: A vehicle that is shifted out of PARK without depressing the brake pedal can

allow the vehicle to roll, creating a risk of crash and/or injury, especially if a

driver is not present.

Description of the Cause: Excessive forces to the shift lever can damage the park position catch, allowing the

shift lever to move out of PARK without depressing the service brake.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur: If the park position catch is sufficiently damaged, a driver will be aware that they can shift the transmission out of PARK without depressing the service brake.

# **Supplier Identification:**

# **Component Manufacturer**

Name: SL Tennessee, LLC

Address: 311 Frank L. Diggs Drive

**Clinton TENNESSEE 37716** 

**Country: United States** 

## **Chronology:**

See attached document titled "2011-2013 MY Sorento Transmission Gear Shift Lever 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 brake-shift interlock mechanism with a new one. 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 recalled brake-shift interlock mechanism is

comprised of a shift lever and an interlock hook, along with associated fasteners. The remedy replaces these parts with improved parts.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production: Not applicable

### **Recall Schedule:**

Description of Recall Schedule: NR

Planned Dealer Notification Date: NOV 18, 2015 - NOV 18, 2015

Planned Owner Notification Date: NOV 24, 2015 - DEC 01, 2015

\* NR - Not Reported