

Kia Motors America, Inc. Corporate Headquarters 111 Peters Canyon Road, Irvine, CA 92606-1790 USA

# **IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL**

This notice applies to your vehicle: (Insert VIN) (NHTSA Recall Number: 15V446)

August 18, 2015

Dear Kia Sorento Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. Kia Motors has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2016 MY Kia Sorento vehicles. Our records indicate that you own or lease one of the potentially affected vehicles.

### What Is The Problem?

It is possible for the front passenger seatbelt latch tongue to be inserted into the seatbelt buckle in such a way that the front passenger seatbelt will not fasten as a result of interference between the latch tongue and an internal component within the seatbelt buckle housing. There is an increased risk of injury in the event of a crash if the front passenger rides in the front passenger seat with the seatbelt unlatched.

Neither the driver nor rear seatbelt buckle assemblies are affected by this condition.

### What Will Kia Do?

Kia has advised its authorized dealers to replace the front passenger seatbelt buckle cover with an improved one at no cost to you. The estimated time which will be required to repair your vehicle is approximately one (1) hour, depending upon your dealer's work schedule.

#### What Should You Do?

- If the front passenger seatbelt in your vehicle does not fasten, do not use the front passenger seat until you have the repair conducted.
- Please immediately contact your Kia dealer to arrange for the repair to be conducted as soon as possible.

### What If You Have Already Paid To Have This Situation Corrected?

If you have incurred expense to remedy this issue prior to the date of this notice, you may have the opportunity to obtain reimbursement for that expense. Please mail your documentation with the completed Request for Reimbursement Form at the bottom of this letter directly to Kia for review and consideration at the following address:

Consumer Assistance Center Kia Motors America, Inc. P.O. Box 52410 Irvine, CA 92619-2410 1-800-333-4542

Pursuant to the General Reimbursement Plan issued by Kia pursuant to Federal Regulation 49 CFR 573.13, Kia will use its best efforts to respond to your claim within sixty (60) days of receipt and at that time Kia may either accept or reject that claim or it may request more information to evaluate the claim.



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## 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, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., Washington, DC 20590; or call the toll free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <a href="http://www.safercar.gov">http://www.safercar.gov</a>.

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**