



November 22, 2016

Attention: All Kia Parts & Service Managers

Kia Motors America, Inc. is conducting a Safety Recall Campaign to inspect the Hydraulic Electronic Control Unit (HECU) connector pins for corrosion in certain 2008-2009 MY Sportage vehicles produced from August 9, 2007 through May 13, 2009. If no corrosion is found, replace the HECU connector cover; if corrosion of the connector pins is found, replace the HECU Assembly and connector cover with a new one. Corrosion of the connector pins in the HECU assembly can occur due to improper sealing of the HECU's connector cover. If moisture contaminated with road salt reaches the HECU's circuit board, electrical shorts may occur to the circuit board, which could lead to an engine compartment fire. If an electrical short circuit occurs, the ESC warning light may illuminate.

The Technical Service Bulletin (TSB) that provides Vehicle Repair Procedures, Affected VIN Production Range, and Warranty Claim Information will be posted on the Kia Global Information System (KGIS) at www.kiatechinfo.com on **November 22, 2016**.

PARTS INFORMATION – During the week of November 30, 2016, Kia dealers with affected vehicles will receive an automatic shipment of campaign parts based upon the VIN campaign list.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the owner notification letter and a Q&A Guide for recall questions, both of which describe the issue. A list of Kia Sportage owners affected by this recall can be accessed on WEBDCS. Log onto the site, select the Campaigns Tab, click on Open Campaign Report in the left side menu, and select **SC138** to generate the list.

We will mail notices to the affected 2008-2009 MY Sportage vehicle owners beginning on **November 28, 2016**. Please start performing the repairs immediately on any affected vehicles currently in your inventory.

Also, please make certain the appropriate personnel in your dealership are familiar with the details of this recall to ensure proper responses to customer inquiries and requests to have the recall performed on their 2008-2009 MY Sportage vehicles. This Safety Recall represents an opportunity for your service department to deliver an exceptional service experience (e.g. flexible service appointment process, car wash and vacuum and timely service).

NHTSA ADVISORY: It is a violation of Federal law for a dealer to deliver a new motor vehicle covered by this notification under a sale or lease until the defect is remedied.

LEGAL PRIVACY LIABILITY NOTICE: Pursuant to the terms of the Dealer Sales and Service Agreement and the Gramm-Leach-Bliley federal consumer privacy act, you are required to keep confidential any and all information and documents provided to you by Kia Motors America, Inc. or generated by you in the conduct of carrying out work under that Agreement regarding Kia vehicle purchasers and owners, including but not limited to warranty claim information. Kia dealers may use such owner information for the sole purpose of conducting and performing this safety recall campaign, and for no other purpose.

Your prompt attention in completing this recall is appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact your Kia District Parts and Service Manager.

Sincerely,

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Quality Analysis Manager
Enclosures