

**2013 MY Forte Seatbelt Assembly  
Basis of Safety Defect Determination 573.6(c)(6)**

<b>September 28, 2015</b>	Kia Motors America, Inc. (KMA) becomes aware of customer stating in social media that a metal piece from seatbelt assembly lodged in child's leg during crash.
<b>October 2, 2015</b>	After initial review, incident is upgraded for a more detailed analysis.
<b>October 3, 2015</b>	KMA sends preliminary incident information to Kia Motors Corporation (KMC) for evaluation.
<b>October 8, 2015</b>	KMA inspects the subject 2013 Forte vehicle and then KMA team evaluates incident and researches all field data.
<b>October 15, 2015</b>	KMA sends inspection photos to KMC and requests KMC to conduct an investigation.
<b>October 21, 2015</b>	KMC advises KMA that no similar incidents have been reported by any other markets.
<b>October 16-December 16, 2015</b>	KMA engages in ongoing efforts to obtain consent from insurance company to sell the vehicle. Insurance company refuses and Kia is required to pursue the vehicle through the auction process. KMA purchases the subject vehicle at auction on 12/16/15.
<b>February 4- February 8 2016</b>	The subject vehicle transported to KMA.
<b>March 10, 2016</b>	KMC engineers come to U.S. and inspect vehicle at KMA. Seatbelt assemblies removed and taken back to Korea for further evaluation. KMC works with supplier and identifies gap between one of the screws and retractor cover plate indicating improper assembly.
<b>March 10- April 30, 2016</b>	KMC goes through complicated process to collect 45 exemplar 2013MY Forte seatbelt assemblies from other markets which had been installed in vehicles produced around the same time as subject vehicle. KMC and supplier inspect exemplar assemblies looking for cause of improper installation.
<b>April 19, 2016</b>	KMA sends four (4) seatbelt assemblies from 2013MY Forte field vehicles from same production time period to KMC for evaluation.
<b>April 26-29, 2016</b>	KMC conducts testing of 3 seatbelt assemblies to duplicate the loosening and possible breakage of cover plate. KMC concludes that under specific pre-load conditions the cover plate may break.
<b>April 29, 2016</b>	KMC works with supplier in order to determine potentially affected lot of seatbelt assemblies. KMC and supplier completes review of supplier's manufacturing processes. Supplier determines approximately 330 seatbelt assemblies may be affected.
<b>May 4, 2016</b>	KMC makes decision to conduct a voluntary safety recall. One consumer assistance case center report; 0 warranty claims.