

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

17V-784

Manufacturer Name : Kia Motors America**Submission Date :** DEC 08, 2017**NHTSA Recall No. :** 17V-784**Manufacturer Recall No. :** SC159**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : Kia Motors America

Address : 111 Peters Canyon Road
Irvine CA 92606

Company phone : 800-333-4542

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 2,014

Estimated percentage with defect : 100 %

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2018-2018 Kia Sorento

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : ALL

Power Train : GAS

Descriptive Information : 2018 MY Sorento vehicles produced from September 5, 2017 thru November 29, 2017. The recall population was determined based on a review of vehicle production records. The diffuser can detach from the inflator during deployment of the side curtain airbag. The vehicles subject to this recall were not produced in VIN order. Customers seeking information about their specific vehicle will be referred to Kia's Consumer Assistance Center or their Kia dealer.

Production Dates : SEP 05, 2017 - NOV 29, 2017

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

 Not sequential**Description of Defect :**

Description of the Defect : The inflator in the side curtain airbag is equipped with a top hat diffuser. Some diffusers formed improperly during the manufacturing process. In the event of a crash necessitating deployment of the side curtain airbag, the diffuser may detach and could possibly enter the vehicle occupant compartment.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : If the inflator's diffuser detaches and enters the vehicle occupant compartment during airbag deployment, there is an increased risk of occupant injury.

Description of the Cause : Detachment of the inflator's diffuser.

Identification of Any Warning N/A
that can Occur :

Supplier Identification :**Component Manufacturer**

Name : Autoliv ASP, Inc.
Address : 1320 Pacific Drive
Auburn Hills MICHIGAN 48326
Country : United States

Chronology :

See attached document titled "2018 Sorento Inflator Diffuser Chronology"

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : The recalled part is the side curtain airbag assembly, part number 85010C6500 (Left) & 85020C6500 (Right).

All owners of the subject vehicles will be notified by first class mail with instructions to bring their vehicles to a Kia dealer. Dealers will be instructed to replace driver and passenger side curtain airbags with improved ones. Kia will reimburse owners for repair expenses already incurred pursuant to Kia's General Reimbursement Plan filed March 21, 2016.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : The inflator diffuser in the remedy component was properly formed.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : The suspect parts were contained by the supplier and only certified parts were used beginning on November 18, 2017.

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : The dealer notification will be on December 11, 2017, and the owner notification will take place on December 13, 2017.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : DEC 11, 2017 - DEC 11, 2017

Planned Owner Notification Date : DEC 13, 2017 - DEC 13, 2017

* NR - Not Reported