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RENOTIFICATION IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

(NHTSA Recall Number: 18V363)
This notice applies to your vehicle: **(Insert VIN)**

FEBRUARY 4, 2026

THIS IS A RENOTIFICATION OF AN EARLIER COMMUNICATION ISSUED ON OCTOBER 17, 2018, WHICH NOTIFIED ALL OWNERS OF THE AFFECTED 2011-2013 MY OPTIMA AND 2011-2012 MY OPTIMA HYBRID VEHICLES OF A SAFETY RECALL. OUR RECORDS INDICATE THAT YOU ARE THE CURRENT REGISTERED OWNER OF THIS VEHICLE AND THAT THIS RECALL HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETED.

KIA IS REQUESTING THAT YOU CONTACT AN AUTHORIZED KIA DEALERSHIP IMMEDIATELY TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT TO INSTALL A WIRE HARNESS KIT BETWEEN THE ACU CONNECTOR AND THE VEHICLE HARNESS CONNECTOR. THIS WORK WILL BE PERFORMED FREE OF CHARGE AT NO COST TO YOU.

IF YOU HAVE ALREADY TAKEN YOUR VEHICLE TO A KIA DEALER AND HAD THIS SAFETY RECALL PERFORMED, PLEASE DISREGARD THIS NOTICE.

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL (Follow-Up Letter)

(NHTSA Recall Number: 18V363)
This notice applies to your vehicle: **(Insert VIN)**

October 17, 2018

Dear Kia Optima or Optima Hybrid Owner:

Kia has identified a defect in your vehicle which relates to motor vehicle safety

This notice is a follow up letter 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 2011-2013 MY Optima vehicles manufactured from August 12, 2010 through August 31, 2012 and certain 2011-2012 MY Optima Hybrid vehicles manufactured from February 15, 2011 through August 31, 2012. The defect may cause the front airbags and seatbelt pretensioners not to deploy in certain frontal crashes where deployment may be necessary, thereby increasing the risk of injury. You were previously advised that Kia was working on a repair remedy for this defect.

What Is The Problem?

The airbag control unit ("ACU") detects crash severity and commands deployment of the advanced airbags and seatbelt pretensioners when necessary. The ACU in your vehicle contains a certain application-specific integrated circuit ("ASIC") that may be susceptible to electrical overstress ("EOS") during certain frontal crash events. If the ASIC becomes damaged, the frontal airbags and seatbelt pretensioners may not deploy in certain frontal crashes where deployment may be necessary, thereby increasing the risk of injury.

Kia Will Install A Wire Harness Kit Between The ACU Connector And Vehicle Harness Connector At No Cost For Parts Or Labor To You.

Kia has advised its authorized dealers to install a wire harness kit between the ACU connector and vehicle harness connector in your vehicle. The work will be performed at Kia's expense at no cost to you. The actual time required to perform the repair will take approximately one (1) hour. However, your vehicle may be needed longer; therefore, we recommend scheduling a service appointment to minimize any inconvenience.

What Should You Do?

- In the interest of the safety of your passengers, as well as your own safety, please immediately contact your Kia dealer to arrange for the recall repair to be conducted.
- To find your nearest dealer, visit www.kia.com and click the "Find Dealer" button in the upper right corner ("Dealers" on a mobile device). You can also use the QR code below with your mobile device to access this information (see the bottom of this letter for more information about QR code use):



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. You may submit your receipts online to Kia via the Owners section of www.kia.com or mail your receipts with a cover letter directly to Kia for review and consideration:

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

The Kia Customer Care Center is available at the number listed above if you have any questions or require assistance in submitting your claim.

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.

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. You can also contact the Customer Care Center phone number listed above.

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 Customer Care 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: 1-800-275-9171); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

This action has been taken in the interest of your safety, and we regret any inconvenience this situation may cause you.

Sincerely,

Customer Care Department

QR Code Use:

- A QR Code is a square, 2-dimensional barcode that can be read by mobile devices loaded with an appropriate barcode or **QR Code Reader App**. The app reads the barcode image and then launches/uploads the specific information the code contains, such as URLs, text, photos, videos.
- With a mobile device, **download a QR Code Reader App**. With many devices, you can do this through an app store or marketplace.
- **Open the QR Code Reader App on your mobile device. The app will utilize your device's camera.** Center the code in the camera viewing area. With some apps, the URL or other information will automatically load when the code is recognized. For others, you may have to snap or take a picture of the QR code. **Refer to the QR Reader Code App instructions.**

REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT FORM
2010-2013 MY FORTE & FORTE KOUP, 2011-2013 MY OPTIMA, 2011-2012 MY OPTIMA HYBRID, AND 2011-2012 MY
SEDONA VEHICLES - ACU MAIN WIRING REPAIR
SAFETY RECALL CAMPAIGN (SC165)

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. You may submit your receipts online to Kia via the Campaign Customer Reimbursement section found at this link: <http://customercare.kiausa.com>.

If you do not have access to a computer or prefer to submit your request by mail, please complete this Request for Reimbursement and mail it to the following address for review and consideration, along with backup documentation:

Kia Customer Care Center
Kia America, Inc.
P. O. Box 52410
Irvine, CA 92619-2410
1-800-333-4542

Please allow at least sixty (60) days for review and response.

Customer First Name: Customer Last Name:

Customer Address:

Customer City: State: Zip:

Phone #: () - Email:

Vehicle Identification Number:

Mileage at Time of Repair: Date of Repair: / /

Amount of Reimbursement Requested \$

Attach the following:

- o **Repair Order showing:**
 - o Name & address of person paying for the repair
 - o Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) of vehicle repaired
 - o **Description of the problem repaired**
 - Date of repair, mileage at the time of repair and total cost of claimed repair expense
- o **Evidence of Payment of Repair showing:**
 - o Date of Payment
 - o Amount Paid (e.g., copies of cancelled check or credit card receipt)

I certify that the documents attached to this Request for Reimbursement are true and accurate and should be used as the basis for a reimbursement to me under this campaign.

CLAIMANT'S SIGNATURE:

Signature ----- Print Name