Manufacturer Name: Kia America, Inc.  
Submission Date: SEP 19, 2022  
NHTSA Recall No.: 22V-703  
Manufacturer Recall No.: SC249

### Manufacturer Information:
- **Manufacturer Name**: Kia America, Inc.
- **Address**: 111 Peters Canyon Road  
  Irvine CA 92606  
- **Company phone**: 800-333-4542

### Population:
- **Number of potentially involved**: 70,887
- **Estimated percentage with defect**: 1%

### Vehicle Information:
- **Vehicle 1**: 2016-2022 Kia Sorento  
- **Vehicle Type**: LIGHT VEHICLES  
- **Body Style**: ALL  
- **Power Train**: GAS

**Descriptive Information**:  
Certain 2016-2022 model year Sorento vehicles manufactured from October 27, 2014 to September 12, 2022 equipped with a Genuine Kia tow hitch harness accessory supplied by Mobis Parts America.

The recall population was determined by a review of vehicle production and part sales records. A total of 22,052 of the subject vehicles are equipped with a tow hitch harness as a port-installed option (PIO). Based on parts sales data, a total of 48,835 tow hitch harnesses were sold to Kia dealers for potential installation as a dealer installed option (DIO). 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 Customer Care Center or their Kia dealer.

**Production Dates**: OCT 27, 2014 - SEP 12, 2022  
**VIN Range 1**: Begin: NR  
**End**: NR  
**Not sequential**: ☐
### Vehicle 2: 2021-2023 Kia Sorento Hybrid (HEV)
- **Vehicle Type:** LIGHT VEHICLES
- **Body Style:** ALL
- **Power Train:** HYBRID ELECTRIC

**Descriptive Information:** Certain 2021-2023 model year Sorento HEV vehicles manufactured from September 2, 2020 to August 31, 2022 equipped with a Genuine Kia tow hitch harness accessory supplied by Mobis Parts America.

The recall population was determined by a review of vehicle production and part sales records. A total of 22,052 of the subject vehicles are equipped with a tow hitch harness as a port-installed option (PIO). Based on parts sales data, a total of 48,835 tow hitch harnesses were sold to Kia dealers for potential installation as a dealer installed option (DIO). 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 Customer Care Center or their Kia dealer.

**Production Dates:** SEP 02, 2020 - AUG 31, 2022
**VIN Range 1:** Begin: NR, End: NR

### Vehicle 3: 2022-2023 Kia Sorento Plug-In Hybrid (PHEV)
- **Vehicle Type:** LIGHT VEHICLES
- **Body Style:** ALL
- **Power Train:** HYBRID ELECTRIC

**Descriptive Information:** Certain 2022-2023 model year Sorento PHEV vehicles manufactured from June 29, 2021 to August 30, 2022 equipped with a Genuine Kia tow hitch harness accessory supplied by Mobis Parts America.

The recall population was determined by a review of vehicle production and part sales records. A total of 22,052 of the subject vehicles are equipped with a tow hitch harness as a port-installed option (PIO). Based on parts sales data, a total of 48,835 tow hitch harnesses were sold to Kia dealers for potential installation as a dealer installed option (DIO). 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 Customer Care Center or their Kia dealer.

**Production Dates:** JUN 29, 2021 - AUG 30, 2022
**VIN Range 1:** Begin: NR, End: NR
**Vehicle**: 2017-2022 Kia Sportage  
**Vehicle Type**: LIGHT VEHICLES  
**Body Style**: ALL  
**Power Train**: GAS  

**Descriptive Information**: Certain 2017-2022 Sportage vehicles manufactured from December 10, 2015 to December 7, 2021 equipped with a Genuine Kia tow hitch harness accessory supplied by Mobis Parts America.

The recall population was determined by a review of vehicle production and part sales records. A total of 22,052 of the subject vehicles are equipped with a tow hitch harness as a port-installed option (PIO). Based on parts sales data, a total of 48,835 tow hitch harnesses were sold to Kia dealers for potential installation as a dealer installed option (DIO). 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 Customer Care Center or their Kia dealer.

**Production Dates**: DEC 10, 2015 - DEC 07, 2021  
**VIN Range 1**: Begin: NR  
End: NR  

**Description of Defect**:

Description of the Defect: A fire may occur in the area of the tow hitch harness module while driving or while the vehicle is parked with the ignition off. Foreign material and moisture contamination on the tow hitch harness module printed circuit board (PCB) may result in an electrical short circuit, thereby increasing the risk of a tow hitch harness module fire. The origin of PCB contamination is currently unknown but is under investigation.

FMVSS 1: NR  
FMVSS 2: NR  

Description of the Safety Risk: A fire increases the risk of injury

Description of the Cause: Foreign material and moisture contamination on the tow hitch harness module printed circuit board (PCB). Kia is still investigating origin of PCB contamination.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur: None.

**Involved Components**:

The information contained in this report was submitted pursuant to 49 CFR §573
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Component Name 7: TOW HITCH HARNESS
Component Description: TOW HITCH HARNESS (2017-2022 Sportage)

Supplier Identification:

Component Manufacturer
Name: Mobis Parts America
Address: 10550 Talbert Ave.
Fountain Valley California 92708
Country: United States

Chronology:

Description of Remedy:
Remedy is under evaluation. Customers who own a subject vehicle with a Kia Genuine tow hitch harness accessory are advised to park their vehicle outside and away from structures until the recall repair is conducted. Kia will reimburse owners for repair expenses already incurred pursuant to Kia’s General Reimbursement Plan filed May 10, 2022.

Kia dealers have been advised not to sell the tow hitch harness and to return any unsold harnesses to Kia America.

Recall Schedule:
Description of Recall Schedule: The dealer notification mailing is scheduled to begin and end on
November 9, 2022 and the owner notice is scheduled to start on November 14, 2022 and end on November 18, 2022.

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* NR - Not Reported