



May 19, 2022

ATTENTION: ALL DEALER PARTS & SERVICE MANAGERS

Kia America, Inc., pursuant to the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act, is conducting a Safety Recall Campaign on certain 2021-2022 MY Rio vehicles manufactured from September 8, 2021 through February 21, 2022 and certain 2021-2022 MY Forte vehicles manufactured from May 28, 2021 through March 8, 2022.

The lower steering column u-joint bolt in the affected vehicles did not receive proper tightening torque by the supplemental wrench during vehicle assembly. An improperly tightened lower steering column u-joint bolt may loosen over time and, in the worst case scenario, can lead to a detachment of the steering column from the steering rack, resulting in a loss of steering control. A loss of steering control increases the risk of a crash.

Dealers will tighten the lower steering column u-joint bolt to the correct specification.

The Technical Service Bulletin that provides vehicle inspection and repair procedures, affected VIN production range, and warranty claim information will be posted on the Kia Global Information System (KGIS) at www.kiatechinfo.com.

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. Note that any vehicle owner who has already paid for related repairs can submit a request for reimbursement online via the Owner's Section of www.kia.com. Kia will mail notices to the affected vehicle owners on **May 27, 2022**.

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 vehicles. This Safety Recall Campaign 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 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 recall campaign, and for no other purpose.

If you have any questions, please contact your Kia District Parts and Service Manager.

Sincerely,
Kia Service Department