



Kia America, Inc.  
Corporate Headquarters  
111 Peters Canyon Road, Irvine, CA 92606-1790 USA

## IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

(NHTSA Recall Number: 22V651)

This notice applies to your vehicle: (Insert VIN)

September 23, 2022

Dear Kia Sportage Vehicle Owner:

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

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. Kia America, Inc. has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2023 MY Sportage vehicles. The defect can result in the alternator battery positive (B+) terminal nut loosening, and it may result in an engine stall while driving and a fire. An engine stall increases the risk of a crash, and a fire increases the risk of injury. Our records indicate that you own or lease one of the potentially affected vehicles.


### What Is The Problem?

The alternator B+ terminal nut ensures that the electrical connection is maintained between the battery wire harness terminal plate and the alternator B+ terminal. The B+ terminal nut may not have been properly tightened during assembly and may loosen, which can result in an engine stall while driving or electrical arcing at the B+ terminal and a fire. An engine stall increases the risk of a crash, and a fire, from electrical arcing, increases the risk of injury.

**Kia Will Inspect, And If Necessary, Properly Tighten The Terminal Nut Free of Charge At No Cost To You.**

Dealers will inspect, and if necessary, properly tighten the alternator B+ terminal nut. This recall will be performed **free of charge at no cost to you**. The estimated time required to perform the recall will be approximately one (1) hour.

### What Should You Do?

- **WARNING: If either the Charging System Warning Light  is illuminated or if you notice a burning smell while driving, pull over to a safe location, turn off the engine, and do not re-start your vehicle. Contact Kia Roadside Assistance (online at [kia.rsahelp.com](http://kia.rsahelp.com) or by phone 1-800-333-4542 available 24 hours/day, 365 days/year) to request to have your vehicle towed to the nearest authorized Kia dealership as soon as possible.**
- In the interest of the safety of your passengers, as well as your own safety, please immediately contact your authorized Kia dealer to arrange for the recall repair to be performed on your vehicle.
- To find your nearest dealer, visit [www.kia.com](http://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](http://www.kia.com) or mail your receipts with a copy of the attached Request for Reimbursement form directly to Kia for review and consideration:

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

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 Kia 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: 1-800-424-9153); 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  
2023 MY SPORTAGE VEHICLES - ALTERNATOR BATTERY POSITIVE TERMINAL  
SAFETY RECALL CAMPAIGN (SC248)**

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](http://www.kia.com)** (MyKia>Contact Us or directly at this link: <https://ksupport.kiausa.com/ConsumerAffairs>).

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: 

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

Amount of Reimbursement Requested \$

Attach the following:

- **Repair Order showing:**
  - Name & address of person paying for the repair
  - Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) of vehicle repaired
  - **Description of the problem repaired**
    - Date of repair, mileage at the time of repair and total cost of claimed repair expense
- **Evidence of Payment of Repair showing:**
  - Date of Payment
  - 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:

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Signature

Print Name