

2023 MY FORTE VEHICLES FRONT LEFT STEERING KNUCKLE - SAFETY RECALL CAMPAIGN (SC259) Q & A December 12, 2022

Q1. What type of campaign is Kia conducting?

A1. Kia America, Inc., pursuant to the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act, is conducting a Safety Recall Campaign to address a condition involving the front left steering knuckle.

Q2. What vehicles are affected by the recall?

- A2. Certain 2023 MY Forte vehicles manufactured from October 21, 2022 to November 7, 2022 at a Kia plant in Mexico.
- Q3. How many customer vehicles are affected by this recall?
- A3. Approximately 939 vehicles.
- Q4. What is the concern with the front left steering knuckle?
- A4. Due to a manufacturing issue at the supplier, the front left steering knuckle in the subject vehicles may have been cast improperly. An improperly cast knuckle can fracture and may result in the loss of steering control. Loss of steering control increases the risk of a crash.
- Q5. Can you describe the recall campaign and fix?
- A5. Dealers will inspect the production lot number on the front left steering knuckle. If the knuckle is identified as being part of the affected production lot, the knuckle will be replaced with a new one.
- Q6. How will owners of the affected vehicles be notified?
- A6. Kia will send a letter notifying owners of the affected vehicles by first class mail beginning on January 12, 2023.
- Q7. What should vehicle owners do when they receive the notification?
- A7. Upon receipt of the letter, owners are to contact their authorized Kia dealer to arrange to have the recall performed on their vehicle.
- Q8. Where were these vehicles produced?
- A8. The affected vehicles were produced at a Kia assembly plant in Mexico.
- Q9. Will this cost vehicle owners any money?
- *A9. No. Kia will perform the recall repair free of charge at no cost to the customer.*

Q10. What about customers who may have already paid to have this situation corrected?

A10. If the customer has incurred expense to remedy this issue prior to the date of this notice, the customer may have the opportunity to obtain reimbursement for that expense. Customers may <u>submit their receipts online to Kia via the</u> <u>Owners section (Contact Kia) of www.kia.com</u> OR mail their documentation with the completed Request for Reimbursement Form included with this letter directly to Kia for review and consideration at the following address:

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

- A11. Are there any restrictions on an owner's eligibility?
- A11. No.
- Q12. If a customer has an immediate question, where can they get further information?
- A12. The customer can contact their local authorized Kia dealership or call Kia's Customer Care Center at 1-800-333-4KIA (4542), Monday through Friday, 5 AM to 6 PM Pacific Time, or via the internet at www.kia.com (Owner's Section).