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## IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

NHTSA Recall Number: 23V724

This notice applies to your vehicle: **Insert VIN**

December 21, 2023

Dear Kia Soul EV 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 2015-2016 MY Soul EV vehicles. The defect can result in unintended vehicle movement increasing the risk of a crash. Our records indicate that you own or lease one of the affected vehicles.

**On August 7, 2020, a different recall notice (20V389 or Kia's Reference # SC191) was sent to vehicle owners regarding the gear drive unit. This is a new recall that supersedes the previously launched 20V389 recall.**

### **What Is The Problem?**

The parking mechanism may be damaged, which can result in unintended vehicle movement when the gear shift lever is in the Park 'P' position and the parking brake is not applied while the vehicle is powered ON. Unintended vehicle movement can increase the risk of a crash.

### **Kia Will Update The Electronic Control Unit Software Free of Charge At No Cost To You.**

Kia dealers will update the electronic control unit software for the Electronic Parking Brake (EPB) logic so that the EPB automatically activates when the gear shift lever is in the Park 'P' position regardless of whether the vehicle is powered ON or OFF. This recall will be performed **free of charge at no cost to you**. The estimated time required to perform this recall will be approximately one (1) hour. We recommend scheduling a service appointment to minimize your inconvenience.

### **What Should You Do?**

- **Until this recall is completed on your vehicle, always apply the EPB manually after you move the gear shift lever into the Park 'P' position prior to exiting your vehicle.**
- In the interest of the safety of your passengers, as well as your own safety, contact your authorized Kia dealer to arrange for the recall to be performed on your vehicle. **Even if you have previously completed Recall 20V389, you should return to the dealer to have this new recall performed.**
- 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  
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 below.

### 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 your dealer fails or is unable to remedy this defect 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**.

