

**2021-2023MY Kia K5
Side Curtain Airbag
Basis of Safety Defect Determination 573.6(c)(6)**

January 24, 2023	Kia North America (Kia NA) Safety Office engineer inspects 2021MY K5 crash incident vehicle with steering assist allegation. During inspection, Kia NA Safety Office engineer notices that the driver's side curtain airbag may have deployed improperly.
January 25, 2023	Kia NA Safety Office sends photographs of the airbag condition of the subject vehicle to Kia Georgia for their review.
February 2, 2023	Kia NA Safety Office meets with Kia Georgia to review the photographs taken from the January 24 th inspection. Kia Georgia requests inspection of vehicle.
February 3-9, 2023	Kia NA works to schedule Kia Georgia's inspection. Inspection scheduled for February 23, 2023.
February 10, 2023	Kia NA Safety Office escalates concern to the SEL for further investigation.
February 23, 2023	Kia NA Safety Office and Kia Georgia engineers conduct inspection of the subject 2021MY K5 vehicle and confirm improper installation of driver's side curtain airbag. Passenger side curtain airbag installed properly.
February 28, 2023	Kia NA Safety Office completes review of field data involving the 2021-2023MY K5 and no other improper deployments identified in field data. Since this installation condition may cause improper side curtain airbag deployment, Kia NA decides to recall certain 2021MY-2023MY K5 vehicles as a precautionary measure. No fatalities. No confirmed injuries related to this recall condition.