

## **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 regarding the roof molding(s) on

- Certain <u>2023-2024 MY Sportage</u> vehicles manufactured at a Kia assembly plant in the U.S. from January 12, 2022 through November 29, 2023 and
- Certain 2022-2024 MY Carnival vehicles manufactured from January 5, 2021 through November 24, 2023.

The roof molding(s) of the subject vehicles may become loose or detach under certain circumstances either due to interference of the roof molding retaining clip(s) with excessive roof panel sealer or due to improper installation of the roof molding during vehicle assembly. A detached roof molding can create a road hazard for other vehicles, increasing the risk of a crash.

All owners of the subject vehicles will be notified by first class mail with instructions to bring their vehicles to a Kia dealer. Kia dealers will be instructed to inspect and, if necessary, secure/replace the roof molding(s).

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 <a href="www.kiatechinfo.com">www.kiatechinfo.com</a> during the week of March 12, 2024.

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 <a href="https://www.kia.com">www.kia.com</a>. Kia will mail notices to the affected vehicle owners beginning on **March 15, 2024.** 

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).

<u>NHTSA ADVISORY:</u> 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 safety 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 Enclosures