

June 10, 2024

## **ATTENTION: ALL DEALER PARTS & SERVICE MANAGERS**

Kia America, Inc., pursuant to the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act, is conducting a Noncompliance Safety Recall Campaign regarding the headliner assembly on certain 2024 MY EV9 Light vehicles manufactured from September 25, 2023 through March 21, 2024. This campaign is not applicable to any other trim levels in the EV9 model lineup.

In the event of a crash where an occupant's head contacts the headliner, the headliner in the subject vehicles may not absorb an adequate amount of the impact. As a result, these vehicles fail to comply with the performance requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 201 ("Occupant Protection in Interior Impact"). A headliner that does not absorb an adequate amount of impact increases the risk of injury in a crash.

Dealers will replace the impact-absorbing plates mounted on the headliner with improved ones.

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 www.kiatechinfo.com during the week of June 24, 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 www.kia.com. Kia will mail notices to the affected vehicle owners beginning on July 31, 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 Noncompliance 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).

NHTSA ADVISORY: 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 noncompliance 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