

**2024MY EV9  
Front Passenger Seatbelt Retractor  
Basis of Safety Defect Determination 573.6(c)(6)**

February 23, 2024	Kia North America (Kia NA) receives Techline case from dealer involving a 2024MY EV9 vehicle which identifies front passenger seatbelt with grinding noise and becoming stuck.
February 26, 2024	Kia NA Safety Office reviews Techline case involving subject 2024MY EV9 vehicle and begins monitoring issue.
April 15, 2024—May 6, 2024	<p>Kia NA issues Quality Information Report to Kia Corporation (Kia HQ) for further investigation. No additional field incidents identified.</p> <p>Kia HQ works with supplier and informs Kia NA Safety Office of investigation results identifying front passenger seatbelt retractor not properly secured by supplier. Kia HQ provides Kia NA Safety Office with affected VINs based on review of supplier and vehicle production records.</p> <p>Kia NA Safety Office confirms no additional field incidents related to this issue.</p>
May 7, 2024	<p>Kia NA conducts regulatory review and identifies that an automatic locking retractor (ALR) and/or emergency locking retractor (ELR) that does not operate as intended is considered a noncompliance with the requirements of section S7.1 of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) 208 and section S4.3(i) and (j) of FMVSS 209.</p> <p>Kia NA Safety Office decides to conduct a noncompliance recall of certain 2024MY EV9 vehicles. No crashes, injuries or fatalities.</p>