

**2023-2025MY TELLURIDE
Door Belt Molding Face Plates
Basis of Safety Defect Determination 573.6(c)(6)**

June 10, 2023	Kia North America (Kia NA) issues Service Action to address potential front driver door belt molding face plate delamination on certain 2023MY Telluride vehicles.
March 19, 2024	During routine review of field data, Kia NA Safety Office identifies increasing replacement rates for door belt molding on 2023MY Telluride. Kia NA Safety Office begins to collect warranty returned parts and send collected parts to Kia Corporation (Kia HQ) for further evaluation.
April 8, 2024	Kia HQ provides Kia NA Safety Office with result of warranty-returned door belt molding parts evaluation. Evaluation identifies that if the face plate detaches from the door belt molding assembly, it falls quickly to the ground, does not bounce, and lays flat. Kia NA Safety Office reviews and determines this issue does not present an unreasonable risk to motor vehicle safety due to the weight, size, and behavior of the face plate if it falls. Kia NA Safety Office continues to monitor.
August 14, 2024	Kia NA issues Service Action to address potential door belt molding face plate separation for all doors on certain 2024MY Telluride vehicles.
May 13, 2025—May 23, 2025	NHTSA’s Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) contacts Kia NA Safety Office regarding 11 VOQs on 2023-2024MY Telluride that allege trim detachment. Kia NA Safety Office reviews and provides its assessment to ODI. No accidents identified.
July 2, 2025	In further discussion with ODI, ODI provides Kia NA Safety Office with recent precedent on external trim detachment recalls. Kia NA Safety Office begins to reassess this issue.
July 18, 2025	Kia NA Safety Office completes data analysis across all Kia field data sources and finds 12,112 unique reports of potentially missing door belt molding face plates on 2023-2025MY Telluride vehicles [dates of receipt 5/2/2023—7/14/2025].
July 21, 2025	Kia NA decides to recall certain 2023-2025MY Telluride vehicles. No crashes or injuries