

**2025MY K4 & Sorento
Connecting Rod Bolt(s)
Basis of Safety Defect Determination 573.6(c)(6)**

August 14, 2025	Kia Mexico informs Kia North America (Kia NA) that certain 2025MY K4 vehicles may have been produced with engines containing insufficiently torqued connecting rod bolts.
August 15, 2025	Kia NA Safety Office, Kia Mexico, and engine supplier Hyundai Motor Manufacturing Alabama (HMMA) meet to discuss issue. HMMA informs Kia NA that one or more connecting rod bolts in certain engines may have been improperly torqued. HMMA also informs Kia NA that issue may also affect the 2025MY Sorento produced at Kia Georgia. Kia NA Safety Office begins field data analysis.
August 18, 2025	<p>Kia Mexico and Kia Georgia confirm and inform Kia NA Safety Office that issue is traceable from the affected engines to specific vehicles. Kia NA Safety Office field data analysis finds no warranty claims or customer complaints related to insufficiently torqued connecting rod bolt(s).</p> <p>Kia NA decides to recall certain 2025MY K4 and Sorento vehicles to address any potential loss of motive power. No accidents, fires or injuries.</p>