



January 14, 2026

ATTENTION: ALL DEALER PRINCIPALS

Kia America, Inc., pursuant to the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act, is conducting a Safety Recall Campaign regarding the purge control system check valve in 2021-2024 MY K5 vehicles manufactured from March 27, 2020 through January 23, 2024, equipped with 1.6L Turbocharged Gasoline Direct Injection (T-GDI) engines.

The purge control system check valve, which controls the direction of airflow from the charcoal canister to the engine, may deteriorate over time, allowing pressurized air to flow from the intake manifold into the fuel tank. If this occurs, the fuel tank may expand and contact the hot exhaust pipe components. If the vehicle continues to be driven in this condition for a prolonged period, localized melting of the fuel tank may occur, possibly resulting in a fuel leak. In rare cases, this condition may lead to a fire, increasing the risk of injury. Vehicle owners may experience a popping sound from the fuel tank area, illumination of the Check Engine Light (CEL), and/or vehicle running rough.

Dealers will replace the check valve with an improved one. Dealers will also inspect the fuel tank for damage and, if necessary, replace it with a new one. Additionally, dealers will ensure the subject vehicles are equipped with the latest Electronic Control Unit (ECU) software.

The subject vehicles were also affected by Kia's previously launched Voluntary Emissions Service Campaign SC288 and may have already had similar repairs completed. However, Kia is advising customers that they still need to complete this new recall as soon as possible to have the latest check valve installed and make sure the fuel tank is free from any damage. In the meantime, once this recall (SC356) is launched, Kia's previous emissions campaign SC288 will be closed and no longer available.

Your Service Manager was sent a copy of the owner notification letter and a Q&A guide for recall questions both of which describe the issue and information on how to access the list of affected vehicles. Kia will start mailing notices to the affected vehicle owners beginning on **January 16, 2026**.

What Should You Do?

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.

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 safety recall campaign, and for no other purpose.

If you have any questions, please contact your Kia District Parts & Service Manager.

Sincerely,

Kia Service Department

Enclosures