

**2026MY K4 Hatchback & 2027MY Telluride  
Rear Center Seatbelt Anchor Buckle  
Basis of Safety Defect Determination 573.6(c)(6)**

February 9, 2026	Kia Georgia informs Kia North America (Kia NA) Safety Office of third row center seat anchor buckle may not latch properly on 2027 Telluride. Kia NA Safety Office reviews field data and identifies no instances of improper latching.
February 12, 2026	Kia Georgia informs Kia NA Safety Office that some anchor buckles may have been incorrectly assembled by the supplier. Kia NA Safety Office is also informed that similar anchor buckles from the same supplier are equipped on the 2026MY K4 Hatchback produced by Kia Mexico.
February 23, 2026— February 26, 2026	Kia Mexico confirms the 2026MY K4 Hatchback rear center seat anchor buckle is supplied by the same supplier as the 2027MY Telluride. Kia Georgia and Kia Mexico work with supplier and provide Kia NA Safety Office with scope of affected vehicles.  Kia NA Safety Office review of all field data sources identifies no improper latching of seatbelt anchor buckles on either model.
February 27, 2026	Kia NA Safety Office decides to recall certain 2026MY K4 Hatchback and certain 2027MY Telluride vehicles. No accidents, injuries, or fatalities.