

**2027MY Telluride & Telluride Hybrid  
Driver's Seatbelt Assembly  
Basis of Noncompliance Determination 573.6(c)(6)**

April 8, 2026	During routine review of field data, Kia North America (Kia NA) identifies Techline case involving a 2027MY Telluride [Vehicle 1] with a complaint of the driver's seatbelt getting stuck when pulling webbing and not allowing full extension of the belt. Kia NA informs Kia Georgia and begins monitoring issue.
April 24, 2026	Kia NA and Kia Georgia inspect a 2027MY Telluride [Vehicle 2] with complaint of driver's seatbelt locking when extending webbing but are unable to duplicate issue on vehicle. Kia Georgia collects incident part for further evaluation.
April 30, 2026	Kia Georgia works with seatbelt supplier and identifies supplier may have equipped certain driver seatbelt assemblies with the incorrect vehicle sensor. Kia NA Safety Office conducts preliminary data analysis and identifies ten warranty claims related to driver's seatbelts locking or not extending. Kia NA Safety Office escalates issue for further investigation.
May 1, 2026—May 15, 2026	Kia NA Safety Office inspects 2027MY Telluride vehicles in the field and finds seatbelts lock when attempting to extend webbing while vehicles are stationary.
May 18, 2026—May 26, 2026	Kia HQ provides Kia NA Safety Office performance test report of sample seatbelt assembly with incorrect vehicle sensor for further review with supplier and Kia Georgia. Kia NA Safety Office works with Kia Georgia and supplier to evaluate circumstances surrounding emergency locking retractor (ELR) activation resulting in locking of the driver's seatbelt at less than 15 degrees when rotated from its orientation in the vehicle.
May 26, 2026	<p>Kia NA completes regulatory review and finds vehicles equipped with seatbelt assemblies that lock at an angle of less than 15 degrees under zero acceleration loading do not comply with the ELR directional rotation requirements of FMVSS 209, section S4.3(j)(2)(i)(E).</p> <p>Kia NA Safety Office decides to conduct a noncompliance recall of certain 2027MY Telluride and Telluride Hybrid vehicles. No crashes, injuries, or fatalities.</p>