



NEW VEHICLE DELIVERY HOLD NOTICE

DATE	8/24/2026
RECALL ID	Kia: SC379 / NHTSA: <i>TBD</i>
SUBJECT	Kia is conducting a noncompliance safety recall to address a potential issue involving the Occupant Detection System (ODS).
AFFECTED VEHICLES	Certain 2025-2026 MY EV9 vehicles manufactured at Kia Georgia from May 17, 2024 through May 13, 2026. (* 2025 MY EV9 vehicles manufactured in Korea are not affected by this recall.)
AFFECTED POPULATION	Approximately 21,290 vehicles
RECALL CONDITION	The Occupant Detection System (ODS) mat bladder tube, which is located under the front passenger seat cushion, may become pinched when the seat is adjusted to the highest position due to improper routing of the tube. Repeated adjustment of the front passenger seat height/tilt may damage the bladder tube. If this condition occurs, the ODS may not suppress the deployment of the passenger front airbag for a child in a child restraint system (CRS) in the event of a crash. As a result, the subject vehicles do not comply with the suppression requirement of FMVSS 208, "Occupant Crash Protection," increasing the risk of injury to a child in a CRS, in the event of a crash, due to deployment of the front passenger airbag.
REMEDY	When the remedy is available, dealers will inspect the ODS mat bladder tube routing and, if necessary, replace the ODS mat and bladder tube with a new one and ensure proper routing. In addition, dealers will also replace the seat cover assembly. Lastly, Kia will remind owners to <u>never install a CRS in the front passenger seat and that any child age 13 and under should ride in the rear seat.</u>
REMEDY AVAILABILITY	TBD
PLANNED NOTIFICATIONS	Dealers will be notified in writing by no later than 10/15/2026. Owners will be notified by first-class mail by no later than 10/20/2026.
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.

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

Sincerely,

Kia North America Safety Office

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.