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## TECHNICAL SERVICE BULLETIN

**SUBJECT: SERVICE ACTION: GAMMA 1.6L-T GDI ULEV MIL ON  
DTC P0128 AND/OR DTC P0300~304 JUDGEMENT LOGIC  
IMPROVEMENT (SA419)**

This bulletin provides the procedure to improve the logic of the Engine Control Unit (ECU) on some 2019-2020 Forte GT (BDm) vehicles equipped with Gamma 1.6L-T GDI ULEV engines, produced from February 15, 2019 through March 11, 2020, which may exhibit check engine lamp with misfire and/or cooling system related DTC's outlined in the table below. To correct this concern, apply the improved logic to the ECU using the KDS ECU Upgrade function as described in this bulletin. For confirmation that the latest reflash has been applied to a vehicle you are working on, verify the ROM ID using the table on page 3 of this bulletin. Before conducting the procedure, verify the vehicle is included in the list of affected VINs.

DTC	Description
P0300	Random/Multiple Cylinder Misfire Detected
P0301	Cylinder 1 Misfire Detected
P0302	Cylinder 2 Misfire Detected
P0303	Cylinder 3 Misfire Detected
P0304	Cylinder 4 Misfire Detected
P0128	Coolant Thermostat - (Coolant Temperature Below Thermostat Regulating Temperature)

### \* NOTICE

A Service Action is a repair program without customer notification that is performed during the warranty period. Any dealer requesting to perform this repair outside the warranty period will require DPSM approval.

Repair status for a VIN is provided on WebDCS (Service → Warranty Coverage → Warranty Coverage Inquiry → Campaign Information). Not completed Recall / Service Action reports are available on WebDCS (Consumer Affairs → Not Completed Recall → Recall VIN → Select Report), which includes a list of affected vehicles.

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Always refer to KGIS for the latest information.

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### **ECU Upgrade Procedure:**

To correct this condition, the ECU should be reprogrammed using the KDS download, as described in this bulletin.

<b>Upgrade Event Name</b>
<b>489. BDM GAMMA 1.6TGDI ULEV MIL ON DTC JUDGMENT LOGIC IMPROVEMENT (P0128)</b>

#### **\* NOTICE**

- **A fully charged battery is necessary before ECU upgrade can take place. It is recommended that a battery charger is used in ECU mode during reflashing or the use of a fully charged jump starter box connected to the battery.**
- **DO NOT connect any other battery charger to the vehicle during ECU upgrade.**
- **Ensure the KDS or GDS is sufficiently charged prior to reflash.**
- **All ECU upgrades must be done with the ignition key in the 'ON' position.**
- **Be careful not to disconnect the VCI-II connected to the vehicle during the ECU upgrade procedure.**
- **DO NOT start the engine during ECU upgrade.**
- **Do NOT turn the ignition key 'OFF' or interrupt the power supply during ECU upgrade.**
- **When the ECU upgrade is completed, turn the ignition 'OFF' and wait 10 seconds before starting the engine.**
- **ONLY use approved ECU upgrade software designated for the correct model and model year.**

#### **\* NOTICE**

**It is recommended to ALWAYS check the Electronic Parts Catalog (EPC) to locate the ECU Part Number respective to Auto/Manual Mode ROM IDs. DO NOT reference the parts label affixed to the ECU.**


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## \* NOTICE

Before attempting an ECU upgrade on any Kia model, make sure to first determine whether the particular model is equipped with an immobilizer security system. Failure to follow proper procedures may cause the PCM to become inoperative after the upgrade and any claims associated with this repair may be subject to chargeback.

### ROM ID INFORMATION TABLE:

#### Upgrade Event #489

Model	EM	TM	IMMO 	ECU P/No.	ROM ID	
					Previous	New
BDm	Gamma 1.6L-T GDI ULEV	6MT	Yes	39118 2B929	TBDMJNU06F000601 TBDMJNU06F100601 TBDMJNU06F200601 TBDMJNU06F300601	TBDMJNU06F400601
			No	39118 2B930	TBDMJNU06E000601 TBDMJNU06E100601 TBDMJNU06E200601 TBDMJNU06E300601	TBDMJNU06E400601
		7DCT	Yes	39118 2B931	TBDMJNU06F000H01 TBDMJNU06F100H01 TBDMJNU06F200H01 TBDMJNU06F300H01	TBDMJNU06F400H01
			No	39118 2B932	TBDMJNU06E000H01 TBDMJNU06E100H01 TBDMJNU06E200H01 TBDMJNU06E300H01	TBDMJNU06E400H01

**To verify the vehicle is affected, be sure to check the Calibration Identification of the vehicle's ECM ROM ID and reference the Information Table as necessary.**

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**\* NOTICE**

**Prior to performing the ECU upgrade, be sure to check that the KDS is fully charged.**

1. Connect the VCI-II to the OBD-II connector, located under the driver's side of the instrument panel.

**\* NOTICE**

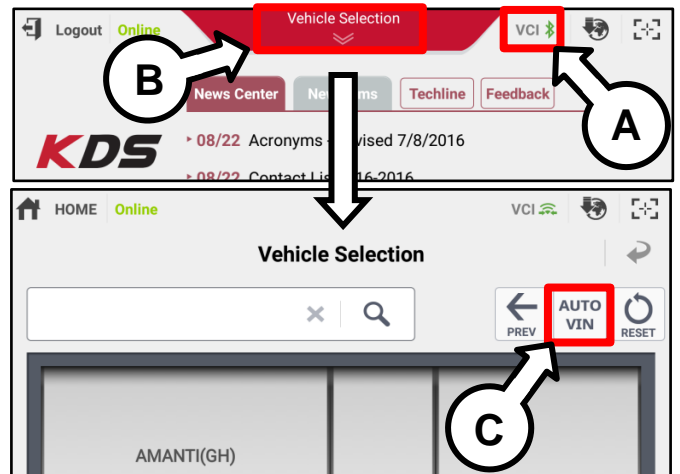
**The ECU upgrade function on KDS operates wirelessly. It is not necessary to perform the upgrade via USB cable.**



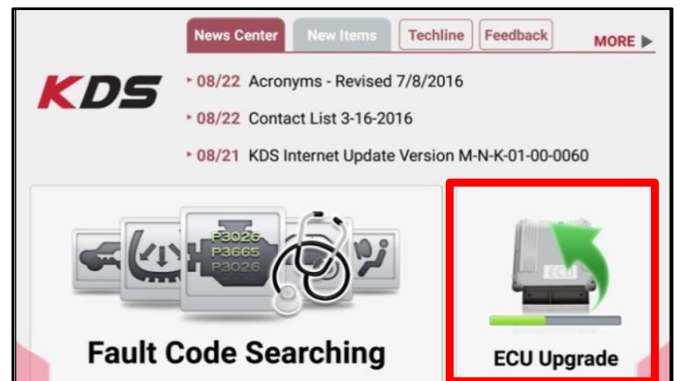
2. With the ignition ON, turn ON the KDS tablet. Select **KDS** from the home screen.



3. Confirm communication with VCI (A) and then configure the vehicle (B) using the **AUTO VIN** (C) feature.



4. Select **ECU Upgrade**.

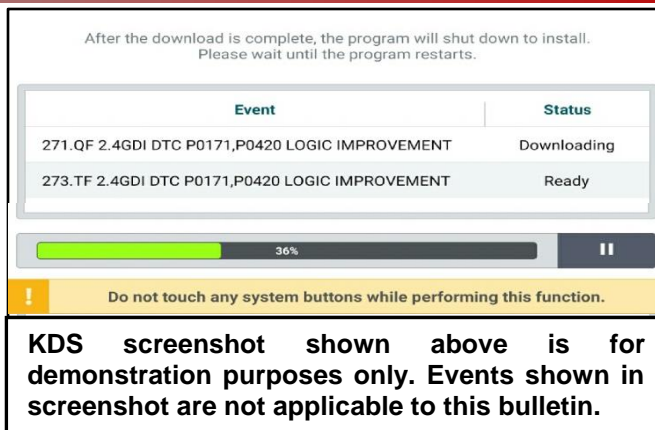


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- The KDS will check the server for recently uploaded Events and then automatically download **Upgrade Event #489**.

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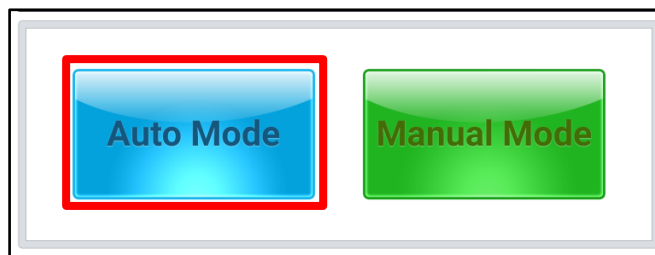
The vehicle must be identified in Vehicle Selection to download an Event for that vehicle.



- Select **Auto Mode**.

**CAUTION**

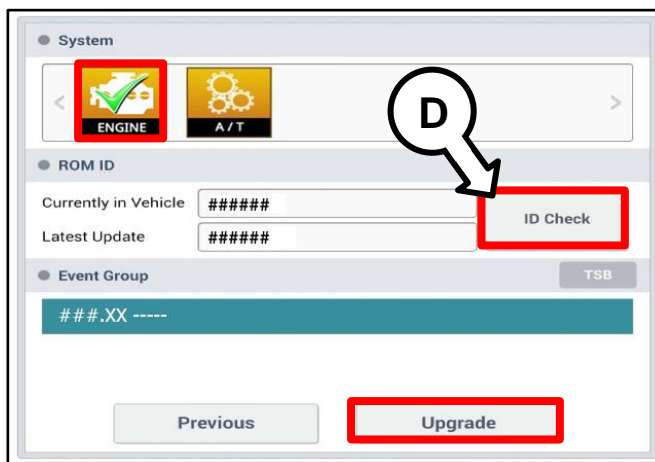
Do NOT attempt to perform a Manual Mode upgrade UNLESS Auto Mode fails. Always follow the instructions given on the KDS in either Auto or Manual mode.



- Select the **ENGINE** system under the System selection menu.

Touch **ID Check** (D) and confirm that the latest update is available.

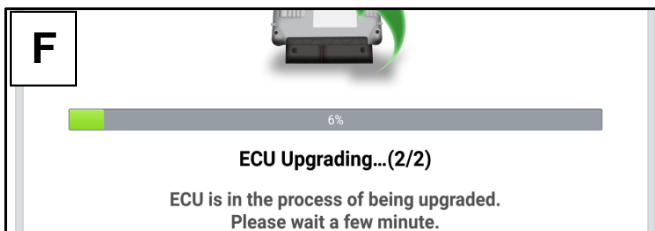
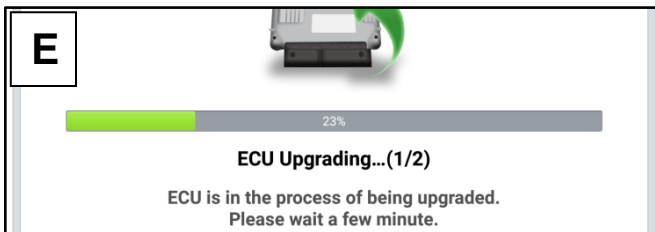
Select **Upgrade Event #489** and select **Upgrade** to continue.



- The ECU upgrade will begin and the progress of the upgrade will appear on the bar graph. Upgrade part (1/2) (E) will download the upgrade event to the VCI-II. Upgrade part (2/2) (F) will upgrade the ECU.

**CAUTION**

Do not touch the system buttons (like 'Back', 'Home', 'etc.') while performing ECU Upgrade.

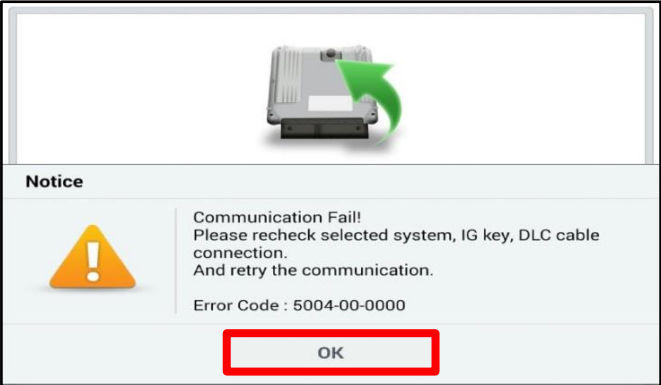


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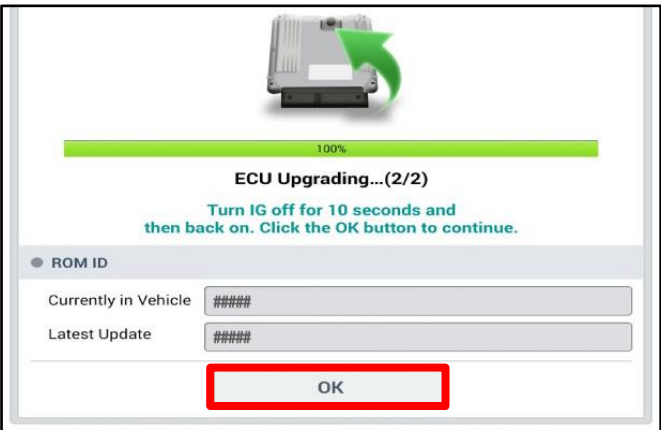
9. If a “Communication Fail” screen appears, verify that the VCI-II and KDS are communicating properly. Touch **OK** and restart the procedure from step 4.

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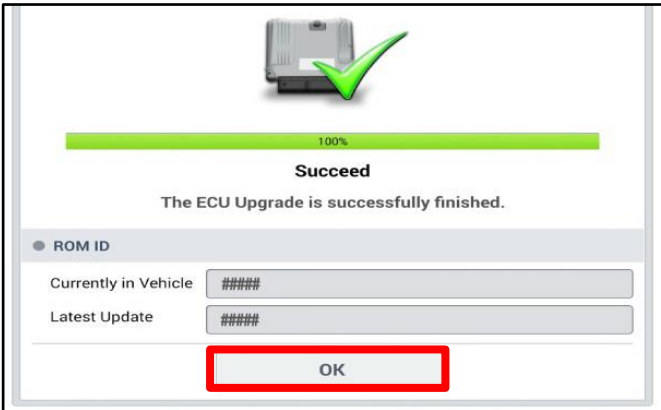
**If an error notice continues to appear or if the upgrade cannot be performed, DO NOT disconnect the KDS/VCI-II. Contact GIT America Help Desk at (888) 542-4371 or Techline.**



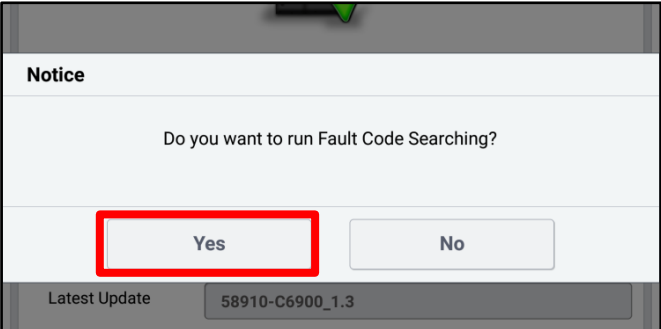
10. When instructed on the KDS, turn the ignition **OFF** for ten (10) seconds then back on. Touch **OK** to continue.



11. Once the upgrade is complete, touch **OK** to finalize the procedure.



12. When prompted, select **YES** to check for Diagnostic Trouble Codes (DTC) and erase any DTCs stored such as EPS, ESC, and TPMS that may have been set during the upgrade.



13. Start the engine to confirm proper operation of the vehicle.



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### Manual Upgrade Procedure:

#### \* NOTICE

The manual upgrade should **ONLY** be performed if the automatic upgrade fails.

If the automatic upgrade fails, turn the ignition **OFF** for about **10 seconds** then place it back in the **ON** position to reset the control unit **BEFORE** performing manual upgrade.

See table below for Manual Mode passwords.

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It is recommended to **ALWAYS** check the Electronic Parts Catalog (EPC) to locate the ECU Part Number respective to Auto/Manual Mode ROM IDs. **DO NOT** reference the parts label affixed to the ECU.

### Manual Mode ECU Upgrade Passwords

Menu	Password
BD GAMMA 1.6TGDI ULEV 6MT +IMMO/SMK : 39118-2B929	<b>2929</b>
BD GAMMA 1.6TGDI ULEV 6MT -IMMO : 39118-2B930	<b>2930</b>
BD GAMMA 1.6TGDI ULEV 7DCT +IMMO/SMK : 39118-2B931	<b>2931</b>
BD GAMMA 1.6TGDI ULEV 7DCT -IMMO : 39118-2B932	<b>2932</b>

1. Within the ECU Upgrade screen displayed, select **Manual Mode**.
2. Select the **ENGINE** system under the System selection menu. Select **Upgrade Event #489** and select **Upgrade** to continue.
3. Select the appropriate control unit part number with reference to the ROM ID Information Table on page 3, and select **OK**.
4. Enter the appropriate password from the Manual Mode password table above and select **OK**.
5. The upgrade will begin and the progress of the upgrade will appear on the bar graph.
6. When instructed on the KDS, turn the ignition **OFF** for ten (10) seconds then back on. Touch **OK** to continue.
7. Once the upgrade is complete, touch **OK** to finalize the procedure.
8. When prompted, select **YES** to check for Diagnostic Trouble Codes (DTC) and erase any DTCs stored such as EPS, ESC, and TPMS that may have been set during the upgrade.
9. Start the engine to confirm proper operation of the vehicle.

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## AFFECTED VEHICLE RANGE:

Model	Production Date Range
Forte (BDm)	February 15, 2019 to March 11, 2020

## WARRANTY INFORMATION:

**N Code: N99 C Code: C99**

Claim Type	Causal P/N	Qty.	Repair Description	Labor Op Code	Op Time	Replacement P/N	Qty.
V	39118 2B929	0	(SA419) Gamma 1.6T GDI ECU Logic Improvement	200M01R0	0.3 M/H	N/A	0

**\* NOTICE**

VIN inquiry data for this repair is provided for tracking purposes only. Kia retailers should reference SA419 when accessing the WebDCS system.