This bulletin provides information related to a software update to the Engine Control Unit (ECU) to install the Knock Sensor Detection System (KSDS) in order to protect the engine from excessive connecting rod bearing damage. This update is for some 2014-2016MY Soul (PS) vehicles produced from July 21, 2013 through August 11, 2016 equipped with Nu 2.0L GDI engines.

The KSDS detects vibrations indicating the onset of excessive connecting rod bearing wear. It is designed to alert the driver at an early stage of bearing wear before the occurrence of severe engine damage, including engine failure. If vibrations caused by bearing wear start to occur, the Malfunction Indicator Lamp (MIL) will blink continuously, and the vehicle will be placed in Limp Home Mode. This will reduce further damage to the engine and ensure that the vehicle occupants are not exposed to the risk of a more severe engine failure. At that time, Diagnostic Trouble Code (“DTC”) P1326, specific to the KSDS, will be recorded in the ECU. The vehicle can continue to be operated for a limited time in Limp Home Mode, but it will accelerate slowly and have a reduced maximum speed. Also, engine RPMs will be limited to approximately 1800-2000 RPM.

Kia is requesting the completion of this Product Improvement Campaign on all affected vehicles. **Before conducting the procedure, verify the vehicle is included in the list of affected VINs.** Also, please have your KDS connected to the internet regularly to get the latest software updates available.

**NOTICE**

To assure complete customer satisfaction, always remember to refer to WebDCS Warranty Coverage (validation) Inquiry Screen (Service → Warranty Coverage → Warranty Coverage Inquiry) for a list of any additional campaigns that may need to be performed on the vehicle before returning it to the customer.
ECU Upgrade Procedure:

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

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<tr>
<td>523. PS Nu 2.0GDI Knock Sensor Detection System (KSDS) ECU UPGRADE</td>
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★ NOTICE

- A fully charged battery is necessary before the ECU upgrade can take place. It is recommended that a battery charger is used in ECU mode during the reflash or the use of a fully charged jump starter box connected to the battery.
- Ensure the KDS or GDS is sufficiently charged at 50% or higher 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.

⚠️ IMPORTANT

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.

★ NOTICE

Before attempting an ECU upgrade on any Kia model, make sure to first determine whether the applicable 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 #523**

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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.
SUBJECT: NU 2.0L GDI - KNOCK SENSOR DETECTION SYSTEM (KSDS) ECU UPGRADE (PI2002B)

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.
5. The KDS will check the server for recently uploaded Events and then automatically download Upgrade Event #523.

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

6. 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.

7. Select the ENGINE system under the System selection menu.
   Touch ID Check (D) and confirm that the latest update is available.
   Select Upgrade Event #523 and select Upgrade to continue.

8. 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.
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.

**NOTICE**

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.
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.

### Manual Mode ECU Upgrade Passwords

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1. Within the ECU Upgrade screen displayed, select **Manual Mode**.
2. Select the **ENGINE** system under the System selection menu. Select **Upgrade Event #523** 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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WARRANTY INFORMATION:

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*NOTICE*

VIN inquiry data for this repair is provided for tracking purposes only. Kia retailers should reference PI2002B when accessing the WebDCS system.