

**Engine Compartment Fires (SC200)  
Basis of Safety Defect Determination 573.6(c)(6)**

<b>March 29, 2019</b>	NHTSA opens Preliminary Evaluation (PE19-004) to investigate non-crash fires involving 2011-2014MY Kia Optima and Sorento and 2010-2015 Kia Soul vehicles.
<b>June 28, 2019</b>	Kia Motors America, Inc., (KMA) submits response to information request letter which includes all Kia models (13 models spanning 12 model years) equipped with Theta II, Lambda, Gamma and Nu engines. KMA concludes that other than recalls already announced, there is no information indicating any fire related safety defect trends. KMA continues to monitor.
<b>August 2019-June 2020</b>	KMA shares its fire inspection results with NHTSA during its weekly telephone conferences and continues to monitor for potential fire related defect trends that may require further field action.
<b>July 27, 2020</b>	NHTSA presents analysis of PE19-004 fire investigation data submitted by Kia. ODI recommends Kia conduct recalls on certain models with higher fire complaint rate.
<b>September 10, 2020</b>	Kia presents detailed analysis of engine compartment fire complaints identified by NHTSA and proposes field action for certain models with a higher complaint rate but with no identified manufacturing or design defect. NHTSA takes Kia's proposal under consideration.
<b>November 12, 2020</b>	NHTSA provides its feedback regarding Kia's proposal. KMA advises KMC of NHTSA's feedback.
<b>November 24, 2020</b>	Based on NHTSA's recommendation, KMC makes decision to recall certain Kia vehicles as a preventative measure to mitigate any potential fire risk. KMA advises NHTSA of recall decision during its monthly telephone conference.
<b>December 1, 2020</b>	Based on Hyundai's recall notice information, KMC makes decision to include the 2013 MY Optima Hybrid and 2012MY Sportage vehicles equipped with Theta II MPI engines as part its recall.