

**2016-2018MY Forte/Forte Koup and 2018-2019MY Rio
Emergency Trunk Latch Release Mechanism Chronology
Basis of Noncompliance Determination 573.6(c)(6)**

July 29, 2021	Kia Corporation (Kia HQ) notifies Kia North America (Kia NA) that Hyundai is considering conducting a field action to address an issue regarding the emergency trunk release mechanism in certain Hyundai models and advises Kia NA that the same trunk latch assembly used in the Hyundai Sonata is also used in certain Kia models. Kia NA Safety Office begins evaluation of its field data for Kia vehicles equipped with the same trunk latch assembly as the Hyundai vehicles.
August 1, 2021	Kia HQ informs Kia NA that Hyundai Motor America (HMA) made a decision to recall certain Hyundai models on July 30, 2021 to address a damaged trunk pawl condition that could prevent the opening of trunk lid through actuation of the emergency trunk release.
August 2-3, 2021	<p>Kia NA Safety Office identifies 41 warranty claims, three (3) technical assistance case center reports and two (2) customer pay claims which describe the potential inoperability of the emergency release mechanism.</p> <p>Kia NA further evaluates potential noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) and on August 3, 2021 concludes the an inoperable emergency trunk release mechanism results in the noncompliance with the trunk latch release requirements of FMVSS 401, § S.4.3(a).</p>
August 3, 2021	Kia NA decides to conduct a noncompliance FMVSS 401 recall. 41 warranty claims, three (3) technical assistance case center reports and two (2) customer pay claims. No fatalities, injuries, crashes or fires.