



April 10, 2023

## FOLLOW-UP NOTICE

# ATTENTION: ALL DEALER PRINCIPALS

### THIS IS A FOLLOW-UP NOTICE TO ADVISE THAT THE FINAL REMEDY IS NOW AVAILABLE

Kia America, Inc., pursuant to the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act, is conducting a Safety Recall Campaign on certain 2020-2022 model year Telluride vehicles manufactured from January 9, 2019 to August 12, 2022 equipped with a Genuine Kia 4-pin tow hitch harness accessory supplied by Mobis Parts America.

A fire may occur in the area of the tow hitch harness module while driving or while the vehicle is parked with the ignition off. Foreign material and moisture contamination on the tow hitch harness module printed circuit board (PCB) may result in an electrical short circuit, thereby increasing the risk of a tow hitch harness module fire. A fire increases the risk of injury.

Kia will notify certain 2020-2022MY Telluride owners regardless of whether their vehicle was equipped with a 4-pin or 7-pin tow hitch harness as a port installed option (PIO) in an effort to capture those vehicles that may have had a 4-pin trailer tow harness installed as a dealer installed option (DIO).

- **If the customer had the initial remedy completed (fuse replacement):** Kia dealers will inspect and, if necessary, replace the tow hitch harness assembly. In addition, dealers will install a wiring harness extension to prevent moisture intrusion into the tow hitch module.
- **If the customer has not had the initial remedy completed:** Kia dealers will inspect and, if necessary, replace the tow hitch harness assembly. In addition, Kia dealers will install a new fuse with a different capacity to address the fire risk while the vehicle is in operation or parked and also install a wiring harness extension to prevent moisture intrusion into the tow hitch module.

REMINDER: Kia dealers have been advised not to sell the 4-pin tow hitch harnesses and to return any unsold harnesses to Kia America.

Your Service Manager was sent a copy of the follow-up owner notification letter and a Q&A guide for recall questions both of which describe the issue and information on how to access the list of affected vehicles. Kia will start mailing follow-up notices to the affected vehicle owners beginning on **April 12, 2023**.

#### What Should You Do?

Please make certain the appropriate personnel in your dealership are familiar with the details of this recall campaign to ensure proper responses to customer inquiries and requests to have the campaign performed on their vehicles.

**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.**

**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.

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

Sincerely,

Kia Service Department

Enclosures