



September 20, 2022

ATTENTION: ALL DEALER PRINCIPALS

Kia America, Inc., pursuant to the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act, is conducting a Safety Recall Campaign on certain 2023 model year Sportage vehicles manufactured at Kia Georgia from January 12, 2022 through August 8, 2022.

The alternator battery positive (B+) terminal nut ensures that the electrical connection is maintained between the battery wire harness terminal plate and the alternator B+ terminal. The B+ terminal nut may not have been properly torqued by the supplier during assembly. If the terminal nut is not properly torqued, it can loosen over time and may result in an engine stall while driving. In the worst case, a fire may occur while driving due to electrical arcing at the B+ terminal. A vehicle stall increases the risk of a crash, and a fire increases the risk of injury.

Dealers will be instructed to inspect, and if necessary, properly torque the alternator B+ terminal nut.

Your Service Manager was sent a copy of the 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 notices to the affected vehicle owners beginning on **September 23, 2022**

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