



January 5, 2023

## **ATTENTION: ALL DEALER PRINCIPALS**

Kia America, Inc., pursuant to the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act, is conducting a Safety Recall Campaign on the 2017-2018 MY Niro Hybrid vehicles manufactured from November 1, 2016 to September 11, 2017 that were previously recalled under 18V666 (SC168).

This is a new recall and supersedes the previously launched 18V666 recall.

The Power Relay Assembly (PRA) is located underneath the rear seat and consists of various components including the Main Relay. Inadequate connection between the Main Relay contacts can increase electrical resistance thereby generating heat. If sufficient heat is generated, thermal damage may occur to the rear seat, including the potential for a fire. Recall 18V666 addresses this concern by instructing dealers to inspect and replace the PRA if thermal damage is found or replace the Main Relay if no thermal damage is found. However, the subject vehicles may not have had the remedy relay installed during the 18V666 recall repair. As a result, the potential for a fire may still exist.

Dealers will inspect the Power Relay Assembly (PRA) for any signs of thermal damage. If any thermal damage is present, the PRA will be replaced with a new one. If no thermal damage is present and the original Main Relay (LS IS CO., Ltd.) is still installed, the Main Relay will be replaced with a new one (Panasonic).

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 **January 9, 2023**.

### **What Should You Do?**

Please make personnel in your dealership familiar with the details of this Safety Recall Campaign so they may properly address recall related issues and promptly respond to customer inquiries and requests.

**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 facing Kia District Parts & Service Manager.

Sincerely,

Kia Service Department

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