

**2023MY Kia Telluride
2nd Row Seat Side Airbag Wire Harness
Basis of Safety Defect Determination 573.6(c)(6)**

December 27, 2022	Kia North America (Kia NA) receives Technical Assistance Center case report from dealer involving damage to second row seat side airbag wire harness in 2023MY Telluride due to contact with seat frame resulting in illumination of the airbag warning light.
January 4, 2023	Kia NA Safety Office informs Kia Georgia of incident and requests further investigation.
January 5 – January 12, 2023	Kia Georgia stops shipping 2023MY Telluride vehicles and conducts yard inspection of 2,219 vehicles at plant. 20 out of 2,219 vehicles exhibit wire harness contact with seat frame, but no damage to wire harness is identified, and no illumination of airbag warning light. No wire harness contact with seat frame is found in the remaining inspected vehicles. Kia Georgia informs Kia NA Safety Office of inspection results.
January 9 – January 10, 2023	Kia NA Safety Office conducts preliminary field data analysis and finds no customer complaints, warranty claims or techline cases other than the one previously identified on December 27, 2022. Field data review also confirms no airbag non-deployment incidents involving this condition.
January 13 – January 19, 2023	Kia NA Safety Office requests Kia Corporation (Kia HQ) to evaluate issue. Evaluation identifies if wire harness is damaged, the second row seat side airbag(s) may not deploy in a crash sufficient to warrant such a deployment. Kia HQ informs Kia NA Safety Office of its evaluation. Kia NA Safety Office escalates issue to SEL.
January 20, 2023	Kia NA Safety Office conducts updated field data analysis and confirms no customer complaints, warranty claims or techline cases other than the one previously identified on December 27, 2022. Field data review also confirms no airbag non-deployment incidents involving this condition.
January 24, 2023	Kia NA decides to recall certain 2023MY Kia Telluride vehicles to address potential airbag non-deployment condition. No fatalities, injuries, crashes or fires.