

**2006-2014 MY Sedona Hood Latch
Basis of Safety Defect Determination 573.6(c)(6)**

March 23, 2016	Kia Motors America, Inc., (“KMA”) identifies through normal monitoring of field data, recent VOQ alleging hood opening while driving.
March 24, 2016	KMA reviews CA and warranty claim data relating to hood opening while driving incidents. 33 consumer assistance center case reports; 3 warranty claims.
March 28, 2016	KMA sends field data to Kia Motors Corporation (“KMC”) for evaluation.
March 28-April 6, 2016	KMA conducts field inspections of a random selection of 44 exemplar 2006-2014 MY Sedona hood latches to evaluate condition and operation of secondary latch; rust and corrosion found at the rod linkage point in some secondary latches.
April 7, 2016	KMA sends inspection report to KMC for evaluation.
April 10-20, 2016	KMC engineers come to the U.S. to conduct field survey of 31 additional Sedona vehicles. Corrosion identified at the rod linkage point. Parts collected for further evaluation.
April 25-May 12, 2016	KMC works with supplier to analyze potential causes of binding of secondary hood latch in open position. It is determined that if latch is moved with excessive force to the open position, corrosion/rust at the rod linkage point may cause the latch to get stuck and not return to closed position.
May 23, 2016	KMC makes decision to conduct a voluntary safety recall. 33 consumer assistance center case reports; 3 warranty claims. No accidents.