VIN Decoding Information (USA)

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1. Basic Structure

Section	1st			2nd					3rd	4th							
Position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
--	WMI			VDS					C/D	VIS							

(Note) WMI: World Manufacturer Identifier, VDS: Vehicle Descriptor Section, C/D: Check Digit, VIS: Vehicle Indicator Section

2. WMI Section

Position	1	2	3	Decipherable Information		Remarks
				Make	Vehicle Type	
Code	K	N	A	Kia	Passenger Car	The WMI codes were confirmed by SAE on September of 1992.
			D	Kia	MPV	

(Note) SAE: Society of Automotive Engineers, Inc

3. VDS Section

(1) Passenger Car

Position	4	5	6	7	8	4-5 Line/Series	6-7 Body Type	8 Engine/Restraint
Code	D	C	1	2	3	Rio (BC)	4Door Sedan	1.5L(DOHC)/Air Bags
				6			5Door Hatch	
				2	5	Rio F/L (BC)	4Door Sedan	1.6L(DOHC)/Air Bags
				6			5Door Hatch	
		E	1	2	3	Rio (JB)	4Door Sedan	1.6L(DOHC)/Air Bags
				6			5Door Hatch	
	F	A	1	2	1	Sephia	4Door Sedan	1.6L(SOHC)/Auto Belts
					3			1.6L(DOHC)/Auto Belts
					4			1.6L(DOHC)/Air Bags
					5			1.8L(DOHC)/Air Bags
		B	1	2	1	Spectra (SD)	4Door Sedan	1.8L(DOHC)/Air Bags
				6			5Door Hatch	
		E	1	2	1	Spectra (LD)	4Door Sedan	2.0L(DOHC)/Air Bags
					2			2.0L(DOHC SULEV)/Air Bags
				6	1		5Door Hatch	2.0L(DOHC)/Air Bags
					2			2.0L(DOHC SULEV)/Air Bags
	G	D	1	2	6	Optima (MS)	4Door Sedan	2.4(DOHC)/Air Bags
					8			2.7V6/Air Bags
		E	1	2	3	Optima (MG)	4Door Sedan	2.4(DOHC)/Air Bags
					4			2.7V6/Air Bags
	L	D	1	2	4	Amanti	4Door Sedan	3.5V6/Air Bags

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(2) Multi-purpose Passenger Vehicle

Position	4	5	6	7	8	4-5 Line/Series		6 Body Type	7 GVWR	8 Engine
Code	J	A	6	2	1	Sportage	4WD	2Door SUV	1821~2270 kg	2.0L SOHC
			7					4Door SUV		
		B	6		3		2WD	2Door SUV		2.0L DOHC
			7					4Door SUV		
		C	7	3	3	Sorento	4WD	4Door SUV	2271~2720 kg	3.5L DOHC
		D					2WD			
		E	7	2	2	Sportage (KM)	4WD	4Door SUV	1821~2270 kg	2.0L DOHC (Federal)
		F					2WD			
		E			3		4WD			2.7L DOHC
		F					2WD			
		E			4		4WD			2.0L DOHC (50-State)
		F					2WD			
	U	P	1	3	1	Sedona (GQ)	2WD	Minivan	2271~2720 kg	3.5L DOHC (Federal)
					2					3.5L DOHC (50-State)
	M	B	1	3	3	Sedona (VQ)	2WD	Minivan (Coach)	2271~2720 kg	3.8L DOHC (50-State)
			2							
		C	2			Entourage (EP)		Minivan (Long Coach)		

(Note) SUV: Sports Utility Vehicle

4. Check Digit Section

Position	9	9
Code	*	Calculated in accordance with section 565.4(c) of 49 CFR Part 565.

(Note) * : 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, X,   CFR: Code of Federal Regulation

5. VIS Section

Position	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	10 Model Year	11 Plant	12-17 Sequential Number
Code	6	5	N	N	N	N	N	N	2006MY	Whasung	Arabic Numerals
		6								Sohari	
		7								Kwangju	