

VIN Decoding Information (USA)

1. Basic Structure

Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)																	
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 code 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	6-7	8
						Line/Series	Body Type	Engine/Restraint
Code	F	A	1	2	1	Sephia	4Door Sedan	1.6L(SOHC)/Auto Belt
					2			1.6L(SOHC)/Manual Belt
					3			1.6L(DOHC)/Auto Belt
					4			1.6L(DOHC)/Air Bags
					5			1.8L(DOHC)/Air Bags
	B	1	1	2	Sephia II / Spectra	4Door Sedan	5Door Hatch	1.8L(DOHC)/Air Bags
				6				

(2) Multi-purpose Passenger Vehicle

Position	4	5	6	7	8	4-5	6	7	8
						Line/Series	Body Type	GVWR	Engine
Code	J	A	6	2	1	Sportage	4WD	1821~2270 kg	2.0L SOHC
			7		2				
			6		3				2.0L SOHC(TLEV)
			7						
			6						2.0L DOHC
			7						
		B	6	2	1	Sportage	2WD	1821~2270 kg	2.0L SOHC
			7		2				
			6		3				2.0L SOHC(TLEV)
			7						
			6						2.0L DOHC
			7						
			6						2.0L DOHC
			7						

(Note) SUV: Sports Utility Vehicle

4. Check Digit Section

Position	9	9
Code	*	Calculation 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	11	12-17
									Model Year	Plant	Sequential Number
Code	R	5	N	N	N	N	N	N	1994MY	Whasung	Arabic Numerals
		6								Sohari	
	S	5							1995MY	Whasung	
		6								Sohari	
	T	5							1996MY	Whasung	
		6								Sohari	
	V	5							1997MY	Whasung	
		6								Sohari	
	W	5							1998MY	Whasung	
		6								Sohari	
	X	5							1999MY	Whasung	
		6								Sohari	
	Y	5							2000MY	Whasung	
		6								Sohari	

