



July 11, 2014

Administrator
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, DC 20590
Attention: VIN Coordinator

Dear Administrator,

Pursuant to 49 CFR Part 565, please find enclosed V.I.N Decoding Guide(s) for the following 2015 model year vehicle(s)

Kia Soul EV, Sedona, Optima HEV, Rio 4/5 door, Forte 4/5 door, Forte Koup, Soul, Optima, Cadenza, Sportage, and Rondo.

Should you have any questions regarding this submission, please contact me directly at (734) 337-2533, or by email at jsmith@hatci.com

Enclosure:
2015 Kia Part 565 VIN Decoding 140601

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey Smith", is positioned above the printed name.

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W.M.I			V.D.S					Check Digit	V.I.S			- Rio
Manufacture & Type			Make & Line	Series	Body Type	Restraint	Engine		Year	Plant	Seq. no	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12~17	
K												KIA, Passenger Car
	N											
		A										
			D									KIA, Rio (UB)
				L								L (Low Grade)
				M								GL (Middle-Low Grade)
				N								GLS,JSL,TAX (Middle Grade)
				P								HGS (Middle-High Grade)
				R								TOP (High Grade)
					4							Sedan-4DR
					5							Sedan-5DR
						A						See attached restraint system codes
						D						
						F						
						J						
						L						Gasoline 1.6 DOHC Gamma
							3					
												Check Digit
									F			2015 Model Year
										6		Sohari / Korea
												Sequential Number



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W.M.I			V.D.S					Check Digit	V.I.S			- Forte
Manufacture & Type			Make & Line	Model Series	Body Type	Restraint	Engine		Year	Plant	Seq. no	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12~17	
K												KIA, Passenger Car
	N											
		A										
			F									KIA, Forte (YD 4DR/5DR)
				J								L (Low Grade)
				K								GL (Middle-Low Grade)
				X								GLS,JSL,TAX (Middle Grade)
				Y								HGS (Middle-High Grade)
				Z								TOP (High Grade)
					4							Sedan 4DR
					5							Sedan 5DR
						A						See attached restraint system codes
						D						
						F						
						J						
						L						
							1					Gasoline 1.6 DOHC MPI Gamma
							2					Gasoline 1.6 DOHC GDI Gamma
							3					Gasoline 1.6 DOHC T-GDI Gamma
							6					Gasoline 1.8 DOHC MPI Nu
							7					Gasoline 2.0 DOHC MPI Nu
							8					Gasoline 2.0 DOHC GDI Nu
												Check Digit
									F			2015 Model Year
										5		Hwasung / Korea
												Sequential Number



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W.M.I			V.D.S					Check Digit	V.I.S			- Forte Koup
Manufacture & Type			Make & Line	Model Series	Body Type	Restraint	Engine		Year	Plant	Seq. no	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12~17	
K												KIA, Passenger Car
	N											
		A										
			F									KIA, Forte Koup (YD 2DR)
				J								L (Low Grade)
				K								GL (Middle-Low Grade)
				X								GLS,JSL,TAX (Middle Grade)
				Y								HGS (Middle-High Grade)
				Z								TOP (High Grade)
					6							Coupe
						A						See attached restraint system codes
						D						
						F						
						J						
						L						
							1					Gasoline 1.6 DOHC MPI Gamma
							2					Gasoline 1.6 DOHC GDI Gamma
							3					Gasoline 1.6 DOHC T-GDI Gamma
							6					Gasoline 1.8 DOHC MPI Nu
							7					Gasoline 2.0 DOHC MPI Nu
							8					Gasoline 2.0 DOHC GDI Nu
												Check Digit
									F			2015 Model Year
										5		Hwasung / Korea
												Sequential Number



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W.M.I			V.D.S					Check Digit	V.I.S			- Soul
Manufacture & Type			Make & Line	Model Series	Body Type	Restraint	Engine		Year	Plant	Seq. no	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12~17	
K												KIA, MPV
	N											
		D										
			J									KIA, Soul (PS)
				M								L (Low Grade)
				N								GL (Middle-Low Grade)
				P								GLS,JSL,TAX (Middle Grade)
				R								HGS (Middle-High Grade)
				X								TOP (High Grade)
					2							Wagon 4X2 cls-B
					3							Wagon 4X2 cls-C
						A						See attached restraint system codes
						D						
						F						
						J						
						L						Gasoline 1.6 DOHC GDI GAMMA
							2					
							5					Gasoline 2.0 DOHC GDI Nu
												Check Digit
									F			2015 Model Year
										7		Gwang-ju / Korea
												Sequential Number



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W.M.I			V.D.S					Check Digit	V.I.S			- Optima
Manufacture & Type			Make & Line	Model Series	Body Type	Restraint	Engine		Year	Plant	Seq. no	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12~17	KIA, Passenger Car
K												
	N											
		A										
			G									KIA, Optima (TF F/L)
				L								L (Low Grade)
				M								GL (Middle-Low Grade)
				N								GLS,JSL,TAX (Middle Grade)
				P								HGS (Middle-High Grade)
				R								TOP (High Grade)
					4							Sedan 4DR
						A						See attached restraint system codes
						D						
						F						
						J						
						L						Gasoline 2.0 DOHC T-GDI THETA II
							6					
												Gasoline 2.4 DOHC GDI THETA II
							7					
												Check Digit
									F			2015 Model Year
										5		Hwasung / Korea
												Sequential Number



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W.M.I			V.D.S					Check Digit	V.I.S			- Optima
Manufacture & Type			Make & Line	Model Series	Body Type	Restraint	Engine		Year	Plant	Seq. no	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12-17	
5												KIA, Passenger Car
	X											
		X										
			G									KIA, Optima (QF F/L)
				L								L (Low Grade)
				M								GL (Middle-Low Grade)
				N								GLS,JSL,TAX (Middle Grade)
				P								HGS (Middle-High Grade)
				R								TOP (High Grade)
					4							Sedan 4DR
						A						See attached restraint system codes
						D						
						F						
						J						
						L						Gasoline 2.0 DOHC T-GDI THETA II
							6					
							7					Gasoline 2.4 DOHC GDI THETA II
												Check Digit
									F			2015 Model Year
										G		GEORGIA / USA
												Sequential Number



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W.M.I			V.D.S					Check Digit	V.I.S			- Cadenza
Manufacture & Type			Make & Line	Model Series	Body Type	Restraint	Engine		Year	Plant	Seq. no	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12~17	
K												KIA, Passenger Car
	N											
		A										
			L									KIA, Cadenza (VG)
				L								L (Low Grade)
				M								GL (Middle-Low Grade)
				N								GLS,JSL,TAX (Middle Grade)
				P								HGS (Middle-High Grade)
				R								TOP (High Grade)
					4							Sedan 4DR
						A						See attached restraint system codes
						D						
						F						
						J						
						L						Gasoline 3.3 V6 GDI LAMBDA II
							7					
												Check Digit
									F			2015 Model Year
										5		Hwasung / Korea
												Sequential Number



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W.M.I			V.D.S					Check Digit	V.I.S			- Sportage (SL)
Manufacture & Type			Make & Line	Model Series	Body Type	Restraint	Engine		Year	Plant	Seq. no	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12~17	KIA, MPV
K												
	N											
		D										
			P									KIA, Sportage (SL)
				A								L (Low Grade)
				B								GL (Middle-Low Grade)
				C								GLS (Middle Grade)
				D								HGS (Middle-High Grade)
				E								TOP (High Grade)
					3							Wagon 4X2 Class-C
					C							Wagon 4X4 Class-C
						A						See attached restraint system codes
						D						
						F						
						J						
						L						Gasoline 2.0 DOHC T-GDI THETA II
							6					
							C					Gasoline 2.4 DOHC GDI THETA II
												Check Digit
									F			2015 Model Year
										7		Gwang-ju / Korea
												Sequential Number



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W.M.I			V.D.S					Check Digit	V.I.S			- Rondo
Manufacture & Type			Make & Line	Model Series	Body Type	Restraint	Engine		Year	Plant	Seq. no	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12~17	KIA, Passenger Car
K												
	N											
		A										
			H									KIA, Rondo (RP)
				S								L (Low Grade)
				T								GL (Middle-Low Grade)
				U								GLS (Middle Grade)
				V								HGS (Middle-High Grade)
				W								TOP (High Grade)
					8							WAGON
						A						See attached restraint system codes
						C						
						D						
						F						
						H						
						J						
						L						
							2					Gasoline 2.0 DOHC MPI NU
							3					Gasoline 2.0 DOHC GDI NU
												Check Digit
									F			2015 Model Year
										7		Gwang-ju / Korea
												Sequential Number

Attachment: Restraint system codes

WMI	Vehicle type	Model	Code	RESTRAINT SYSTEM						
				Seat	FRT AIRBAG		KNEE AIRBAG		SIDE AIRBAG	
				belt	Dr's	Pa's	Dr's	Pa's	1ROW	2ROW
K N A 5 X X U 5 Y	Passenger Cars (North America, Mexico)	ALL	A	○	○	○	X	X	○	X
			B	○	○	○	X	X	X	X
			C	○	○	○	X	X	○	X
			D	○	○	○	X	X	○	○
			E	○	○	X	X	X	X	X
			F	○	○	○	X	X	○	X
			H	○	○	○	○	X	○	X
			J	○	○	○	○	X	○	○
			L	○	○	○	○	X	○	X
			N	○	X	X	X	X	X	X
K N D 5 X Y	MPVs (North America, Mexico)	ALL	A	○	○	○	X	X	○	X
			B	○	○	○	X	X	X	X
			C	○	○	○	X	X	○	X
			D	○	○	○	X	X	○	○
			E	○	○	X	X	X	X	X
			F	○	○	○	X	X	○	X
			H	○	○	○	○	X	○	X
			J	○	○	○	○	X	○	○
			L	○	○	○	○	X	○	X
			N	○	X	X	X	X	X	X
		BL	G	○	○	○	○	X	X	X

※ Request a new code to Engineering design management team when a new specification

(○ : available, X : not available)

				BRAKE SYSTEM			REMARKS
3AG	CURTAIN AIRBAG			HYDR- AULIC	AIR	HYD/ AIR	
	3ROW	1ROW	2ROW				
X	○	○	X	-	-	-	▶ Definition: - Dr's : Driver's side - Pa's : Passenger's side ▶ Brake type is applied to trucks(van)and buses. ▶ Codes 『A,B,C,D,E,F,H,J,L and N』 are applied to all vehicle in common. ▶ Other codes(except for A,B,C, D,E,F,H,J,L and N) would have different meaning, even though each vehicle has a same code.
X	X	X	X	-	-	-	
X	○	○	○	-	-	-	
X	○	○	X	-	-	-	
X	X	X	X	-	-	-	
X	X	X	X	-	-	-	
X	○	○	○	-	-	-	
X	○	○	X	-	-	-	
X	○	○	X	-	-	-	
X	X	X	X	-	-	-	
X	○	○	X	-	-	-	▶ Definition: - Dr's : Driver's side - Pa's : Passenger's side ▶ Brake type is applied to trucks(van)and buses. ▶ Codes 『A,B,C,D,E,F,H,J,L and N』 are applied to all vehicle in common. Ex) In case of HM, Codes 『A,B,C,D,E,F,H,J,L,N and G』 can be applied. ▶ Other codes(except for A,B,C, D,E,F,H,J,L and N) would have different meaning, even though each vehicle has a same code.
X	X	X	X	-	-	-	
X	○	○	○	-	-	-	
X	○	○	X	-	-	-	
X	X	X	X	-	-	-	
X	X	X	X	-	-	-	
X	○	○	○	-	-	-	
X	○	○	X	-	-	-	
X	○	○	X	-	-	-	
X	X	X	X	-	-	-	

of restraint system is generated.