

Kia Motors America Statement Regarding Jason Vaughn

Kia Motors America (KMA) is a responsible company and takes all reported concerns seriously. Mr. Vaughn voluntarily resigned from KMA a few weeks ago and we have and are continuing to look into his claims regarding vehicle fires and various unrelated issues. With respect to his specific safety concerns, KMA has repeatedly warned dealers about not recycling GDI parts and some of KMA's publications to dealers about this issue were cited by Mr. Vaughn. KMA has also communicated about this concern with NHTSA. KMA will not be communicating with Mr. Vaughn through the news media.

All automobiles contain combustible materials and a vehicle fire may be the result of any number of complex factors, including a manufacturing issue, inadequate maintenance, the installation of aftermarket parts, an improper repair, arson, or some other non-vehicle source. KMA has added additional resources to ensure that each reported vehicle fire can be investigated as quickly as possible and appropriate action taken.

Kia customers with questions regarding their Kia vehicle should contact KMA's Consumer Assistance Center directly at 1-800-333-4542 (4Kia).