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Kia Forte

2010 Kia Forte Owner's Manual

Your comprehensive guide to operating and maintaining your vehicle.

INTRODUCTION

This manual contains important information regarding the operation, maintenance, and safety of your 2010 Kia Forte. Please read it thoroughly to ensure proper use and to maximize the lifespan of your vehicle. Keep this manual in your vehicle for quick reference.

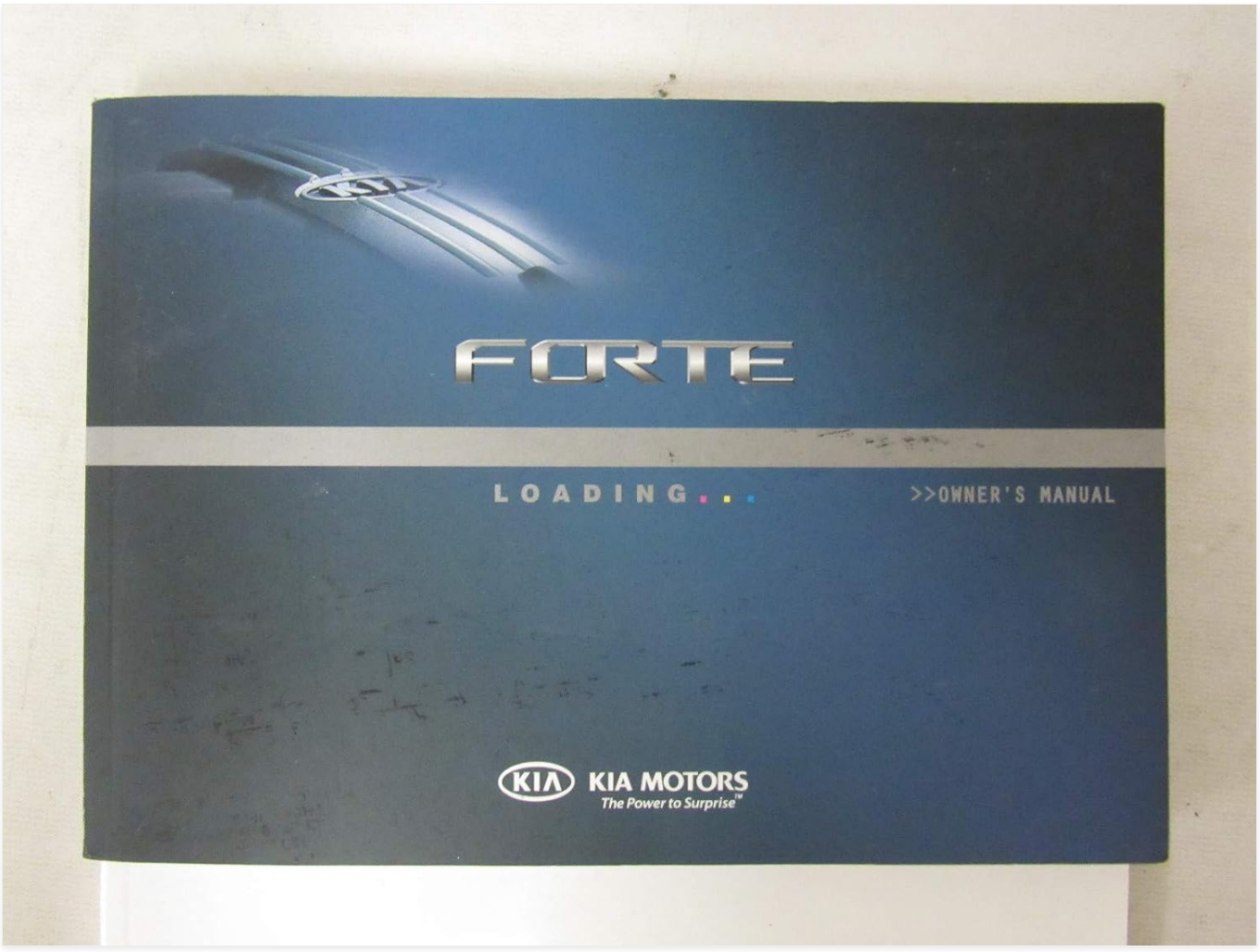

Image: Front cover of the 2010 Kia Forte Owner's Manual. The cover features the Kia logo and the word "FORTE" prominently, with "LOADING..." and ">>OWNER'S MANUAL" text, set against a blue and grey background.

Vehicle Overview

Familiarize yourself with the general layout and key components of your Kia Forte. This section provides an overview of the instrument panel, controls, and interior features.



Image: Cover of the Kia Forte Features & Functions Guide. The cover displays the Kia Delivery First logo, the Forte model name, and a photograph of the vehicle's steering wheel and dashboard controls.

Instrument Panel

The instrument panel provides critical information about your vehicle's status, including speed, engine RPM, fuel level, and warning indicators. Refer to the detailed diagrams within the manual for specific indicator locations and meanings.

Controls and Features

- **Steering Wheel Controls:** Audio, cruise control, and hands-free phone functions.
- **Center Console:** Climate control, audio system, and storage compartments.
- **Door Controls:** Power windows, door locks, and side mirror adjustments.

Driving and Operation

Starting the Engine

1. Ensure the transmission is in Park (P) or Neutral (N).
2. Press the brake pedal firmly.
3. Insert the key and turn it to the START position, then release once the engine starts.

Transmission

Your Kia Forte may be equipped with either a manual or automatic transmission. Refer to the specific section in your manual for detailed operating instructions, including shifting procedures and recommended driving practices.

Braking System

The braking system includes Anti-lock Brake System (ABS) and Electronic Stability Control (ESC) for enhanced safety. Understand how these systems operate and their indicators on the instrument panel.

Maintenance and Care

Regular maintenance is crucial for the performance, safety, and longevity of your Kia Forte. Follow the recommended maintenance schedule outlined in this manual.

Scheduled Maintenance

Refer to the maintenance schedule for recommended service intervals, which include oil changes, tire rotations, and inspections of various components.

Fluid Checks

- Engine Oil Level
- Coolant Level
- Brake Fluid Level
- Windshield Washer Fluid Level

Tire Care

Maintain correct tire pressure and perform regular tire rotations to ensure even wear and optimal handling. Check the tire pressure monitoring system (TPMS) indicator.

Troubleshooting

This section provides guidance on identifying and resolving common issues you might encounter with your Kia Forte.

Warning Lights

Understand the meaning of various warning lights on your instrument panel (e.g., Check Engine, Oil Pressure, Battery, ABS). Consult the manual for immediate actions required for each light.

Common Issues

- **Engine Not Starting:** Check battery, fuel level, and starter.
- **Overheating:** Check coolant level, radiator, and fan operation.
- **Flat Tire:** Refer to the spare tire and jack usage instructions.

Specifications

Detailed technical specifications for the 2010 Kia Forte, including engine type, dimensions, capacities, and performance data.

Key Specifications

Category	Detail

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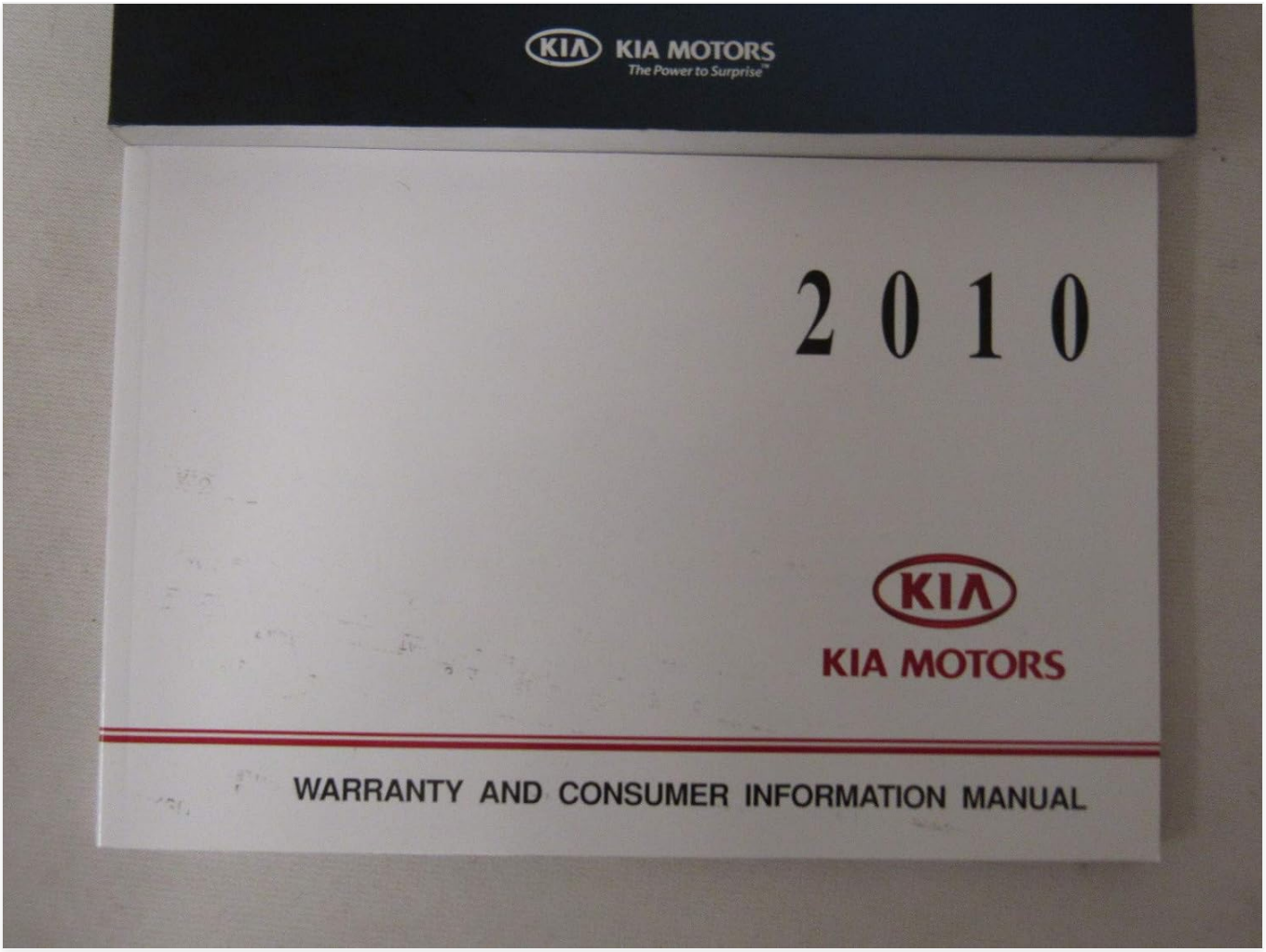
Engine Type	*(Refer to specific model variant in manual)*
Fuel Tank Capacity	*(Refer to specific model variant in manual)*
Overall Length	*(Refer to specific model variant in manual)*
Tire Size	*(Refer to specific model variant in manual)*

For precise figures and additional specifications, please consult the detailed tables within your owner's manual.

Warranty and Support

Your 2010 Kia Forte is covered by a comprehensive warranty. This section provides an overview of your warranty coverage and how to obtain support.



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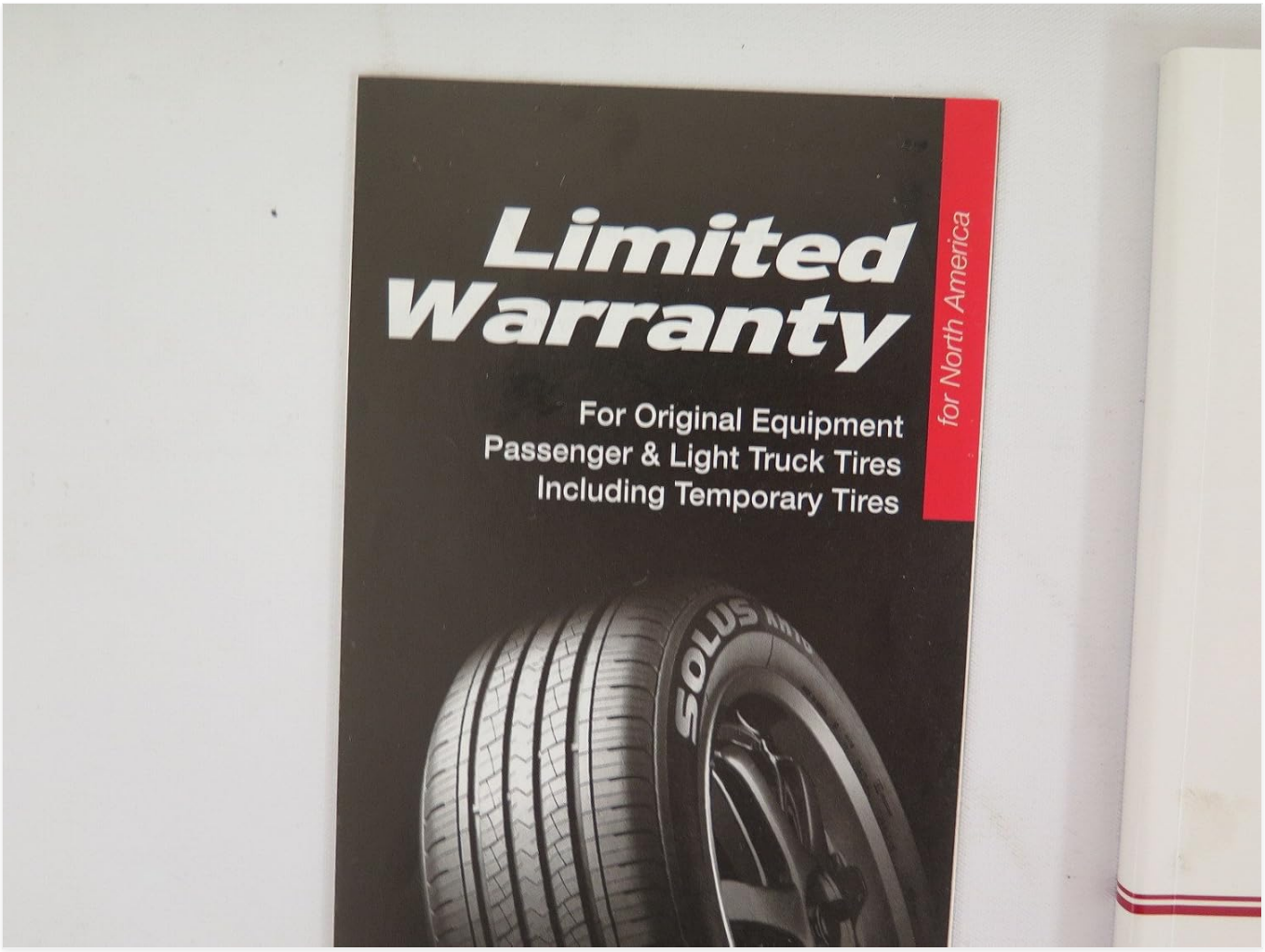

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Warranty Coverage

Details regarding the basic warranty, powertrain warranty, anti-perforation warranty, and roadside assistance are provided in the separate Warranty and Consumer Information Manual. This also includes specific information on tire warranties.

Customer Assistance

For consumer or roadside assistance, please refer to the contact information provided in your vehicle's documentation. You can also visit the official Kia website for further support.

- **Consumer / Roadside Assistance:** 1-800-333-4KIA (4542)
- **Website:** www.kia.com

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