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Kia Sorento

2023 Kia Sorento Owners Manual

Your comprehensive guide to operating and maintaining your Kia Sorento.

Introduction

This manual provides essential information for the safe and efficient operation, maintenance, and care of your 2023 Kia Sorento. Please read it thoroughly to familiarize yourself with the vehicle's features and capabilities. Keep this manual in your vehicle for future reference.

Important Safety Information

Always prioritize safety. Pay close attention to warnings and cautions throughout this manual. Failure to follow instructions could result in serious injury or vehicle damage.

- **Wear Seatbelts:** Always wear your seatbelt and ensure all passengers are properly restrained.
- **Child Safety:** Use appropriate child restraint systems for children.
- **Driving Conditions:** Adjust your driving to suit road, weather, and traffic conditions.
- **Distracted Driving:** Avoid using electronic devices that distract you from driving.

Setup and Initial Configuration

Key and Remote Control

Your Sorento comes with a smart key or a traditional key with a remote. The smart key allows for keyless entry and push-button start. To unlock, press the unlock button on the remote. To lock, press the lock button.

Seat Adjustment

Adjust your seat for optimal driving position and comfort. Most models feature power-adjustable seats. Use the controls on the side of the seat to move forward/backward, recline the backrest, and adjust height.

Mirror Adjustment

Adjust side mirrors using the control switch located on the driver's door panel. Select the left or right mirror, then use the directional pad to position the mirror for clear rear visibility. Adjust the rearview mirror manually.

Steering Wheel Adjustment

Pull the lever located under the steering column to unlock it. Adjust the steering wheel for tilt and telescopic position. Push the lever back up to lock it in place.

Operating Your Vehicle

Starting and Stopping the Engine

With Smart Key: Ensure the shift lever is in P (Park) or N (Neutral). Press the brake pedal firmly. Press the ENGINE START/STOP button. To turn off, shift to P and press the button again.

With Traditional Key: Insert the key into the ignition switch. Turn the key to the START position while pressing the brake pedal. Release the key once the engine starts. To turn off, turn the key to the OFF position.

Driving Modes

Your Sorento may offer various driving modes (e.g., Eco, Sport, Smart, Snow). Use the DRIVE MODE button or selector to switch between modes, which adjust engine, transmission, and steering characteristics.

Infotainment System

The infotainment system provides navigation, audio, and connectivity features. Refer to the separate infotainment manual for detailed instructions on pairing Bluetooth devices, using Apple CarPlay/Android Auto, and navigating menus.

Climate Control

Use the climate control panel to adjust temperature, fan speed, and air distribution. Automatic climate control maintains a set temperature. Defrost functions clear the windshield and rear window.

Maintenance

Regular maintenance is crucial for the longevity and performance of your Kia Sorento. Follow the maintenance schedule outlined in this manual.

Scheduled Maintenance

Adhere to the recommended service intervals for oil changes, tire rotations, filter replacements, and inspections. Consult your authorized Kia dealer for professional service.

Fluid Checks

- **Engine Oil:** Check oil level regularly using the dipstick. Add oil if below the "L" mark.

- **Coolant:** Ensure coolant level is between "LOW" and "FULL" marks when the engine is cool.
- **Brake Fluid:** Check level; if low, have the brake system inspected immediately.
- **Windshield Washer Fluid:** Keep reservoir filled for clear visibility.

Tire Care

Maintain correct tire pressure as specified on the driver's side door jamb. Inspect tires for wear and damage. Rotate tires according to the maintenance schedule to ensure even wear.

Battery Maintenance

Keep battery terminals clean and tight. If the vehicle will be stored for an extended period, consider using a battery tender.

Troubleshooting Common Issues

Issue	Possible Cause	Solution
Engine will not start	Dead battery, fuel shortage, immobilizer issue	Check battery terminals, ensure sufficient fuel, try jump-starting, consult dealer if immobilizer light is on.
Warning light illuminated	Various system malfunctions (e.g., check engine, oil pressure, brake)	Refer to the warning light section in the full manual. Stop safely and contact service if critical.
Tire pressure warning	Low tire pressure in one or more tires	Check all tire pressures and inflate to recommended levels. Inspect for punctures.
Infotainment system unresponsive	Software glitch, temporary freeze	Try restarting the vehicle. If issue persists, consult the infotainment manual or dealer.

For more detailed troubleshooting, refer to the comprehensive manual or contact an authorized Kia service center.

Specifications

The 2023 Kia Sorento is available with various engine options and configurations. Specific details may vary by trim level and region.

- **Engine Types:** 2.5L GDI, 2.5L Turbo GDI, 1.6L Turbo Hybrid, 1.6L Turbo Plug-in Hybrid
- **Transmission:** 8-speed automatic, 6-speed automatic (Hybrid/PHEV)
- **Drivetrain:** Front-Wheel Drive (FWD) or All-Wheel Drive (AWD)
- **Fuel Tank Capacity:** Approximately 17.7 gallons (FWD), 17.7 gallons (AWD)
- **Tire Size:** Varies by trim (e.g., 235/65R17, 235/60R18, 255/45R20)
- **Dimensions (Approximate):**

- Length: 189.4 inches
- Width: 74.8 inches
- Height: 66.7 - 67.3 inches

For precise specifications for your specific vehicle, refer to the detailed specifications section in your official owners manual or contact a Kia dealership.

Warranty Information

Your 2023 Kia Sorento is covered by a comprehensive warranty program. Details regarding coverage periods, terms, and conditions are provided in a separate Warranty and Consumer Information Manual.

Key warranty components typically include:

- **Basic Warranty:** Covers most components for a specified period/mileage.
- **Powertrain Warranty:** Covers engine, transmission, and drivetrain components for a longer period/mileage.
- **Anti-Perforation Warranty:** Covers corrosion from the inside out.
- **Roadside Assistance:** Provides emergency services for a limited period.

Please consult your Warranty and Consumer Information Manual for the most accurate and up-to-date warranty details applicable to your vehicle.

Customer Support and Resources

For further assistance, questions, or service needs, please utilize the following resources:

- **Authorized Kia Dealership:** Your primary resource for service, parts, and vehicle information. Find your nearest dealer via the official Kia website.
- **Kia Owners Portal:** Register your vehicle online for access to digital manuals, service history, and personalized information. Visit Kia Owners Portal
- **Customer Service:** Contact Kia Customer Service for general inquiries. Phone numbers and contact forms are available on the official Kia website.
- **Roadside Assistance:** In case of an emergency, refer to your roadside assistance card or the contact information in your warranty manual.

Always ensure you are referring to official Kia resources for accurate and up-to-date information.

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