2019 KIA FORTE
Vehicle Feature Tips

Many of the Tips presented below are covered in greater detail in the Owner’s Manual, Multimedia System Manuals, Features and Functions Guide and Quick-Start Guide hangtag supplied with your new vehicle.

Voice Recognition¹ and Bluetooth®²

Using Voice Recognition

Improve Bluetooth®² Voice Recognition (VR) performance by making a few simple changes to your phone contacts:

• Use full names (first and last names) vs. short or single syllable names (“John Smith” vs. “Dad,” “Smith Residence” vs. “Home”).
• Avoid using special characters, emojis, and hyphenated names (@, &, #, /, -, *, +, etc.).
• Avoid using acronyms (“Emergency” vs. “ICE” or “In Case of Emergency”) or words with all capital letters.
• Spell words completely; system will not recognize abbreviations (“Doctor Smith” vs. “Dr. Smith”).
• Always wait for the beep before speaking any commands.
• When using VR to place a call, speak in a natural, moderate tone, with clear pronunciation. The system may have trouble recognizing commands if you speak too soft or too loud.
• Open windows, sunroof, weather (wind/rain), or an A/C fan operating at higher speeds can interfere with VR accuracy.
• Your VR system may have difficulty understanding some accents or uncommon names.
• Press the talk button and say “Help” to get a list of available commands.

Pairing or Connecting Your Phone with Bluetooth®²

• During the pairing process, please make sure you accept all requests for phonebook download and future auto-connection on your phone.
• To pair a second phone or subsequent phones, reference the manuals and guides supplied with your Forte as steps vary by radio.

• If you experience any issues with auto-connection, try the following:
  • Reboot your phone (turn the phone off and then on).
  • Update the phone operating system to the most recently released version.
  • Delete the phone from the radio and the radio from the phone, and re-pair.
  • Ensure the phone has the Bluetooth®² feature activated.
  • If some contacts are not downloading to the radio, check to confirm that the contact has been entered correctly and that it has been stored under the categories (HOME, MOBILE, WORK, iPhone®³) that are supported by the radio. Some contact categories (MAIN, PAGER, OTHER) may not be supported. If the number of contacts exceeds the maximum number allowed on the radio, contacts will be partially downloaded. Ensure that only the “phone contact list” is selected for contact download on your phone (not social media or email contact lists as these contacts may not download to the radio).
  • Phone operating systems change frequently and some phones may have varying compatibility levels with the Bluetooth®² system. For any questions regarding the features of your vehicle, please contact your preferred Kia dealer or contact Kia Consumer Assistance at 1-800-333-4542.

Other Bluetooth®² Tips

• Bluetooth®² reception is affected by carrier coverage and is dependent on the phone.
• If streaming audio through Bluetooth®² from a device, ensure the listening volume on the device is turned up.

Smartphone Connectivity¹

Apple CarPlay™³
Your vehicle offers you effortless command of your compatible iPhone® when you connect through Apple CarPlay™ on your UVO display. This will enable you to make calls, send hands-free texts, access your favorite music and apps, and get navigation help with Siri® voice control.
To connect Apple CarPlay, visit https://youtu.be/N1FQ1VqDt4A.

Android Auto™³
Your vehicle allows you to connect to your compatible Android™️ phone via Android Auto™️ on your UVO display. Through this feature, you can access music, your phone’s dialer, navigation help and more with an intuitive interface and voice commands. You can even access your phone through your steering wheel controls.

QR Code

To view a video on your mobile device, snap this QR Code or visit the listed website.
https://www.youtube.com/KiaFeatureVideos
**Satellite Radio Reception**

Satellite radio reception requires direct line of sight with the satellite transmitting the radio signal. Tunnels, bridges, covered parking, mountainous terrain, tall buildings, heavy foliage, and other obstacles may momentarily interrupt the signal. This is normal operation, and reception will be restored within a few seconds in an open, unobstructed area.

The signal can become weak in some areas that are not covered by the satellite repeater network.

**Accessory Mode with Smart Key***

With standard key vehicles, you can turn the key to the accessory mode and utilize the electronic accessories without starting the vehicle. This is still possible with Smart Key-equipped vehicles. To do this, enter the vehicle with the Smart Key and push the ENGINE START/STOP button one time without depressing the brake pedal. This will put the vehicle in Accessory mode and **ACC** will illuminate in yellow.

If the ENGINE START/STOP button is in the **ACC** position for more than 1 hour, the button is turned off automatically to help prevent battery discharge.

**Smart Trunk***

For vehicles equipped with a Smart Key, when the Smart Key fob is in your possession and you are near the back of the vehicle, within close proximity, the hazard warning lights will blink and a chime will sound for about 3 seconds as an alert that the Smart Trunk* is about to open.

Then the alert system will blink and chime two additional times before opening the Smart Trunk.*

The Smart Trunk feature is OFF by default. To enable the Smart Trunk, go to User Settings in the LCD Instrument Cluster modes.

To open the Smart Trunk, press and hold the Trunk button (A) until the Trunk begins opening. Press again to cancel.

If you unlocked your vehicle or opened the rear trunk by pressing the unlock button on your Smart Key (even though it is not necessary to do so), be sure to press the lock button on the Smart Key before walking away, to ensure your entire vehicle is locked again.

The Smart Trunk function can be deactivated by pressing any button of the smart key during the Detect and Alert stage.

**Tilt / Telescoping Steering Wheel**

To adjust the Steering Wheel:

- Push down on the Lock-Release Lever (A).
- Adjust the Steering Wheel to the desired angle (B).
- Adjust the Steering Wheel distance (C).
- Pull up the Lock-Release Lever (A) to lock the Steering Wheel in place.

It may be helpful to lift the Steering Wheel up while moving it towards/away from you to adjust to the desired distance.

**Wind Buffeting**

In many vehicles, when a rear window is lowered and the front window(s) are in the closed position, air flowing past the open window(s) induces pressure oscillations, or pulsations, which may be uncomfortable. When opening the rear window(s), always remember to also open the front window(s), slightly, to relieve the pressure oscillations inside the vehicle.

**Lane Keeping Assist (LKA)**

The LKA System is designed to detect the lane markers on the road, and, in certain conditions, provides steering inputs to assist the driver to keep the vehicle in the lanes.

With the Engine Start/Stop button in the ON position, press the LKA button (A) to turn system ON. The instrument cluster indicator will initially illuminate white. It will remain white when the vehicle is traveling less than 40 mph and the system does not detect the lane markers. When the LKA system detects the lane markers and can assist the steering, the LKA icon will illuminate green.

- The vehicle exceeds approximately 37 mph
- The LKA system recognizes both sides of lane markers the vehicle is traveling in
- The vehicle is between the lane markers

**Blind-Spot Collision Warning (BCW)**

The BCW System uses radar sensors to detect vehicles in the blind spot, and alerts the driver if it detects an approaching vehicle in the driver’s blind spot area before changing lanes in certain situations. The BCW System is ON when the button (A) is pressed – the button light will illuminate. The outside rearview mirror warning lights will also illuminate for 3 seconds.

The system will become active when the vehicle is traveling more than approximately 18 mph and will alert the driver if another vehicle is detected by the radar sensors.
Smart Key Interference*

The Smart Key incorporates many convenient features that can improve the access and starting of your vehicle. However, there can be some cases where radio frequency interference from a mobile phone placed in close proximity to the Smart Key, or a phone held at a very close proximity to the door handle while the Smart Key is stored in a pocket or purse farther away, can cause communication errors.

While driving the vehicle, do not place the Smart Key on top of a phone or next to each other in the same compartment. If you are experiencing any concerns related to the Smart Key operation, be sure to check that the key fob is not near any other source that transmits radio frequency or another Smart Key before suspecting a concern with the Smart Key.

Condensation Inside Exterior Vehicle Lights

Your vehicle’s exterior lights with clear lenses are vented to the atmosphere to release pressure as the air inside heats and cools. When humid/moist air enters the headlight/tail light, the moisture may condense on the lens surface and appear as fogging or water droplets. This is a normal condition and the moisture will evaporate when the lights are turned ON or when the temperature increases.

6-Way Seat Adjustment (Driver and Passenger)*

To adjust the seat:

- Pull lever (A) to slide Seat forward/backward.
- Pull lever (B) up several times to raise Seat Height.
- Push lever (B) down several times to lower Seat Height.
- Pull lever (C) to adjust Seatback Recline.

Seat Warmers / Ventilated Seats*

- Press top/bottom of button once for high setting (3 LEDs lit).
- Press button twice for medium setting (2 LEDs lit).
- Press a third time for low setting (1 LED lit) and again to turn OFF.

With the seat warmer switch in the ON position, the heating system in the seat turns OFF or ON automatically depending on the seat temperature.

Drive Mode Integrated Control System

SMART, NORMAL and SPORT drive modes (A) may be changed according to the driver’s preference or road conditions. To cycle through drive modes, press the DRIVE MODE button (B).

NORMAL Mode – The system's default mode is NORMAL mode and is not displayed on the instrument cluster nor the audio system's screen.

SPORT Mode – A SPORT indicator will illuminate on the instrument cluster. To deactivate, press the DRIVE MODE button (B) again to change the selection to another setting.

SMART Mode – When SMART mode is activated, the system automatically selects the drive mode best suited to the current driving style (economic, average, aggressive). A SMART indicator will illuminate on the instrument cluster. To deactivate, press the DRIVE MODE button again to change the selection to another setting.

REMINDER: When SPORT mode is selected, fuel economy may decrease.

Wiper Service Mode

To inspect or replace the windshield wiper blades to prevent damaging the hood, the blades need to be moved to the service position (A).

With the ignition ON, then turning the engine OFF, within 20 seconds move the wiper switch to the MIST position and hold the switch for more than two seconds until the wiper blade is in the fully up position.

To return the wipers to normal position, turn the ignition ON, then activate MIST.

USB Ports and Use of Cables

Vehicle may contain USB port(s) for playing music from a compatible media device as well as USB port(s) for charging. Note: devices will only be charged when the vehicle is in ACC/ON/Start position.

If you encounter difficulty plugging in a compatible USB device, change the orientation of the device (may be upside down). Always use the USB charging cable that has been certified by the device manufacturer. Use of aftermarket cables is NOT recommended as they may impact functionality.

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2018 Kia Soul has been awarded an overall 5-Star crash safety rating (the highest possible) by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). www.NHTSA.gov

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2018 Kia Sportage AWD has been awarded an overall 5-Star crash safety rating (the highest possible) by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). www.NHTSA.gov

2019 Kia Sorento earns 2018 IIHS Top Safety Pick+ when equipped with optional front crash prevention and LED headlights.

2018 Kia Forte is a 2018 IIHS Top Safety Pick+ when equipped with optional front crash prevention and specific headlights.

2018 Kia Rio earned “Highest Ranked Small Car in Initial Quality.”

“2018 Highest Ranked Brand in Initial Quality, 4 Years in a Row” Mass Market.

1 Government 5-Star Safety Ratings are part of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s (NHTSA’s) New Car Assessment Program (www.NHTSA.gov). 2 The 2018 Kia Rio received the lowest rate of reported problems among small cars in the J.D. Power 2018 Initial Quality Study of new vehicle owners’ experience with their own vehicle after 90 days of ownership. Visit jdpower.com/awards. 3 The Kia Brand received the lowest rate of reported problems among mass market brands in the J.D. Power 2018 Initial Quality Study of new vehicle owners’ experience with their own vehicle after 90 days of ownership. Visit jdpower.com/awards.