



## 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 Recognition<sup>1</sup> and Bluetooth<sup>2</sup>

#### Using Voice Recognition

Improve Bluetooth® 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 softly or too loudly.
- 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®

- Select "Device Connections" in the infotainment display or "Call" button on the steering wheel to begin the pairing process if no phone has previously been paired.
- 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 infotainment system.

- 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 list of Bluetooth® devices on the infotainment system display<sup>1</sup> and delete Kia device from the list of Bluetooth® devices on your phone, and re-pair.
  - Ensure the phone has the Bluetooth® feature activated.
- If some contacts are not downloading to the infotainment system display, check to confirm that the contact has been entered correctly and that it has been stored under the categories (HOME, MOBILE, WORK, iPhone<sup>3</sup>) that are supported by the infotainment system display. Some contact categories (MAIN, PAGER, OTHER) may not be supported. If the number of contacts exceeds the maximum number allowed on the infotainment system display, 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 infotainment system display).
- Phone operating systems change frequently and some phones may have varying compatibility levels with the Bluetooth® 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® Tips

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

### Smartphone Connectivity<sup>1</sup>



#### Apple CarPlay<sup>3</sup>

Your vehicle offers you effortless command of your compatible iPhone® when you connect through Apple CarPlay® on your infotainment system display. This will enable you to make calls, send hands-free texts, access many of your favorite apps and music, and get navigation help with Siri® voice control.

To connect Apple CarPlay, visit <https://youtu.be/98TNWMOQfdU>



#### Android Auto™<sup>4</sup>

Your vehicle allows you to connect to your compatible Android™ phone via Android Auto™ on your infotainment system 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.

To connect Android Auto, visit <https://youtu.be/sTR4KotSOzU>

For select models equipped with wireless Apple CarPlay and Android Auto, visit <https://youtu.be/oUXXuAZAOEI>

### Kia Access App<sup>5</sup>



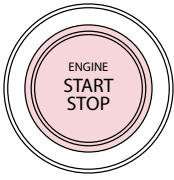
- Your cellphone and your vehicle have to be connected to a cellular network with a good wireless signal strength in order to use Kia Connect (formerly UVO link). If these conditions are not met, remote commands may not execute or may take longer to execute.
- To use Remote Start or Remote Start with Climate Control feature, all doors, hood and trunk/liftgate must be closed and locked. Remote Start or Remote Start with Climate Control feature will operate for about 10 minutes.<sup>6</sup>
- The quickest way to obtain an accurate vehicle status is by pressing the refresh icon on your app or customer web portal.
- Activate Remote Start or Remote Start with Climate Control feature a few minutes before you plan to get into the vehicle. This will allow vehicle interior to reach a desired temperature.
- In order to preserve vehicle battery, Kia Connect will not work seven days after the ignition was last turned on. You will need to re-start your vehicle with a key fob in order to use Kia Connect again.

### Feature Videos

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



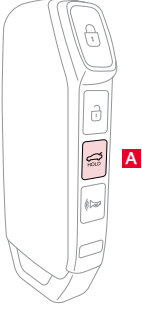
## Accessory Mode with a Smart Key\*



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 fob in your possession and push the ENGINE START/STOP button\* one time without pressing the brake pedal. This will put the vehicle in accessory mode and ACC will illuminate AMBER.

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 within close proximity to the back of the vehicle, the hazard warning lights will blink and a chime will sound for about 3 seconds to alert that the Smart Trunk is about to open.

Then the alert system will blink and chime 2 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 manually, press and hold the trunk button **A** or use the release button under the rear view camera until the trunk opens.

If you pressed the unlock button on your Smart Key (this does not open the Trunk), please be sure to press the lock button on the Smart Key before walking away to ensure your entire vehicle is locked again.

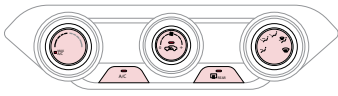
The Smart Trunk function can be deactivated by pressing any button on the Smart Key during the Detect and Alert stage.

## Smart Key\* Interference


The Smart Key incorporates many convenient features that can improve the access to 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 a radio frequency or another Smart Key before suspecting a concern with the Smart Key itself.

## Manual Climate Control\*



### Defrost Windshield (Outside and Inside):

1. Set Fan Speed to highest position.
2. Set Temperature to highest setting.
3. Turn the Mode Selection knob to the Defrost-Level setting. 

### Air Flow Modes

To select Air Flow Modes, turn the Mode Selection knob:



Face-Level



Bi-Level



Floor-Level



Floor/Defrost-Level



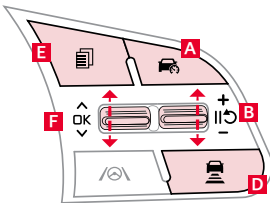
Defrost-Level

### Quick Tips:

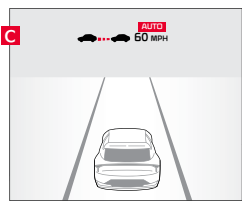
1. Maintaining glass cleanliness is crucial for Defrost operation performance, and preventing a fogging windshield.
2. When using "AUTO A/C" mode (aka MAX), the system will automatically engage recirculated air to achieve the highest performance.
3. Defrost mode engages the Fresh Air Vent, helping dehumidify the air, and maximize Defroster performance.

**Reminder:** Warm air may flow in through vents if Recirculated Air button is not pressed ON (LED lit). Maintaining the Climate Control Air Filter is crucial for climate system performance. Please refer to Owner's Manual for normal scheduled maintenance of 12 months and/or 7,500 miles (page 7-30).

## Smart Cruise Control (SCC) with Stop and Go\*<sup>7</sup>



(Buttons located on right side of steering wheel)



SCC is designed to maintain a predetermined distance from vehicles detected ahead by automatically adjusting the driving speed as needed. With SCC on and activated, and the vehicle distance set, the system can slow or bring the vehicle to a complete stop when slowing or stopped traffic is detected ahead.

When stopped traffic ahead starts to move forward, SCC re-engages. However, if the vehicle ahead stops for more than 3 seconds, SCC must be re-engaged by depressing the accelerator pedal or operating the [+], [-] or **B** switch.

### To engage SCC and set/adjust the speed:

- Press the Driving Assist button **A** to turn the system ON and set to the current speed. The CRUISE indicator, set speed, and vehicle distance will illuminate on the Instrument Cluster.
- Increase the set speed by pressing the [+] switch **B** up
- Decrease the set speed by pressing the [-] switch **B** down

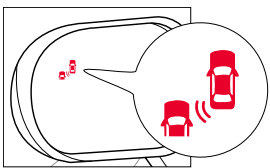
**To pause or resume SCC operation:** Press the pause/resume button **B**. The SCC indicator on the Instrument Cluster display will turn OFF.

**To set the vehicle-to-vehicle distance:** Press the Vehicle Distance button **D** on the steering wheel. The image on the LCD screen **C** will change when scrolling through the settings.

**To turn SCC system OFF:** Press the Driving Assist button **A**.

**To adjust the sensitivity of SCC:** Press the mode button **E** on the Steering Wheel. With the OK button **F**, select Driver Assistance, then SCC Response or go to settings in the infotainment system. Then select Fast, Normal, or Slow.

## Blind-Spot Collision-Avoidance Assist (BCA)\*<sup>7</sup>



BCA is designed to help alert the driver before changing lanes. BCA uses a front-view camera on the front windshield and rear-corner radar sensors in the rear bumper to help alert the driver and temporarily apply braking in certain situations if it detects an approaching vehicle in the driver's blind spot area.

To turn BCA on, with your vehicle at a standstill, go to the User Settings by pressing the Mode button on the Steering Wheel or the Vehicle Settings\* in the infotainment system. Select Driver Assistance > Blind-Spot Safety. Then select Active Assist, Warning Only, or Off.

### BCA Modes – Select one of the following:

**Active Assist:** BCA will provide a warning (audible and visual) and braking assist depending on the collision risk levels

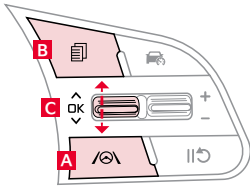
**Warning Only:** Vehicle will provide a warning only (audible and visual)

**Off:** System is off, no warnings provided


**BCA Warning Timing –** When in the Driver Assistance menu, select Warning Timing and one of the following:

- **Normal:** Maximizes the amount of distance between the vehicles before the initial warning occurs
- **Late:** Reduces the amount of distance between the vehicles before the initial warning occurs

## Lane Keeping Assist (LKA)<sup>7</sup> / Lane Departure Warning (LDW)<sup>7</sup>



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

Press the Lane Driving Assist button **A** to turn LKA on or off, when it is first enabled in the User Settings in the Instrument Cluster or Vehicle Settings in the infotainment system. Once ON, the Instrument Cluster indicator  will initially illuminate WHITE. It will remain WHITE when the vehicle is traveling at 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.

If the LKA system detects that you are moving outside of your lane, the vehicle crossing lane indicator will blink and the system will issue an audible warning and display an LDW alert on the Instrument Cluster. If the vehicle continues to move outside of the lane, the LKA system can apply a slight adjustment to the steering, trying to prevent the vehicle from moving outside its lane.

**All systems will operate under the following conditions:**

- The vehicle exceeds approximately 40 mph.
- The LKA system recognizes both sides of the lane markers the vehicle is traveling in.
- The vehicle is between the lane markers.

### LKA Function Change

The driver can change LKA to the LDW system or change the LKA mode between Standard LKA and Active LKA from the User Settings in the Instrument Cluster. The driver can choose the mode by placing the ignition switch in the ON position and pressing the Mode button **B** on the Steering Wheel to toggle to User Settings. Press the OK button **C** up/down to toggle to Driver Assistance and then Lane Safety. The system is automatically set to standard LKA when your vehicle is first delivered from the factory.

### LKA Modes – Select one of the following:

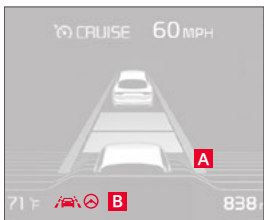
**Assist:** LKA will automatically assist the driver's steering when lane departure is detected to help prevent the vehicle from moving out of its lane


**Warning Only:** LKA will warn the driver with an audible warning when lane departure is detected. In this mode, LKA will not provide steering inputs

**Off:** LKA will turn off. The Lane Safety indicator light will turn off in the Instrument Cluster

**Quick Tip:** The LKA Warning Volume can be adjusted in the User Settings or the Vehicle Settings\* on the infotainment system.

## Lane Following Assist (LFA)<sup>7</sup>





LFA is designed to help ensure that the vehicle stays centered in its lane **A** by monitoring the detected lane markings ahead and adjusting the steering. The Instrument Cluster indicator will initially illuminate WHITE  when turned ON and, on some vehicles, it will remain WHITE when the system does not detect the lane markers. When the system detects the lane markers and can assist the steering, the LFA icon will illuminate GREEN **B**. When LFA is enabled in the User or Vehicle Settings,\* press the LFA button **C** to turn LFA on or off.

**LFA will operate only when these conditions are met:**

- LKA recognizes both sides of the lane markers the vehicle is traveling in.
- The vehicle is traveling less than 95 mph.

### LFA User Settings:

- To go to User Settings in the Instrument Cluster, press the Mode button **D** on the Steering Wheel when the vehicle is at a standstill, gear shift is in Park, and with the ignition on or the ENGINE START/STOP button\* in the ON position, and select User Settings .
- To enable LFA, when in User Settings, press the Move (OK) button **E** up/down and Select Driver Assistance then Driving Assist, Select Lane Following Assist. Press the OK button **E**.
- Some models access settings through the Vehicle Settings in the infotainment system. Press the SETUP hard key on the infotainment system, then **VEHICLE**  on the screen to enter Vehicle Settings.

**Warning Timing – When in the Driver Assistance menu, select Warning Timing and one of the following:**

- **Normal:** Maximizes the amount of distance between the vehicles before the initial warning occurs
- **Late:** Reduces the amount of distance between the vehicles before the initial warning occurs

## Forward Collision-Avoidance Assist (FCA)<sup>\*7</sup> / Forward Collision Warning (FCW)<sup>\*7</sup>



The FCA and FCW systems are designed to help detect slowing or stopped traffic ahead and, under certain conditions, can apply the brakes in order to help avoid or reduce the effects of a potential collision. Initially, the FCW will provide a warning when it detects a potential collision with a vehicle in front, emitting an audible warning and visual alert on the Instrument Cluster **A**.

To adjust the alert settings (Early, Normal, Late), or to turn FCA/FCW OFF or ON, go to User Settings in the Instrument Cluster.

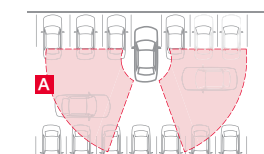
**FCA/FCW will become active when the:**

- ENGINE START/STOP button\* is ON.
- Vehicle is traveling more than 6 mph.
- Electronic Stability Control (ESC) is ON.

### FCA Modes:

- **Active Assist:** Vehicle will provide a warning (audible and visual) and apply the brakes if needed.
- **Warning Only:** Vehicle will provide a warning only (audible and visual).
- **Off:** System is off, no warnings or braking provided.

## Rear Cross-Traffic Collision Avoidance Assist (RCCA)<sup>\*7</sup>






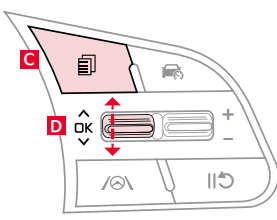
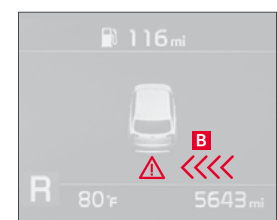
RCCA is designed to warn the driver and, under certain conditions, may activate the Electronic Stability Control (ESC) and temporarily apply braking if it detects cross traffic approaching the vehicle, when vehicle is in Reverse **A**. RCCA will sound a warning, the warning indicators on the outside rearview mirrors will illuminate, and a message will appear on the Instrument Cluster LCD **B**. If RCCA detects that the collision risk has increased, the system automatically applies the brakes to reduce your speed, potentially helping to minimize the effects of a possible collision.

**RCCA is designed to operate under the following conditions:**

- When the gear shift is in Reverse.
- When the vehicle is moving less than 6 mph.

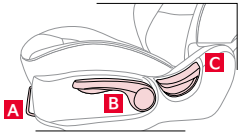
### RCCA User Settings:

- To go to the User Settings menu  in the Instrument Cluster, press the Mode button **C** on the Steering Wheel when the vehicle is at a standstill, gear shift is in Park, and with the ignition on or the Engine Start/Stop button\* in the ON position, and select User Settings.
- To turn RCCA on when in User Settings , press the Move (OK) button **D** up/down, select Driver Assistance, Parking Safety, Rear Cross-Traffic Safety, and then press OK **D**.
- To set the initial warning activation time, go to User Settings, press the Move (OK) button **D** up/down, then go to Driver Assistance, Warning Time, and press the OK button. There are 2 settings:
  - **Normal:** This setting allows for a nominal amount of distance between the vehicles before the initial warning occurs.
  - **Late:** Reduces the amount of distance between the vehicles before the initial warning occurs.
- Some models access settings through the Vehicle Settings in the infotainment system. Press the SETUP hard key on the infotainment system, then **VEHICLE**  on the screen to enter Vehicle Settings.
- The default Warning Timing is set to Normal. If the Warning Timing is changed, the warning time of other Driver Assistance systems may also change.



(Buttons located on steering wheel)

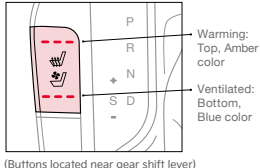
## 6-Way Seat Adjustment (Driver and Passenger)<sup>8</sup>



### 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.

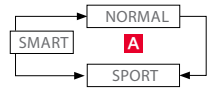
## Seat Warmers / Ventilated Seats<sup>\*9</sup>



- Press top/bottom of button once for high setting (3 LEDs lit).
- Press button a second time 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 selected.

**Reminder:** Wet or moist clothing may affect seat condition/operation.

## Drive Mode Integrated Control System\*



Drive modes **A**: NORMAL, SPORT, and SMART are available for vehicle operator selection, based on preference, and travel conditions. Mode selection simply requires the press of the DRIVE MODE button **B**, and will display selection on the Instrument Cluster and media screen.

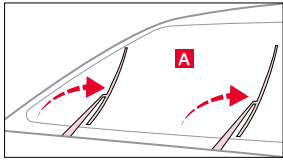
**NORMAL Mode** – The system's default mode is NORMAL mode and will not be displayed on the Instrument Cluster nor the audio system's screen.

**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 **B** again to change the selection to another setting.

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

## Lifting Wipers (Wiper Service Mode)

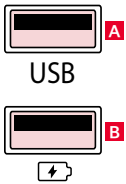


To lift the wipers in order to clean the windshield, replace the wiper blades, or to raise the wipers in snow/ice conditions, the blades need to be moved to the service position **A**.

With the ignition ON, then turning the engine OFF, move the wiper switch to the MIST position within 20 seconds and hold the switch for more than 2 seconds until the wiper blades are 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



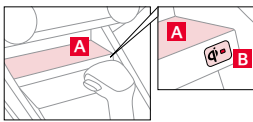
Vehicle may contain USB port(s) for transferring data or playing music from a compatible media device **A**, as well as USB port(s) designed for fast charging **B**.

Note: Devices will only charge while the vehicle is in ACC/ON/Start positions.

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.

If USB ports (power outlets) are inoperable while using ACC/ON/Start positions; please first inspect the "Power Outlet" 20A fuse. Refer to the vehicle Owner's Manual for location (pages 7-51 through 7-56).

## Wireless Smartphone Charging System<sup>\*10</sup>



Charge a compatible smartphone wirelessly by placing it on the tray **A** at the front of the console, near the USB ports\* and the charging indicator, while the ignition is on.

The indicator light **B** may change to AMBER once the wireless charging begins. Once charging is complete, the AMBER light may change to GREEN.

## #1 Brand Overall for Long-Term Dependability<sup>11</sup>



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