



2021 **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 BLUETOOTH²

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®

- Press the Phone hard key (if equipped) 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 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 list of Bluetooth® devices on the UVO display¹ and delete UVO 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 UVO display, 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 UVO display. Some contact categories (MAIN, PAGER, OTHER) may not be supported. If the number of contacts exceeds the maximum number allowed on the UVO 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 UVO 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 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^{™4}

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.

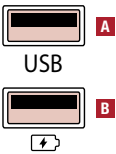
To connect Android Auto, visit <https://youtu.be/QPV7y06-RJ4>.

FEATURE VIDEOS

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USB PORTS AND USE OF CABLES*



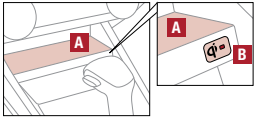
Vehicle may contain USB port(s) for transferring data or playing music from a compatible media device **A**, as well as USB port(s) designed for fast charging **B**.

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

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 7–61 through 7–76).

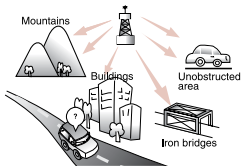
WIRELESS SMARTPHONE CHARGING SYSTEM*5



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

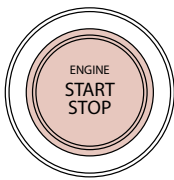
The indicator light **B** may change to amber once the wireless charging begins. Once charging is complete, the orange light may change to green.

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.

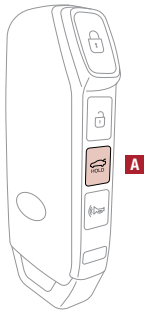
ACCESSORY MODE WITH A SMART KEY*



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 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 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 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 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 of the Smart Key during the Detect and Alert stage.

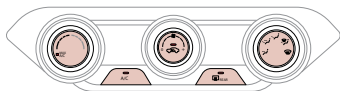
CONDENSATION INSIDE EXTERIOR VEHICLE LIGHTS

Your vehicle’s exterior lights with 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.


WIND BUFFETING

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

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



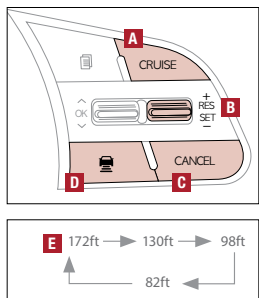
Defrost-Level

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 a clean cabin 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 7–12).

SMART CRUISE CONTROL (SCC)*6



The SCC is designed to help maintain a predetermined distance from vehicles detected ahead by automatically adjusting the driving speed as needed.

To set/adjust the SCC speed:

- Push the CRUISE button **A** to turn system ON. The CRUISE indicator will illuminate on the instrument cluster.
- Accelerate/decelerate to the desired speed.
- Press button **B** down to set the speed. Press the RES+/SET- button **B** up/down to increase/decrease the set speed. The SET indicator light, set speed and vehicle-to-vehicle distance will illuminate on the instrument cluster's LCD screen.

To set the vehicle-to-vehicle distance:

Press the SCC button **D** on the steering wheel. The image on the LCD screen **E** will change when scrolling through the settings. Each time the button **D** is pressed, the vehicle-to-vehicle distance changes.

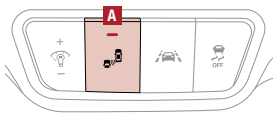
To cancel SCC operation:

Press the CANCEL button **C** or the brake pedal. The LCD screen will display a message that the SCC operation is canceled.

To turn SCC OFF:

Press the CRUISE button **A**. The CRUISE indicator on the instrument cluster will turn OFF.

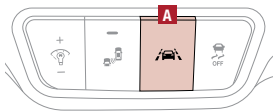
BLIND-SPOT COLLISION WARNING (BCW)*6




The BCW system uses radar sensors to help alert 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 at more than approximately 20 mph and will alert the driver if another vehicle is detected by the radar sensors.

LANE KEEPING ASSIST (LKA)*6 / LANE DEPARTURE WARNING (LDW)*6



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 lanes.

With the Engine Start/Stop button in the ON position, press the LKA button **A** to turn the system ON or OFF. 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 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 mode on the LCD display. The driver can choose the mode by placing the ignition switch to the ON position and by selecting "User Settings," "Driver Assistance," and "Lane Safety." The system is automatically set to standard LKA when your vehicle is first delivered from the factory.

Lane Departure Warning

LDW alerts the driver with visual and acoustic warnings when the system detects the vehicle leaving the lane. In this mode, the system will not provide steering inputs. When the vehicle's front wheel contacts the inside edge of the lane, LKA issues the lane departure warning.

Standard LKA

The Standard LKA mode guides the driver to help keep the vehicle within the lane. It can provide inputs to the steering when the vehicle is about to deviate from the lanes.

Active LKA

The active LKA mode provides more frequent steering wheel control in comparison with the Standard LKA mode. Active LKA can reduce the drivers fatigue by assisting the steering to help maintain the vehicle in the middle of the lane.

Quick Tip: The LKA Warning Volume can be adjusted in the User Settings or the Vehicle Settings* on the audio head unit.

FORWARD COLLISION-AVOIDANCE ASSIST (FCA)*6 / FORWARD COLLISION WARNING (FCW)*6



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.

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.

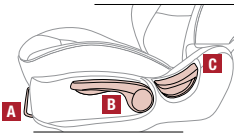
While driving the vehicle, do not place the Smart Key on top of a phone or next to each other in the same compartment. If you are experiencing any concerns related to the Smart Key operation, be sure to check that the key fob is not near any other source that transmits radio frequency or another Smart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

KIA OWNER'S APP WITH UVO LINK*7



- Your cellphone and your vehicle have to be connected to a cellular network with a good wireless signal strength in order to use UVO. If these conditions are not met, remote commands will fail or will take a long time to execute.
- To use Remote Start or Remote Start with Climate Control feature, all doors, hood and trunk/lift-gate must be closed and locked. Remote Start or Remote Start with Climate Control feature will operate for about 10 minutes.
- The quickest way to obtain accurate vehicle status is by pressing a refresh button on your app or customer web portal.
- Activate Remote Start or Remote Start with Climate Control feature at least 10 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, UVO 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 UVO again.

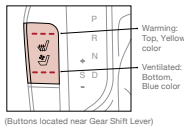
6-WAY SEAT ADJUSTMENT (DRIVER AND PASSENGER)*8



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.

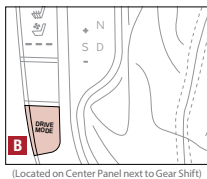
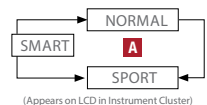
SEAT WARMERS / VENTILATED SEATS*9



- 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.

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

DRIVE MODE INTEGRATED CONTROL SYSTEM



Drive modes **A**: SMART, NORMAL, and SPORT 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 information instrument cluster and media screen.

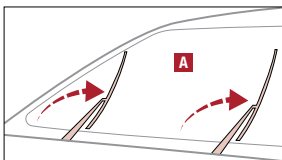
NORMAL Mode – The system’s default mode is NORMAL mode and will not be displayed on the instrument cluster nor the audio system’s screen.

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 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 wiper blades, or to raise 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 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.



GIVE IT EVERYTHING

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