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TECHNICAL SERVICE BULLETIN

SUBJECT: SERVICE ACTION: ECU LOGIC IMPROVEMENT
FOR P0300, P0301, P0302, P0303, P0304 AND/OR P219C00,
P219D00, P219E00, P219F00 (SA378)

* NOTICE

This bulletin has been revised to include additional information. New/revised sections of this bulletin are indicated by a black bar in the margin area.

This bulletin provides the procedure to improve the logic of the Engine Control Unit (ECU) on some 2019MY Forte (BDm) vehicles, equipped with a NU 2.0MPI Atkinson engine and produced from July 9, 2018 through March 11, 2019, which may experience a malfunction indicator lamp (MIL) ON with **DTC P0300, P0301, P0302, P0303, P0304** and/or **P219C00, P219D00, P219E00, P219F00**. To correct this concern, apply the improved logic to the ECU using the KDS ECU Upgrade function as described in this bulletin. For confirmation that the latest reflash has been applied to a vehicle you are working on, verify the ROM ID using the table on page 2 of this bulletin. Before conducting the procedure, verify that the vehicle is included in the list of affected VINs.

DTC P0300, P0301, P0302, P0303, P0304: Misfire Detected

DTC P219C00, P219D00, P219E00, P219F00: Air-Fuel Ratio Imbalance

Prior to attempting any part replacement, the vehicle PCM should be upgraded with event [No. 406](#). Failure to reflash the vehicle can result in part replacement chargebacks. If the vehicle continues to misfire after the reflash has been performed, contact tech-line for further assistance.

* NOTICE

A Service Action is a repair program without customer notification that is performed during the warranty period. Any dealer requesting to perform this repair outside the warranty period will require DPSM approval.

Repair status for a VIN is provided on WebDCS (Service → Warranty Coverage → Warranty Coverage Inquiry → Campaign Information). Not completed Recall / Service Action reports are available on WebDCS (Consumer Affairs → Not Completed Recall → Recall VIN → Select Report), which includes a list of affected vehicles.

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ECU Upgrade Procedure:

To correct this condition, the ECU should be reprogrammed using the KDS download, as described in this bulletin.

Upgrade Event Name

406. BDm Nu 2.0 ATKINSON ECU MIL ON DTC (P030X, P219X) LOGIC IMPROVEMENT

* NOTICE

- A fully charged battery is necessary before ECU upgrade can take place. It is recommended that the Midtronics GR8-1299 system be used in ECU mode during charging. DO NOT connect any other battery charger to the vehicle during ECU upgrade.
- All ECU upgrades must be done with the ignition key in the 'ON' position.
- Be careful not to disconnect the VCI-II connected to the vehicle during the ECU upgrade procedure.
- DO NOT start the engine during ECU upgrade.
- DO NOT turn the ignition key 'OFF' or interrupt the power supply during ECU upgrade.
- When the ECU upgrade is completed, turn the ignition 'OFF' and wait 10 seconds before starting the engine.
- ONLY use approved ECU upgrade software designated for the correct model, year.

* NOTICE

Before attempting an ECU upgrade on any Kia model, make sure to first determine whether the particular model is equipped with an immobilizer security system. Failure to follow proper procedures may cause the PCM to become inoperative after the upgrade and any claims associated with this repair may be subject to chargeback.

ROM ID INFORMATION TABLE:

Upgrade Event #406

Model	EM	TM	IMMO	ECU P/No.	ROM ID	
					Previous	New
BDm	2.0 ATK SULEV	CVT	No	39173-2ECD0	BD9SP2US696A BD9SP2US696B BD9SP2US696C BD9SP2US696D	BD9SP2US6B1A
	2.0 ATK ULEV	CVT	Yes 	39171-2ECE0	BD9UP2AS696A BD9UP2AS696B BD9UP2AS696C	BD9UP2AS6B1A
			No	39173-2ECE0	BD9UP2US696A BD9UP2US696B BD9UP2US696C	BD9UP2US6B1A
	2.0 ATK ULEV	MT	No	39177-2ECE0	BD9UP2VS696A BD9UP2VS696B BD9UP2VS696C	BD9UP2VS6B1A

To verify the vehicle is affected, be sure to check the Calibration Identification of the vehicle's ECM ROM ID and reference the Information Table as necessary.

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Prior to performing the ECU upgrade, be sure to check that the KDS is fully charged.

1. Connect the VCI-II to the OBD-II connector, located under the driver's side of the instrument panel.

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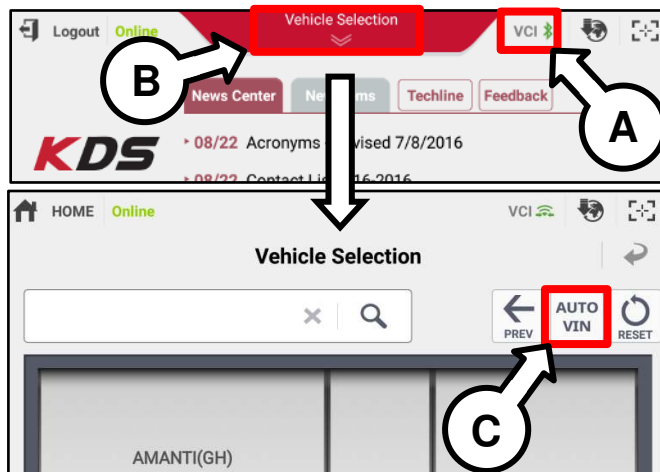
The ECU upgrade function on KDS operates wirelessly. It is not necessary to perform the upgrade via USB cable.



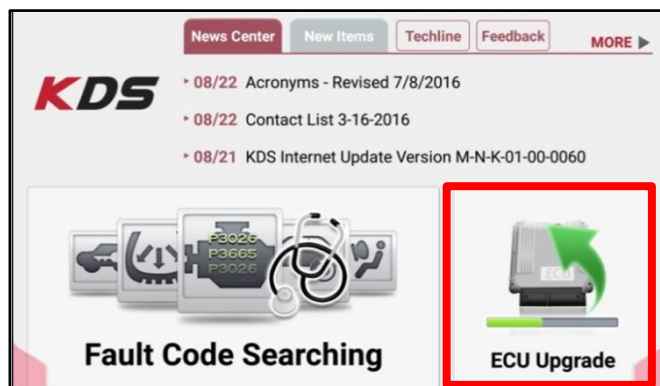
2. With the ignition ON, turn ON the KDS tablet. Select **KDS** from the home screen.



3. Confirm communication with VCI (A) and then configure the vehicle (B) using the **AUTO VIN** (C) feature.



4. Select **ECU Upgrade**.

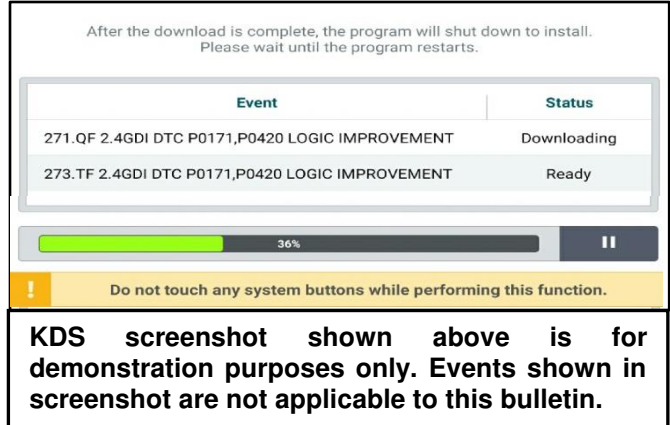


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5. The KDS will check the server for recently uploaded Events and then automatically download **Upgrade Event #406**.

* NOTICE

The vehicle must be identified in Vehicle Selection to download an Event for that vehicle.



6. Select **Auto Mode**.



CAUTION

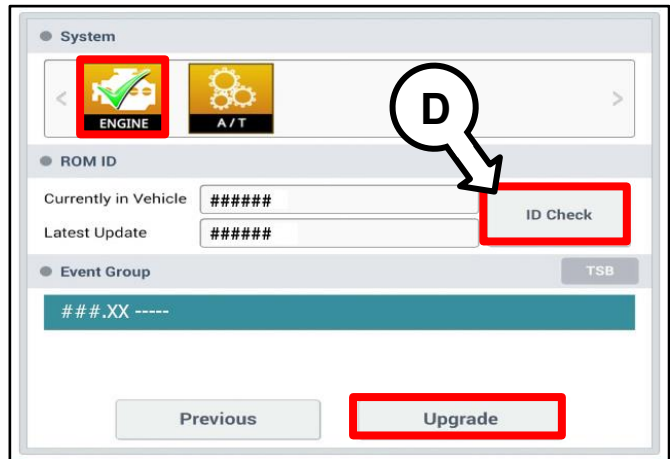
Do NOT attempt to perform a Manual Mode upgrade UNLESS Auto Mode fails. Always follow the instructions given on the KDS in either Auto or Manual mode.



7. Select the **Engine** system under the System selection menu.

Touch **ID Check** (D) and confirm that the latest update is available.

Select **Upgrade Event #406** and select **Upgrade** to continue.

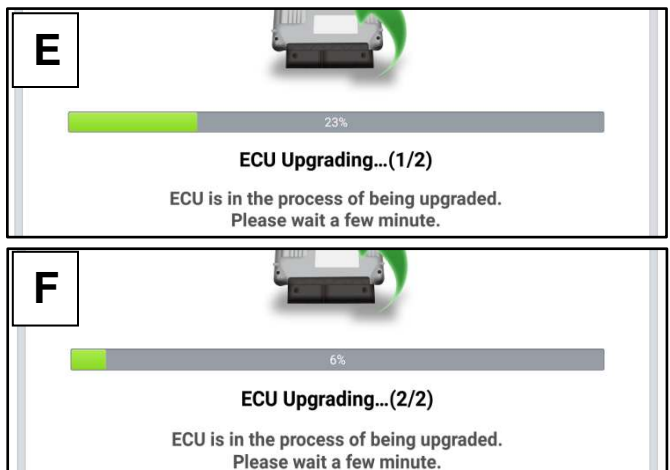


8. The ECU upgrade will begin and the progress of the upgrade will appear on the bar graph. Upgrade part (1/2) (E) will download the upgrade event to the VCI-II. Upgrade part (2/2) (F) will upgrade the ECU.



CAUTION

Do not touch the system buttons (like 'Back', 'Home', 'etc.') while performing ECU Upgrade.

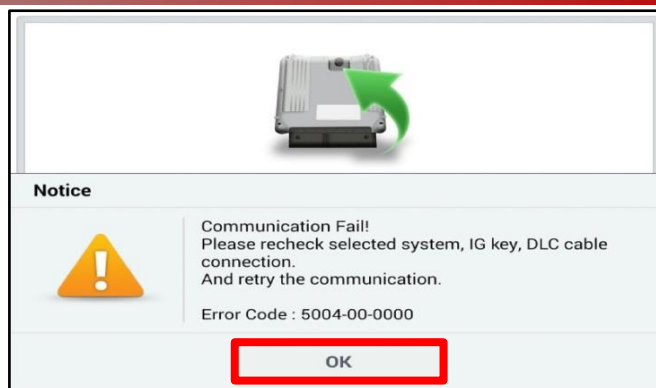


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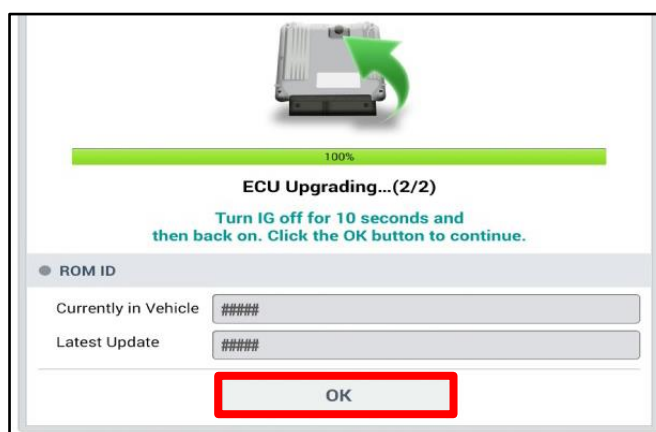
9. If a "Communication Fail" screen appears, verify that the VCI-II and KDS are communicating properly. Touch **OK** and restart the procedure from step 4.

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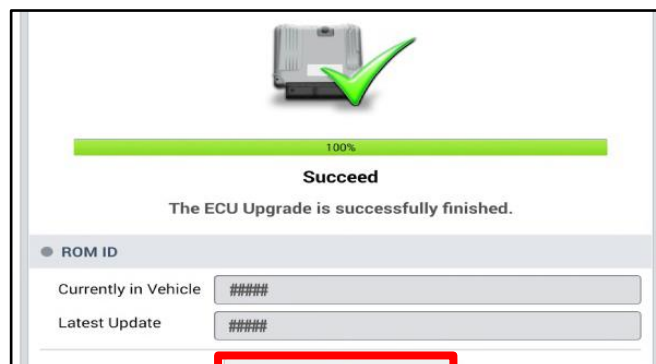
If an error notice continues to appear or if the upgrade cannot be performed, DO NOT disconnect the KDS/VCI-II. Contact GIT America Help Desk at (888) 542-4371 or Techline.



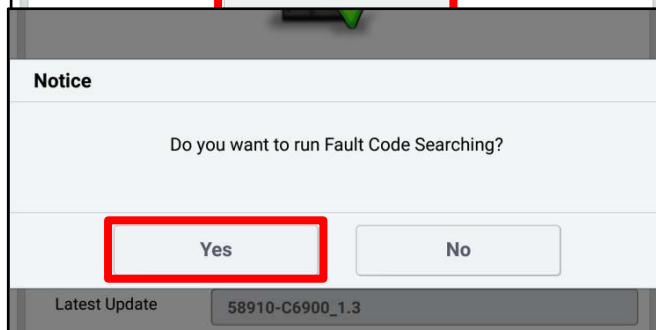
10. When instructed on the KDS, turn the ignition **OFF** for ten (10) seconds then back on. Touch **OK** to continue.



11. Once the upgrade is complete, touch **OK** to finalize the procedure.



12. When prompted, select **YES** to check for Diagnostic Trouble Codes (DTC) and erase any DTCs stored such as EPS, ESC, and TPMS that may have been set during the upgrade.



13. Start the engine to confirm proper operation of the vehicle.

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Manual Upgrade Procedure:

★ NOTICE

The manual upgrade should **ONLY** be performed if the automatic upgrade fails.

If the automatic upgrade fails, turn the ignition **OFF** for about 10 seconds then place it back in the **ON** position to reset the control unit **BEFORE** performing manual upgrade.

See table below for Manual Mode passwords.

Manual Mode ECU Upgrade Passwords

Menu	Password
BDM NU 2.0ATK SULEV -IMMO : 39173-2ECD0	7320
BDM NU 2.0ATK ULEV -IMMO : 39173-2ECE0	7321
BDM NU 2.0ATK ULEV +IMMO/SMK : 39171-2ECE0	7121
BDM NU 2.0ATK ULEV -IMMO (MT) : 39177-2ECE0	7720

1. Within the ECU Upgrade screen displayed, select **Manual Mode**.
2. Select the **Engine** system under the System selection menu. Select **Upgrade Event #406** and select **Upgrade** to continue.
3. Select the appropriate control unit part number with reference to the ROM ID Information Table on page 2 and select **OK**.
4. Enter the appropriate password from the Manual Mode password table above and select **OK**.
5. The upgrade will begin and the progress of the upgrade will appear on the bar graph.
6. When instructed on the KDS, turn the ignition **OFF** for ten (10) seconds then back on. Touch **OK** to continue.
7. Once the upgrade is complete, touch **OK** to finalize the procedure.
8. When prompted, select **YES** to check for Diagnostic Trouble Codes (DTC) and erase any DTCs stored such as EPS, ESC, and TPMS that may have been set during the upgrade.
9. Start the engine to confirm proper operation of the vehicle.

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AFFECTED VEHICLE RANGE:

Model	Production Date Range
Forte (BDm)	July 9, 2018 through March 11, 2019

WARRANTY INFORMATION:

N Code: N99 C Code: C99

Claim Type	Causal P/N	Qty.	Repair Description	Labor Op Code	Op Time	Replacement P/N	Qty.
V	39173 2ECD0	0	(SA378) ECU Logic Improvement for P030X, P219X	180M21R0	0.3 M/H	N/A	0

* NOTICE

VIN inquiry data for this repair is provided for tracking purposes only. Kia retailers should reference SA378 when accessing the WebDCS system.