



Three ways to define style and performance. The 2012 Kia Forte comes in three models, all of which have sleek styling that communicates a passion for driving. Each delivers an exceptional combination of high-quality engineering, innovative design, technologically advanced features and outstanding value. Like all Kia vehicles, the Forte comes with an industry-leading warranty program.¹



SPACIOUSNESS

The Forte sedan, Koup and 5-door are all designed to provide remarkable headroom and legroom. Their spacious cabins offer driver and passengers alike all-day driving comfort.

PERFORMANCE

LX and EX models come with a 156-hp² 2.0L engine that delivers quick acceleration. SX models get even more performance with a 173-hp² 2.4L power plant.

FUEL EFFICIENCY

The Forte eco offers exceptional fuel efficiency.3 A "smart alternator," Electric Power Steering and silica tires contribute to its outstanding fuel economy.

ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY

The Forte has a long list of advanced features. These include Bluetooth® wireless technology,4 SiriusXM Satellite Radio⁵ and USB/auxiliary input jacks for your MP3 player.6

PEACE OF MIND

From six airbags to Electronic Stability Control (ESC), the Forte has a comprehensive list of advanced safety systems. These safety features are standard equipment on every Forte.

Irresistible design — exhilarating performance. With its sleek, sculpted exterior design, the 2012 Kia Forte Koup delivers both exceptional styling and outstanding performance. Driving excitement begins with a 156-hp² 4-cylinder engine that delivers an outstanding power-to-weight ratio. The sporty Forte Koup SX also has a sport-tuned suspension and a choice of either a 6-speed manual transmission or an available 6-speed Sportmatic® with manual-shift mode.* All of which means, you'll enjoy exciting performance every time you get behind the wheel.









Unsurpassed comfort begins with exceptional cabin space.

A long wheelbase and wide body translate into remarkable spaciousness. The Forte sedan and 5-door provide seating for five, with ample headroom and legroom for all. An available Leather Package enhances comfort and adds a touch of luxury on SX models.

60/40 SPLIT-FOLDING REAR SEATS

With either or both rear seats folded, all Forte models allow you to easily stow larger items?

CAVERNOUS TRUNK SPACE

To complement its spacious interior, the Forte sedan's 14.7 cubic feet of trunk space lets you pack a vacation's worth of luggage.

IDEAL TEMPERATURE

The available automatic climate control* maintains the temperature setting you choose for ideal cabin comfort.













PUSH-BUTTON START*

Available Smart Key remote lets you conveniently start or stop the engine at the push of a button.

POWER SUNROOF*

Available on EX and SX models, this power sunroof with tilt lets in plenty of fresh air.

HEATED FRONT SEATS*

Luxurious, heated front seats with leather trim are available on SX models.

7 See Specifications page for endnote. *Some features may be optional equipment or not available on select trims. See Features and Specifications pages for availability details. FORTE SX SEDAN WITH LEATHER PACKAGE SHOWN.









It's time to raise your expectations. Forte SX models feature stunning interior sport styling that's highlighted by metal pedals and metal-finish accents. Sleek controls and Supervision gauges that have glowing red LCD lighting reflect an unsurpassed attention to detail. The available Technology Package is designed to enhance your driving experience with added comfort and convenience.

PADDLE SHIFTERS

Forte SX has paddle shifters that allow you to change gears without taking your hands off the wheel.

USB/AUXILIARY JACKS FOR MP3 AUDIO PLAYERS

Now you can listen to your favorite tunes from your own music library.⁶

BLUETOOTH® WIRELESS TECHNOLOGY⁴

Enjoy your *Bluetooth®* wireless technology-enabled cell phone with hands-free simplicity.













NAVIGATION SYSTEM*

Available voice-command navigation system includes a vivid color touch screen, real-time highway conditions from SiriusXM Traffic™s and a rear-camera display.8

ECOMINDER® GAUGE

Models with an automatic transmission have EcoMinder,® which lets you know when you are achieving optimum fuel economy.

SIRIUSXM SATELLITE RADIO⁵

Get over 130 channels, including 100% commercial-free music, plus all your favorite sports, news. talk and entertainment.



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Easy access to lots of room. The Kia Forte 5-door is designed for convenience and flexibility. The fifth door provides easy access to the spacious cargo area. 60/40 split-folding rear seats enhance the Forte 5-door's versatility, allowing you to fold down both seats completely flat for maximum cargo area, or fold down one side to carry longer items and still accommodate a rear-seat passenger.













60/40 SPLIT-FOLDING SEATS

With one seat folded, you can fit extra-long cargo⁷ and up to two rear-seat passengers.

CONVENIENT CONSOLE

Dual cup holders, a storage bin for your personal items and an armrest are within easy reach.

CONCEALED STORAGE

The Forte 5-door's cargo cover allows you to store your valuable items safely out of sight.

NEAT AND ORGANIZED

A hidden tray in the trunk of the Forte 5-door keeps loose items neatly organized.

EVERYTHING IN ITS PLACE

Front-door bottle holders give you a spot for large containers that don't fit in the regular cup holders.



Advanced technology for stirring performance. The Forte offers two exciting ways to enjoy your time driving. LX and EX models have a 156-hp engine,² and SX models deliver even more performance with a 173-hp 2.4L power plant.² Both engines feature Continuously Variable Valve Timing (CVVT) that automatically adjusts valve timing to provide increased power, reduced exhaust emissions and optimum fuel efficiency.³



SPORTY HANDLING

For precise, responsive handling, the Forte features power rack & pinion steering, monotube shocks and a MacPherson-strut front suspension. For even greater agility on curvy roads, SX models include 17-inch alloy wheels and a sporttuned suspension.

AERODYNAMIC STYLING

The Forte has undergone extensive aerodynamic testing. The result is sleek styling that features a lowered front bumper, raised trunkline and airflow deflectors in front of the wheels. Together, these designs direct the flow of air around the car, creating a quieter ride and further improving fuel efficiency.



THE FORTE ECO

The Forte eco sedan delivers an exceptional 27 city/37 highway mpg.³ To achieve this, the Forte eco features a 6-speed automatic transmission, a "smart alternator," an Electric Power Steering system and silica tires. To help you develop more economical driving habits, it has EcoMinder,® a feature that lets you know when you're achieving optimum fuel economy via an icon that lights up.



ONE OF THE CLEANEST, MOST FUEL-EFFICIENT VEHICLES ON THE ROAD





control when stopping in difficult conditions like wet or slippery roads.

weight distribution change, EBD adjusts the front-to-rear balance of brake pressure.

it instantly applies full braking force, which helps shorten your overall stopping distance.

maneuvers. It then controls the engine and brakes to help keep your Forte on course.

engine power and brake force to transfer power to the wheels that have the most traction.

Prepare for the unexpected. Forte's safety systems are designed to help minimize injury when a traffic accident is unavoidable. The front seats feature active headrests and seat-belt pretensioners. Dual front airbags, front-seat-mounted side airbags and side curtain airbags for both front and rear seating positions are managed by an advanced sensor system.⁹ Forte wraps all of this — and you — in a protective, high-strength steel-reinforced body.



AIRBAG & SEAT-BELT SENSORS

This advanced system monitors the severity of an impact, the presence of a front passenger and seat-belt use, and then controls airbag inflation accordinaly.⁹



FRONT ACTIVE HEADRESTS

In the event of certain rear collisions, the active headrests move forward, helping to reduce the likelihood of injury.



REINFORCED BODY

All doors are reinforced with steel beams to help absorb impact energy and deflect side-impact force.
The A and B pillars are also reinforced to help strengthen the body of the vehicle.



TIRE-PRESSURE MONITORING SYSTEM

This system includes airpressure sensors located at each wheel. If a tire reaches a specified low air pressure, a warning light will alert you.¹⁰



FRONT SEAT-BELT PRETENSIONERS

Pretensioners have been designed to tighten the seat belts in the event of certain collisions. This helps to reduce the likelihood of injuries.



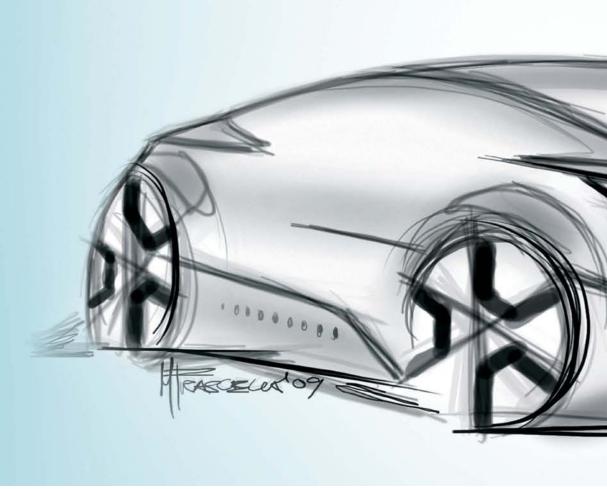
LATCH SYSTEM

The standardized LATCH (Lower Anchors and Tethers for Children) system makes it easier to securely install a compatible child seat in any of the three rear seating positions.



A passion for excellence. For decades, Kia Motors has focused on building vehicles that reflect a commitment to quality, durability and product innovation. Today, we offer models to suit most every driving need. The value found in every Kia vehicle has been widely recognized, and Kia Motors has been one of the fastest-growing automotive brands in America for the past five years.¹¹







COMMITMENT TO AMERICA

Kia Motors' \$1 billion facility in West Point, Georgia, incorporates the latest manufacturing processes. Utilizing state-of-the-art robotics, the plant is capable of producing 300,000 vehicles a year with maximum efficiency. When the 2011 Sorento went into production, it became Kia Motors' first vehicle to be built in the U.S.A.† The plant will generate more than just high-quality vehicles. Over 3,000 new jobs are expected to be created at the facility and up to 7,500 additional jobs in the surrounding area. It's all part of Kia Motors' commitment to America — a commitment that is sure to grow and strengthen in the years ahead.



PRIDE OF QUALITY

Kia Motors designs and develops vehicles and rigorously puts them to the test at high-tech facilities and proving grounds worldwide. The result is a full line of vehicles with world-class quality.



SELLING STRONG

In 2010, Kia Motors sold its 3 millionth vehicle in the U.S.A., and it took less time to reach that milestone than Toyota. In fact, Kia has recently outsold Lexus, Subaru, Volkswagen and Mazda. Is



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INDUSTRY-LEADING WARRANTY PROGRAM

At Kia Motors America, we believe peace of mind should come standard with every vehicle we make. That's why we back every model with an industry-leading warranty program.¹

- 10-year/100,000-mile limited powertrain warranty
- 5-year/60,000-mile limited basic warranty
- 5-year/100,000-mile limited anti-perforation warranty
- 5-year/60,000-mile 24-hour roadside assistance14



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Colors

EXTERIOR

CLEAR WHITE SEDAN: (LX) S KOUP: (EX) S/B 5DR: (EX) S, (SX) B-S

SNOW WHITE PEARL SEDAN: (EX) S/B, (SX) B-S 5DR: (EX) S, (SX) B-S BRIGHT SILVER (M) SEDAN: (LX, EX) S, (SX) B-S KOUP: (EX) B, (SX) B-S 5DR: (EX) S, (SX) B-S













(M) = METALLIC

INTERIOR COMBINATIONS ARE INDICATED BY:

S = STONE INTERIOR (N/A ON SX)

B = BLACK INTERIOR (EX ONLY)

B-S = BLACK SPORT INTERIOR (SX ONLY)

INTERIOR



ACTUAL VEHICLE COLORS MAY VARY FROM PRINTED BROCHURE.

Features: Forte Sedan/Koup/5-door

| EXTERIOR | ř | X | XX |
|---|---|---|----|
| 15" tires w/steel wheels (sedan only) | • | • | _ |
| 16" tires w/alloy wheels (std. on Koup & 5dr EX) | _ | 0 | _ |
| 17" tires w/alloy wheels | _ | _ | • |
| Sport-tuned suspension | - | _ | • |
| Dual body-color remote mirrors | | _ | _ |
| Dual body-color power mirrors w/turn-signal indicators | _ | • | • |
| Body-color exterior door handles | | | |
| Variable intermittent windshield wipers | | • | • |
| Auto-off clear-lens halogen headlights | | • | • |
| Front fog lights | _ | 0 | • |
| LED taillights (Koup only) | _ | _ | • |
| Gloss-black front fascia accents (Koup only) | _ | _ | |
| Tinted glass w/windshield sunshade band | • | • | • |
| Power sunroof w/tilt | - | 0 | 0 |
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INTERIOR & CONVENIENCE

| AM/FM/CD/MP3/SiriusXM⁵ audio system | • | • | • |
|--|---|---|---|
| Six speakers w/door-mounted tweeters | - | • | • |
| USB/auxiliary input jacks | • | • | • |
| <i>Bluetooth</i> ®⁴ wireless technology | • | • | • |
| Steering-wheel-mounted audio control buttons | - | • | • |
| Cruise control | - | • | • |
| Supervision meter cluster w/trip computer | - | 0 | • |
| Steering-wheel-mounted paddle shifters | - | - | • |
| EcoMinder® fuel-efficiency monitor | | | |
| Trip computer | _ | • | • |
| Outside temperature display | - | • | • |
| Air conditioning | • | • | • |
| Power windows | - | • | • |
| Power door locks w/remote keyless entry | _ | • | • |
| Tilt & telescopic steering column | - | | • |
| Dual 12V power outlets | | • | • |
| Duai iz v power outlets | _ | | |

SEATING & TRIM

| Cloth seat trim | | | _ |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sport-cloth seat trim | _ | _ | |
| Sport seats (Koup only) | _ | | |
| 6-way adjustable driver's seat | • | • | |
| 60/40 split-folding rear seat w/adjustable rear headrests | • | • | • |
| Center console w/armrest and storage area | • | | • |
| Rear-seat center armrest (n/a on Koup) | • | • | • |
| Front door map pockets w/bottle holder | • | • | • |
| Fold-flat cargo floor w/cargo tray and under-cargo luggage box (5dr only) | - | • | • |

| | ž | EX | SX |
|--|---|----|----|
| Leather-wrapped steering wheel/gearshift knob | _ | _ | • |
| Metal-finish interior accents | _ | _ | • |
| Metal pedals | _ | - | • |
| Carpeted floor mats | 0 | | |

| Dual front advanced airbags ⁹ | | | |
|--|---|---|---|
| Dual front seat-mounted side airbags ⁹ | • | • | • |
| Full-length side curtain airbags ⁹ | • | • | • |
| Front active headrests | • | • | • |
| Front and rear 3-point seat belts | • | • | • |
| Front seat-belt pretensioners | • | • | • |
| Height-adjustable front seat-belt anchors | • | • | • |
| 4-wheel disc brakes | • | • | • |
| 4-wheel anti-lock brakes (ABS) | • | • | • |
| Electronic Stability Control (ESC) | • | • | • |
| Traction Control System (TCS) | • | • | • |
| Brake Assist System (BAS) | • | • | • |
| Electronic Brake-force Distribution (EBD) | • | • | • |
| Tire-Pressure Monitoring System (TPMS) ¹⁰ | • | | • |
| Front & rear crumple zones | • | | • |
| Side-impact door beams | • | | • |
| Lower Anchors and Tethers for Children (LATCH) | • | • | • |

PREMIUM PACKAGE (SEDAN EX)

Power sunroof w/tilt, 16" tires w/alloy wheels

LEATHER PACKAGE (SX)

Leather seat trim, heated front seats, auto-dimming rear-view mirror

TECHNOLOGY PACKAGE (EX)

Navigation system w/rear-camera display⁸ including SiriusXM Traffic,™⁵ automatic climate control, push-button start w/Smart Key, Supervision meter cluster, chrome outside door handles, front fog lights, auto light control (rear camera not on Koup)

TECHNOLOGY PACKAGE (SX)

Navigation system w/rear-camera display⁸ including SiriusXM Traffic, ¹⁴⁵ automatic climate control, push-button start w/Smart Key, chrome outside door handles (rear camera not on Koup)

FORTE ECO (SEDAN EX)

Electric Power Steering (EPS), smart alternator, low-rolling-resistance silica tires, aerodynamic enhancements

- STANDARD O OPTIONAL NOT AVAILABLE
- AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION
- *LX available only with sedan.

Specifications

| ENGINE | 2.0L I4 LX & EX | 2.4L I4 SX |
|----------------------|--|--|
| Туре | Inline 4-cylinder, aluminum block & head | Inline 4-cylinder, aluminum block & head |
| Valve gear | DOHC, four valves/cylinder, Continuously Variable Valve Timing (CVVT) | DOHC, four valves/cylinder, Continuously Variable Valve Timing (CVVT) |
| Displacement | 1,998 cc | 2,359 cc |
| Compression ratio | 10.5:1 | 10.5:1 |
| Horsepower (SAE net) | 156 hp @ 6,200 rpm ² 154 hp @ 6,200 rpm SULEV ² | 173 hp @ 6,000 rpm ² 165 hp @ 6,000 rpm SULEV ² |
| Torque (SAE net) | 144 lbft. @ 4,300 rpm ² 139 lbft. @ 4,600 rpm SULEV ² | 168 lbft. @ 4,000 rpm ² 161 lbft. @ 4,000 rpm SULEV ² |
| Transmission | 6-speed manual, overdrive. 6-speed electronically controlled, overdrive w/Sportmatic® | 6-speed manual, overdrive. 6-speed electronically controlled, overdrive w/Sportmatic® |

| DIMENSIONS | SEDAN & 5DR | KOUP |
|-------------------------------|--|-------------------|
| Wheelbase | 104.3 in. | 104.3 in. |
| Track (front/rear) | 61.3 in./61.6 in. | 61.4 in./61.6 in. |
| Length | 178.3 in./170.9 in. (5dr) | 176.4 in. |
| Width | 69.9 in. | 69.5 in. |
| Height | 57.5 in. | 55.1 in. |
| Ground clearance | 5.9 in. | 5.5 in. |
| Headroom (front/rear) | 40.0 in./37.6 in. (38.4 in. 5dr) | 38.7 in./35.3 in. |
| Shoulder room (front/rear) | 55.7 in./54.7 in. | 55.7 in./52.4 in. |
| Legroom (front/rear) | 43.3 in./35.0 in. | 43.6 in./33.9 in. |
| Hip room (front/rear) | 53.0 in./53.3 in. | 53.3 in./51.6 in. |
| Passenger volume | 96.8 cu. ft./97.5 cu. ft. (5dr) | 90.7 cu. ft. |
| Cargo volume | 14.7 cu. ft. (sedan) 19.4 cu. ft. (5dr) | 12.6 cu. ft. |
| | | |

| 2.0L I4 LX & EX, 2.4L I4 SX | |
|---|--|
| Front engine, front-wheel drive | |
| Steel unibody | |
| Independent, MacPherson struts, coil springs, monotube shocks, stabilizer bar | |
| Torsion beam, coil springs, monotube shocks | |
| Rack & pinion, hydraulic, power-assisted | |
| 2.89 (sedan/5dr) 2.72 (Koup) | |
| 33.9 ft. (2.0L), 35.4 ft. (2.4L) | |
| | |

| CURB WEIGHT | 2.0L I4 SEDAN, KOUP & 5DR | 2.4L I4 SEDAN, KOUP & 5DR |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Manual transmission | 2,729/2,737/2,781 lbs. (LX, EX) | 2,849/2,844/2,896 lbs. (SX) |
| Automatic transmission | 2,791/2,799/2,840 lbs. (LX, EX) | 2,898/2,891/2,944 lbs. (SX) |

| BRAKES | 2.0L I4 LX & EX | 2.4L 14 SX |
|--------|--|--|
| Туре | Hydraulic, power-assiste ABS + Electronic Stabili | ed vacuum 4-sensor, 4-channel ity Control |
| Front | 11.0 in. vented discs | 11.8 in. vented discs |
| Rear | 10.3 in. solid discs | 10.3 in. solid discs |

| TIRES | 2.0L I4 LX & EX | 2.4L I4 SX |
|-------------|---|------------|
| Type: sedan | 195/65R15 (LX, EX) 205/55R16 (EX optional) | 215/45R17 |
| Type: Koup | 205/55R16 | 215/45R17 |
| Type: 5dr | 205/55R16 | 215/45R17 |

| 2012 EPA FUEL ECONOMY ¹⁷ | 2.0L I4 LX & EX | 2.4L 14 SX |
|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| (Estimated City/Highv | vay MPG) | |
| Manual transmission | 25/34 (sedan) 24/33 (Koup) | 22/32 (sedan/Koup) |
| Automatic transmission | 26/36 (sedan/5dr) 27/37 (Forte eco) 25/34 (Koup) | 23/32 (sedan/5dr) 23/31 (Koup) |
| Fuel tank capacity | 13.7 gallons | 13.7 gallons |
| | | |

ENDNOTES:

- ¹ The Kia 10-year/100,000-mile warranty program includes various warranties and roadside assistance. Warranties include powertrain and basic. All warranties and roadside assistance are limited. See retailer for warranty details or go to kia.com.
- ² Maximum hp for ULEV 2.0L engine is 156 hp @ 6,200 rpm. Maximum hp for ULEV 2.4L engine is 173 hp @ 6,000 rpm. Super Ultra Low Emission Vehicle (SULEV) engine is the only engine available in these states: California, New York, Massachusetts, Vermont, Connecticut, New Jersey, Oregon, Maine, Rhode Island, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Washington, New Mexico. SULEV 2.0L engine: 154 hp @ 6,200 rpm, 139 lb.-ft. @ 4,600 rpm. SULEV 2.4L engine: 165 hp @ 6,000 rpm, 161 lb.-ft. @ 4,000 rpm. ULEV is the only engine available in all other states.
- ³ Refer to specifications above for 2012 EPA fuel economy estimates. Actual mileage may vary.
- ⁴ A compatible Bluetooth® wireless technology-enabled cell phone is required to use Bluetooth® wireless technology. The Bluetooth® word mark and logos are registered trademarks owned by Bluetooth SIG, Inc., and any use of such marks is pursuant to license. Other trademarks and trade names are those of their respective owners.
- 5 Sirius services require subscriptions, sold separately after 3-month trial included with vehicle purchase/lease. Subscriptions governed by SiriusXM Customer Agreement at www.siriusxm.com. If you decide to continue your Sirius service at the end of your complimentary trial, the plan you choose will automatically renew and bill at then-current rates until you call Sirius at 888-539-7474 to cancel. Sirius U.S. Satellite service available only to those at least 18 years of age in the 48 contiguous United States, D.C. and PR. Go to www.siriusxm.com/traffic for available coverage. © 2011 SiriusXM Radio Inc. Sirius, XM and all related marks and logos are trademarks of SiriusXM Radio Inc.
- 6 Kia accessory cable required for iPod® connectivity. Cable and iPod® mobile digital device sold separately. iPod® is a registered trademark of Apple Inc.
- 7 All cargo should be evenly distributed and properly secured, and never piled higher than the seatback. Photographs shown for spatial reference only.
- ⁸ The rear-camera display is not a substitute for proper and safe backing-up procedures. Always drive safely and use caution when backing up. Not available on Forte Koup.
- ⁹ For maximum protection, always wear your seat belt.
- ¹⁰ Even with the Tire-Pressure Monitoring System, always check your tire pressure on a regular basis.
- ¹¹ Based on comparison of 12-month retail sales from January 2006 to January 2011 of all U.S. automotive brands and 5-year average sales growth.
- ¹² Source: Automotive News Data Center.
- ¹³ Based on total U.S. light-vehicle sales, January 2010 to January 2011.
- ¹⁴ 24-hour Roadside Assistance is a service plan provided by Kia Motors America, Inc. and is limited. See retailer or kia.com for details.
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- ¹⁶ Kia Design Center, a division of Hyundai America Technical Center, Inc. (HATCI).
- ¹⁷ Actual mileage may vary.





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