



# 2019 KIA NIRO

## 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.



2019 Niro EX with Advanced Technology Package shown

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

#### Using Voice Recognition

Improve Bluetooth<sup>®2</sup> 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 soft or too loud.
- 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<sup>®2</sup>

- 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 Niro 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 UVO display and the UVO display from the phone, and re-pair.
  - Ensure the phone has the Bluetooth<sup>®2</sup> 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<sup>®3</sup>) 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<sup>®2</sup> 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<sup>®2</sup> Tips

- Bluetooth<sup>®2</sup> reception is affected by carrier coverage and is dependent on the phone.
- If streaming audio through Bluetooth<sup>®2</sup> from a device, ensure the listening volume on the device is turned up.

### QR Code

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



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



#### Apple CarPlay<sup>™3</sup>

Your vehicle offers you effortless command of your compatible iPhone<sup>®</sup> when you connect through Apple CarPlay<sup>™</sup> 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<sup>®</sup> voice control.

To connect Apple CarPlay, visit <https://youtu.be/N1FQ1VqDt4A>.

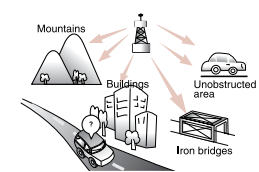


#### Android Auto<sup>™3</sup>

Your vehicle allows you to connect to your compatible Android<sup>™</sup> phone via Android Auto<sup>™</sup> 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>.

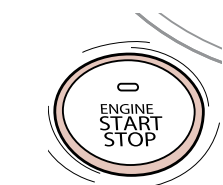
## Satellite Radio Reception



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.

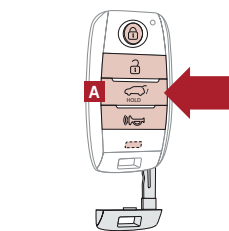
## Accessory (ACC), ON, or START/READY Modes (Flip-Out Key or Smart Key\*)



Turn the flip-out key/remote to the first position or push the ENGINE START/STOP button (SSB) once to enter the ACC mode (SSB light turns Yellow). Turn the flip-out key/remote to the second position or push the ENGINE SSB again to enter the ON mode (SSB light turns Red). Turning the flip-out key/remote to the third position or pushing the ENGINE SSB at any time, with the brake pedal depressed, automatically starts (READY mode) the vehicle (SSB light turns OFF). Turning the flip-out key/remote to the OFF position or pushing the ENGINE SSB again, while the vehicle is in the READY mode, shuts OFF the vehicle (light remains OFF).

If the flip-out key/remote is turned to START or ENGINE SSB is pressed, with the brake pedal depressed, and you quickly/immediately shift from PARK (P) to DRIVE (D) or REVERSE (R), the vehicle may NOT START/go to the READY mode. This is because the vehicle's High Voltage system readiness/checks have NOT completed, and it is known as "Shift Before READY." If "Shift Before READY" occurs, the Green READY symbol will NOT be illuminated, and the vehicle will need to be placed back into the PARK (P) position and the vehicle should be restarted.

## Rear Liftgate Operation



For vehicles with a Smart Key or flip-out key/remote, the remote liftgate button (A/held for 1 second) only unlocks the liftgate, and does not physically unlatch or pop open the liftgate door.

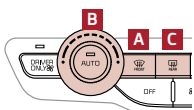
Vehicles with a Smart Key ONLY, can depress the liftgate handle switch to unlock and open the liftgate (the vehicle detects the Smart Key, unlocks the liftgate lock, and allows the liftgate to open upon switch activation), and will auto relock when liftgate is closed.

## Wind Buffeting / Sunroof Operation\*

In many vehicles, when a single window is lowered/opened, air flowing past the open window induces pressure oscillations and/or pulsations, which may be uncomfortable (hearing discomfort). When buffeting/discomfort occurs, lower/open another window(s), to help relieve the pressure oscillations and discomfort.

To reduce wind noise while driving with the sunroof open, Kia recommends you drive with the sunroof opened to the recommended position, about 3 inches/7cm before the maximum slide open position.

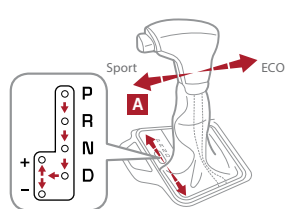
## Front / Back Windshield Defogging



Windshield fogging is caused by moisture in the air condensing on the cold glass. The following practices can help reduce window fogging:

- Keeping the inside of the glass as clean as possible.
- Utilizing the front Defrost Mode (A), which activates the A/C and opens the Fresh Air Vent.
- Adjusting the temperature control (B) to the desired temperature.
- Activating the rear window defroster (C) will also activate the side mirror defrosters.\*

## Dual Clutch Automatic Transmission (DCT)



Your Niro is equipped with a Dual Clutch Automatic Transmission (DCT). The DCT is an electronically controlled and shifted manual transmission designed for improved fuel economy.

**The Dual Clutch Automatic Transmission provides:**

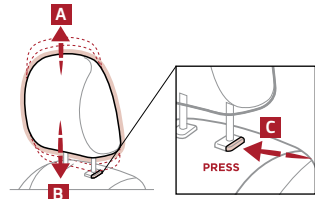
- Better acceleration while driving, but the initial start may be slower than with a traditional automatic transmission.
  - A more direct driving feel, which may be more noticeable when starting from a stop or at low vehicle speeds.
  - Gear shifting that can be felt and sometimes heard.
  - An engine that may rev at high RPMs when rapidly accelerating, depending on vehicle drive conditions.
- Reminder, always come to a complete stop before shifting into Drive (D), Reverse (R), or Park (P).

**Sport/ECO Modes:** Sport Mode adjusts the Niro's shift points and steering feel for a more sporty experience. For improved starts or low-speed takeoffs, position the shift lever (A) to Sport Mode by moving the shift lever from D to the left gate.

(D) - ECO Mode

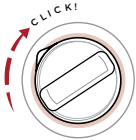
(S) - Sport Mode - When shift lever is moved into the left gate from (D). If shift lever is not moved manually (+/-) through the gears, then the vehicle will shift automatically.

## Headrest Adjustments<sup>4</sup>



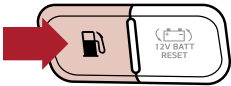
- To raise headrest: Pull headrest up (A).
- To lower headrest: Press lock (C), then press the headrest down (B).
- To remove the headrest: Recline the seatback rearward (to clear roof). Press the lock (C), then raise (A) and remove the headrest.
- To install, reverse the order.

## Check Engine Light from Fuel Cap

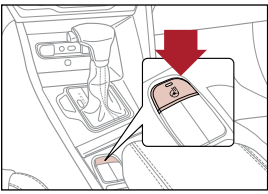


Tighten the cap until it clicks one time; otherwise, the Check Engine Light  may illuminate.

The Fuel Filler Door Release button is located on the Driver's Panel to the left of the Steering Wheel.



## Heated Steering Wheel Button\*5



Press this button to turn ON/OFF the steering wheel heater, while the Engine Start/Stop Button is in the ON (READY MODE) position.

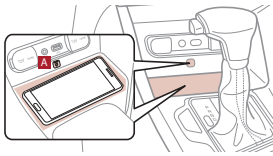
The steering wheel heater will thermally cycle on and off, and will turn off automatically after 30 minutes, or when button is pressed again to deactivate.

If ignition is cycled, the Heated Steering Wheel turns OFF. Press button again to turn ON.

## USB Ports and Use of Cables

Vehicle may contain USB port(s) for playing music from a compatible media device as well as USB port(s) for charging. Note: devices will only be recharged when the vehicle is in ACC/ON/START position. If you encounter difficulty plugging in a compatible USB device, change the orientation of the device or its connector (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.

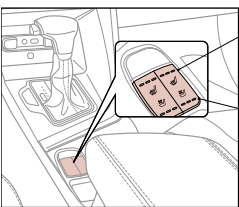
## Wireless Smartphone Charging System\*



Place compatible smartphone on the center of the charging pad. Wireless charging must be enabled in user settings, and all doors must be closed, for wireless charging activation.

If wireless charging does not work, move smartphone around the pad until the charging indicator light turns amber. Avoid placing other metal items in the bin while charging as to not impede the charging area.

## Seat Warmers / Ventilated Seats\*6



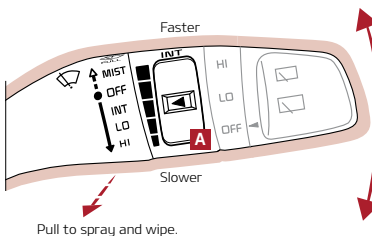
Warming: (Yellow LED)

Ventilating: (Blue LED)

- Press top (warmer)/bottom (ventilated) 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 will automatically cycle on and off, depending on the seat temperature.

## Front and Rear Windshield Wiper / Washer Controls



Press switch (A) Up/Down to adjust intermittent Wipe Speed

**MIST:** Single wipe

**OFF:** Wiper off

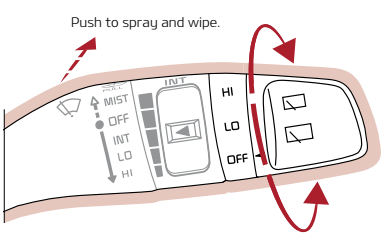
**INT:** Intermittent wipe (A)

**LO:** Slow wipe

**HI:** Fast wipe

Pull to spray and wipe.

FRONT WINDSHIELD WIPER/WASHER CONTROLS



Push to spray and wipe.

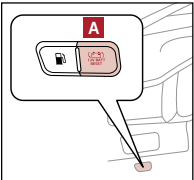
**HI:** Continuous wipe

**LO:** Intermittent\* wipe

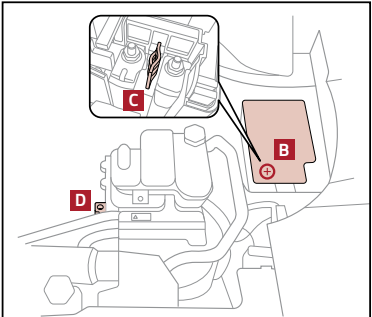
**OFF:** Wiper off

REAR WIPER/WASHER CONTROLS

## Emergency Starting



(LOCATED IN DRIVER'S PANEL TO THE LEFT OF STEERING WHEEL)



(NIRO ENGINE COMPARTMENT SHOWN, RIGHT SIDE)

**WARNING:** Jump starting your vehicle can be dangerous if done incorrectly. Follow the jump starting procedures to avoid harm to yourself or damage to your vehicle and any of its components. You can also consult your Owner's Manual (section 7-7 to 7-9) for further detailed instructions for jump starting your vehicle. If in doubt, we strongly recommend that you have a competent technician or towing service jump start your vehicle.

**Before Jump Starting (HEV Only):**

1. If the vehicle appears to have a dead battery, first press the 12V Battery Reset button (A). Then immediately start the vehicle by pressing the brake and turning the ignition on or pressing the Engine Start/Stop button.
2. If the vehicle does not start after completing the above steps, then jump start the vehicle (as described below).

**REMINDERS:**

After starting, idle or drive the vehicle for more than 30 minutes to help charge the 12-volt battery. If the vehicle does not start immediately after

pressing the 12V Battery Reset button (A), then the power of the 12V battery is automatically disconnected to prevent any additional discharge. Repeated use of the 12V Battery Reset button may cause over discharge which will prevent the vehicle from starting.

**Jump Starting (HEV and PHEV):**

1. Remove the underhood fusebox cover (B).
2. The {+} jump start terminal (C) is located in the fuse box; the suitable ground point (D) is located in the engine compartment (See Owner's Manual pages 7-7 to 7-9 for detailed description).
3. Connect cables in the following order and disconnect in reverse order:
  - Connect the {+} clamp of your jumper cable to the {+} jump start terminal (C).
  - Connect the {-} clamp of your jumper cable to the suitable ground point (D).
4. Then immediately start the vehicle by pressing the brake and turning the ignition on or pressing the Engine Start/Stop button.

Images or graphics for illustration only. \* If equipped. 1. The driver's primary responsibility is in the safe and legal operation of a vehicle, and use of any handheld devices, other equipment or vehicle systems which take the driver's focus away from the safe operation of a vehicle or that are not permissible by law should never be used during operation of the vehicle. 2. The Bluetooth® word mark and logos are registered trademarks owned by Bluetooth SIG, Inc. and any use of such marks by Kia is under license. A Bluetooth® enabled cell phone is required to use Bluetooth® Wireless Technology. 3. Apple CarPlay, iPhone and Siri are registered trademarks of Apple Inc. Android and Android Auto are trademarks of Google LLC. 4. Do not adjust the headrest while driving as this may cause you to lose control of the vehicle. 5. If the steering wheel becomes too hot, immediately turn it off to avoid any burns. 6. Use extreme caution when using the seat warmers to avoid burns. Refer to the Owner's Manual for more safety information.





# 2018–2019 Kia Vehicle Awards & Accolades



2018 Kia **Soul** has been awarded an overall 5-Star crash safety rating (the highest possible) by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). [www.NHTSA.gov](http://www.NHTSA.gov)<sup>1</sup>



2018 Kia **Forte** has been awarded an overall 5-Star crash safety rating (the highest possible) by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). [www.NHTSA.gov](http://www.NHTSA.gov)<sup>1</sup>



2018 Kia **Sedona** has been awarded a 5-Star overall safety rating (the highest possible) by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). [www.NHTSA.gov](http://www.NHTSA.gov)<sup>1</sup>



2018 Kia **Optima** has been awarded a 5-Star overall safety rating (the highest possible) by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). [www.NHTSA.gov](http://www.NHTSA.gov)<sup>1</sup>



2018 Kia **Sportage** AWD has been awarded an overall 5-Star crash safety rating (the highest possible) by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). [www.NHTSA.gov](http://www.NHTSA.gov)<sup>1</sup>



2019 Kia **Sorento** earns 2018 IIHS Top Safety Pick+ when equipped with optional front crash prevention and LED headlights.



2018 Kia **Forte** is a 2018 IIHS Top Safety Pick+ when equipped with optional front crash prevention and specific headlights.



2018 Kia Rio earned “Highest Ranked Small Car in Initial Quality.”<sup>2</sup>



“2018 Highest Ranked Brand in Initial Quality, 4 Years in a Row” Mass Market.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Government 5-Star Safety Ratings are part of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s (NHTSA’s) New Car Assessment Program ([www.NHTSA.gov](http://www.NHTSA.gov)). <sup>2</sup>The 2018 Kia Rio received the lowest rate of reported problems among small cars in the J.D. Power 2018 Initial Quality Study of new vehicle owners’ experience with their own vehicle after 90 days of ownership. Visit [jdpower.com/awards](http://jdpower.com/awards). <sup>3</sup>The Kia Brand received the lowest rate of reported problems among mass market brands in the J.D. Power 2018 Initial Quality Study of new vehicle owners’ experience with their own vehicle after 90 days of ownership. Visit [jdpower.com/awards](http://jdpower.com/awards).