

2023-2024 Kia Sportage | Advanced | 2-4 hours | \$220 DIY

TOOLS

Metric/SAE socket set and ratchet Long extensions and universal joint Torque wrench Floor jack and jack stands if underside access is required Multimeter or test light Safety glasses and gloves

PARTS

Replacement starter motor \$220.00
Starter terminal hardware or heat shield fasteners (if needed) \$20.00

STEPS

- 1 Confirm the no-crank diagnosis - Park the 2023-2024 Kia Sportage safely, set the parking brake, and switch the ignition off. Verify the battery is charged and test battery voltage, cable voltage drop, grounds, fuses, relay, and the start signal before replacing the starter...**
- 2 Disconnect the battery and gain access - Disconnect the negative (-) battery cable on the 2023-2024 Kia Sportage first and isolate it so it cannot touch the post. Locate the starter at the engine/transmission bellhousing and remove only the intake duct, splash shield, skid plate...**
- 3 Label and disconnect starter wiring - Photograph the 2023-2024 Kia Sportage starter connections before removal. Remove the nut and main B+ cable, then unplug or remove the solenoid trigger wire. Keep the energized cable insulated from ground and inspect the terminals for heat...**
- 4 Remove and compare the old starter - Support the starter on the 2023-2024 Kia Sportage while removing its mounting bolts. Lower or maneuver it out without stressing nearby wiring. Compare the replacement with the old unit for mounting ears, nose length, gear, solenoid clockin...**
- 5 Install and torque the replacement starter - Fit the replacement starter to the 2023-2024 Kia Sportage bellhousing, start every mounting bolt by hand, and tighten evenly to the manufacturer specification. Reinstall any alignment dowel, bracket, or heat shield. Reconnect the solenoid...**
- 6 Reconnect the battery and verify cranking - Reconnect the negative battery cable on the 2023-2024 Kia Sportage, reinstall shields and intake parts, and check that wiring is clear of moving or hot components. Attempt a start from a safe position; the engine should crank smoothly with...**