

Portland Observer Auto Review

2010 Kia Soul Sport

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The 2010 Kia Soul Sport is a compelling new entry in the economy car market: one with a pleasant driving character, lots of space, good build quality, loads of available features, a low price and a lengthy warranty. It has a boxy shape similar to the Scion xB - and like the funky Scion, its style and affordable price target younger buyers.

The Soul base model at \$13,995 gets USB and auxiliary inputs, air-conditioning, power windows and power door locks, stability control, and tilt steering, as well as six air bags but premium items like a sunroof, fog lights, and an upgraded stereo with a subwoofer are Soul options. The dashboard alone is enough to guarantee that you stay awake even after the most intense night of hanging in a South Beach techno bar. Bathed

in a hard red plastic, the materials are nicely textured. A floating center stack houses all the audio and climate controls in an easy to reach position. Overall, the interior build quality is top notch.

There are lots of storage compartments that come standard with a big glove box although the cargo area itself is really small unless you lower the rear seats. The driver's seat to be rather comfortable, but the passenger seat seems to have too much nonadjustable lumbar support.

The Sport model, feels light on its feet and surprisingly well-planted in high-speed turns. However, the hydraulic power steering is unremarkable, offering a numb on-center feel and a nonlinear effort. Around town, the Soul is decently comfy, but on the highway, the ride quality can be a bit choppy. The upper



Specifications: 2.0 16 valve DOHC CVT 4 cylinder engine; 5 speed manual transmission; 24 city mpg, 30 highway mpg; MSRP \$18,345

trims' 18-inch wheels and tires can also cause excessive noise and some harshness over major bumps, but they certainly look cool.

The base model comes with a 1.6-liter inline four generating 122 horsepower and 115 pound-feet of torque, while three upgrade trim levels feature a 2.0-liter four delivering 142 hp and 137 lb-ft. Both engines have con-

tinuously variable valve timing, and they come standard with a five-speed manual transmission. An automatic will be optional with the 2.0-liter engine.

The Kia Soul is an affordable compact vehicle that is geared to the younger generation. It is fun to drive with minimal power. Kia is on to something by making fuel efficient vehicles at an affordable price.

Dear Deanna!

I went on a beach trip with my closest friends. As married women we agreed that whatever happened while traveling would stay in its place. This agreement went well for two years. One of the ladies in the group went through a divorce and she told our husbands about our sexual affairs and has caused so much drama. I'm concerned about them but my husband is taking things pretty hard and feels he'll never trust me again. How do I repair this damage? -- Embarrassed Katie; Wichita Falls, Texas

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home. My fiancé has a different idea. She wants a big wedding, the church and a trip to the Virgin Islands. We're on the brink of breaking up because I won't compromise all the way and let her have her way. I'm willing to make the wedding a good memory but I'm not going broke to do it. What do I do? - Michael; Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Katie:

You should've honored your vows instead of running behind your girlfriends. The first thing is to forgive yourself and seek forgiveness from God. From that point, confess to your husband, and ask him to forgive you and to work with you to fix the marriage. You have violated your husbands honor and his heart. You both should be open minded to professional counseling. In the future, if you do dirty things, do them alone so that your secrets won't be released.

Dear Michael:

In this day and age, your fiancé should feel blessed to have someone wanting to marry and do the right thing. Most women want big weddings so they can show off to their family and friends and look silly three years later when they divorce. The most you should do is set a budget and make her get the most out of those funds. A peaceful solution is to get married with a simple wedding, buy your home and have a big celebration when you renew your vows.

Dear Deanna!

My fiancé and I are trying to get married. I have no interest in a big wedding or spending tons of money on a honeymoon. I prefer saving for a

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In Loving Memory Dock Thompson

Services were recently held at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church for Dock Thompson who passed away March 19, 2009 at age 99.

He was born March 18, 1910 in Clarksville, Texas. He was employed by the City of Portland Parks Department, tending area parks for years. He was a long time member of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church. He loved to talk and share in past and current events.

He leaves to mourn, a grandson Jerry Thompson, daughter Loretta Thompson and a host of relatives and friends. Arrangements by Ross Hollywood Chapel.

Men of Victory Talent Fest

The Men of Victory, a diverse group of men and boys, is proud to announce its First Annual Talent Fest Dinner with Fashions fundraiser, May 16 at 6 p.m. at the Highland Christian Center, 7600 N.E. Glisan St. Men of Victory performs a number of charitable activities. It feeds and cloths the homeless, mentors the disadvan-

tagged at-risk youth, and visits hospitals and prisons. The event will feature food and entertainment in a swanky dinner theatre setting, featuring a talent competition for cash and prizes as well as a fashion show and special audio/video presentation.

For more information, call John Lampkin at 503-287-9567.

The Portland Observer presents The 4th Annual Joyce Washington Classic 2009

Joyce Washington Scholarship 2009 Women's All-Star Teams

Home Team (Gray)

Head Coach: Floyd Hall

PLAYERS

Jude Schimmel
Shoni Schimmel
Mariah Ladd St.
Denaya Brazzle
Ariel Reynolds
Kristen Swim
Mikayla Elliott
Hannah Munger
Bailee Jurgenson
Aliyah Green
Shanice Story
Zoie Sheng
Marin Hobson

HIGH SCHOOL

Franklin
Franklin
St. Mary's
Jefferson
Jefferson
Franklin
Franklin
Newberg
Franklin
Jefferson
St. Mary's
St. Mary's
Franklin

Visiting Team (Blue)

Head Coach: Dennis Carline

PLAYERS

Kay Phosakham
Tyrisa Blake
Jacque Shaw
Monique Carlson
Krystal Forthan
Razja Goodman
Diamond Ferguson
Kierra Berry
Maddy May
Brittany Raz
Mia Robinson

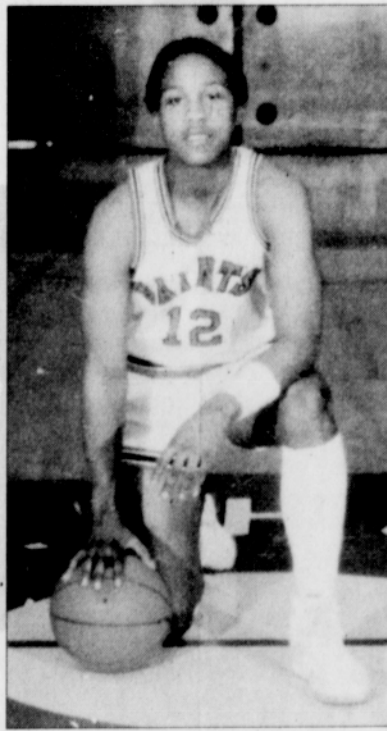
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DeLaSalle

Women's Coach of the Year:

Cecille Moses Franklin High School

HIGH SCHOOL ALL-STAR BASKETBALL GAMES



In memory of Cory Neal Washington, 1965-1991

Joyce Washington Scholarship 2009 Men's All-Star Teams

Home Team (Gray)

Head Coach: Michael Harper

Assistant Coach: Paul Kelly

PLAYERS

Terrence Jones
Larry Richards
Derrick Hayes
Nick Kunis
Vlad Bahjak
Max Snodderly
David Jordan
Dominique Gilles
Tyrone Phillips
Ryan Robertson
Ashton Murdock
Donta Harris

HIGHSCHOOL

Jefferson
Roosevelt
Wilson
Franklin
Franklin
Franklin
Roosevelt
Marshall
Jefferson
Wilson
Roosevelt
De La Salle

VISITING TEAM (BLUE)

Head Coach: Michael Holton

Assistant Coach: Michael Mangum

PLAYERS

Mike Moser
Michael Holton JR
Mike Fendall
Damarcus Davis
JD Esters
Terrell Manley
Perry Dinyain
Joe Owen
Anthony Holton
Lucas Shaw
Jack Hollowell
Zachary Minden

HIGHSCHOOL

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Sunset
Grant
Benson
Lincoln
Roosevelt
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Cleveland
Sunset
Grant
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Cleveland

Men's Coach of the Year:

Pat Strickland, Jefferson High School

Come see the best of high-school basketball players! Be there to support your school!

May 9th at Self Enhancement Inc., 3920 N. Kerby, Portland

Doors Open at 3:00 p.m. • Dunk Contest at 3:30 p.m.

Girls Classic at 4:30 p.m. • Boys Classic at 5:30 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased at The Portland Observer (4747 N.E. Martin Luther King Blvd.)

\$5 for adults, \$2 for kids (age 7-17) & Seniors. *Kids 6 and under free.

Proceeds raised go to the Joyce Washington Memorial Scholarship Fund

For information, call Mark Washington at 503-288-0033

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