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Kia continues the power to surprise

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An old friend told me over lunch how one of her colleagues drives a Kia Soul, "and she loves it."

And then she said something I now hear a lot; "they have come a long way in just a few years."

It's just 15 years since Kia opened its doors in Canada. At first, the dealer network was weak, the service spotty but, most of all, the cars were pretty humdrum.

But that was then and this is now where Kia, last year, couldn't get enough cars to sat-

isfy demand.

Today they have one of the youngest fleets in the industry, plus they meet or exceed what Canadian consumers expect – and a perfect example is the 2015 Sorento mid-size CUV.

Trim levels follow recent Kia nomenclature with an entry-level LX, mid trim EX and topline SX.

The base LX is the only model with a four-cylinder, in this case a 2.4-litre DOHC with 191 hp and 181 lb/ft of torque. Standard on the EX, SX and optional on the LX is a 3.3-litre direct injection DOHC V6 with 290 hp and 252 lb/ft of **See KIA, pg. 3**



The 2015 Kia Sorento mid-size CUV sports a number of detail changes while still offering a choice of five- or seven-place seating.

