# **Technical Bulletin**



# SERVICE BULLETIN Classification: Reference: Date: AT13-004 NTB13-071 July 19, 2013

# 2013 PATHFINDER; CVT FLUID LEAK AT COOLER HOSE

**APPLIED VEHICLE**: 2013 Pathfinder (R52)

# **IF YOU CONFIRM:**

CVT fluid is leaking from the transmission to radiator cooler hose:

- At the connection of the hose to line fitting on the radiator.
- Or the hose has become detached while the vehicle was driving.

**NOTE:** If CVT fluid is leaking from any other location, this bulletin does not apply. Refer to the Electronic Service Manual (ESM) for further Diagnosis.

#### **ACTION:**

If CVT fluid is leaking, please refer to the flow chart on page 3 to determine the correct ACTION.

**IMPORTANT:** The purpose of "ACTION" (above) is to give you a quick idea of the work you will be performing. You MUST closely follow the entire Service Procedure as it contains information that is essential to successfully completing this repair.

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## PARTS INFORMATION

| DESCRIPTION                                   | PART#       | QUANTITY |
|---|-------------|----------|
| HOSE-AUTO TRANSMISSION OIL COOLER (main hose) | 21631-3KA0B | 1        |
| CLAMP-HOSE (spring clamp)                     | 01558-00751 | 2        |
| CLAMP-HOSE (double wire clamp)                | 01555-00801 | 1        |
| RADIATOR ASSY                                 | 21460-3JA0E | 1        |
| CVT   | (1)         | 1*       |

<sup>(1)</sup> Reference the electronic parts catalog (FAST) for applicable part number.

#### **CLAIMS INFORMATION**

Submit a Primary Part (PP) type line claim using the following claims coding:

| OPERATION               | OP CODE | PFP          | SYM | DIA | FRT |
|-------------------------|---------|--------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Replace Radiator        | CD10AA  | 04004 014404 | 75  | 20  | (4) |
| Replace Oil Cooler Pipe | CB16AA  | 21631-3KA0A  | ZE  | 32  | (1) |

<sup>(1)</sup> Reference the current Nissan Warranty Flat Rate Manual and use the indicated flat rate time.

# Or

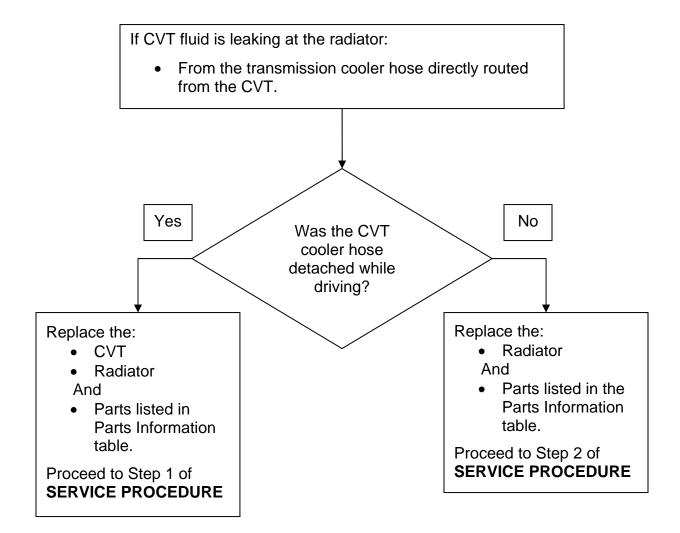
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|----------------------------------|---------|-------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Replace Radiator                 | CD10AA  |             |     | 32  | (1) |
| Replace Oil Cooler Pipe          | CB16AA  |             |     |     |     |
| R&I Automatic CVT Transaxle Assy | JD01AA  | 21631-3KA0A | ZE  |     |     |
| RPL Automatic CVT Transaxle Assy | JD023A  |             |     |     |     |

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<sup>\*</sup> Refer to Service Procedure to confirm if required.

## **FLOW CHART**



#### SERVICE PROCEDURE

Write down customer's radio station presets (presets may be lost during this procedure).

| Presets | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|---------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Α       |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| В       |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| С       |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| SAT     |   |   |   |   |   |   |

- 1. If the "CVT to radiator" transmission cooler hose **was** detached from the radiator while the vehicle was being driven:
  - Replace the CVT and then proceed to step 2.
  - If the "CVT to radiator" transmission cooler hose **was not** detached while driving, do not replace the CVT and proceed to step 2.

#### **NOTE:** Refer to:

- The appropriate section of the ESM for the procedure to remove and reinstall the CVT.
- Additional services for CVT replacement. "D: TRANSMISSION & DRIVELINE / TM-Transaxle & Transmission / CVT: RE0F10E / BASIC INSPECTION / ADDITIONAL SERVICE WHEN REPLACING TRANSAXLE ASSEMBLY".
- 2. Replace the radiator.

**NOTE:** Refer to the appropriate section of the ESM for the procedure to remove and reinstall the radiator.

- Re-attach the engine coolant hoses to the new radiator, and only the "auxiliary cooler to radiator hose" (CVT Fluid Cooler Hose C).
  - Leave the "transmission to radiator cooler hose" loose at this time (CVT Fluid Cooler Hose A/B Assembly, Figure 1).
- 4. On the CVT, slide the "transmission to radiator cooler hose" spring clamp back onto the hose, away from the fitting, and then remove the hose from the fitting (Figure 2).
  - Disconnect the two hose support clips to radiator fan shroud.
  - Discard this hose and related clamps. They will be replaced with the parts from the PARTS INFORMATION table.

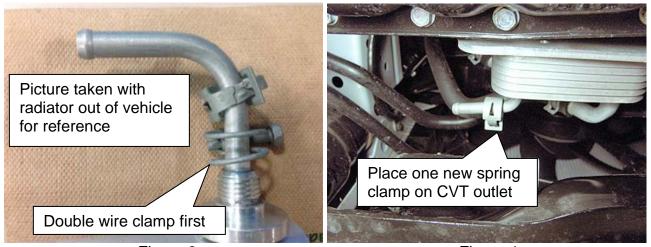


Figure 1



Figure 2

- 5. Slide two clamps onto the radiator side (Figure 3), and then one spring clamp onto the CVT side (Figure 4) cooler line fittings.
  - On the radiator side a double wire clamp is installed first, followed by a spring clamp.



- Figure 3 Figure 4
- 6. Clean the outer surfaces of both the radiator and the CVT fittings with an alcohol wipe from the Squeak and Rattle Kit (or Nissan brake cleaner 999MP-A3042P).
- 7. Install the new hose from the **PARTS INFORMATION** table onto the CVT and radiator fittings and re-attach the two hose support clips to radiator fan shroud.

NOTE: Refer to "D: TRANSMISSION & DRIVELINE / TM-Transaxle & Transmission / CVT: RE0F10E / REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION / CVT FLUID COOLER SYSTEM" for correct positioning of cooler hoses onto fittings.

8. Position the spring clamps at the CVT and radiator cooler (Figures 5 and 6) as close to the fitting bulge as possible, and then release them.

**NOTE:** Confirm that the clamps are not on top of the fitting bulge or on an angle.

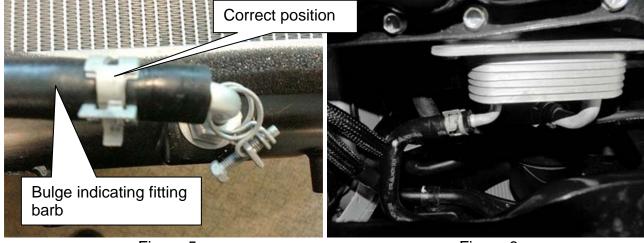


Figure 5 Figure 6

- 9. Position the double wire clamp next to the spring clamp, and then tighten the screw all the way down (Zero Gap).
  - Make sure the clamp is on the straight portion of the fitting and not on the bend.

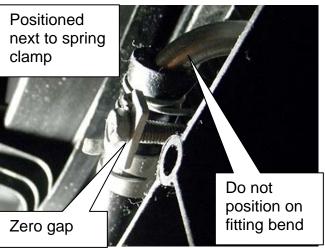


Figure 7

- 10. Check CVT fluid level and add as needed.
- 11. Reset the customer's radio presets.
- 12. Test drive the vehicle for proper operation and recheck the CVT cooler hose connections for any leaks.