



SI M31 03 12
Front Axle

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Technical Service

SUBJECT

Cracking or Popping Noise from Front Axle

MODEL

R60

SITUATION

A cracking or popping noise is heard from the front axle during take-offs or during load reversal

CAUSE

Front axle nut not correctly torqued

PROCEDURE

Confirm the noise is coming from the wheel bearing area and isolate which side the noise is coming from. Replace the affected axle nut (P/N 31 10 6 773 005) and torque to 250Nm. Peen the nut after torquing.

See [SI M33 02 12](#) for “noise from the rear axle”.

PARTS INFORMATION

Part Number	Description	Quantity
31 10 6 773 005	Axle nut	1

WARRANTY INFORMATION

Covered under the terms of the MINI New Passenger Car Limited Warranty.

Defect Code: **31 60 07 37 00**

One Side

Labor Operation:	Labor Allowance:	Description:
36 10 300	Refer to KSD2	Removing and installing front wheel

and

33 99 00	1 FRU	Replace the axle nut
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Labor operation code 36 10 300 is a Main labor operation. If you are already using a Main labor code for another repair, use the Plus code labor operation 36 10 800 instead.

or

Both Sides

Labor Operation:	Labor Allowance:	Description:
36 10 340	Refer to KSD2	Removing and installing both front wheels

and

33 99 00

2 FRU

Replace the axle nuts

Labor operation code 36 10 340 is a Main labor operation. If you are already using a Main labor code for another repair, use the Plus code labor operation 36 10 810 instead.

Refer to KSD2 for the corresponding flat rate unit (FRU) allowance. Enter the Chassis Number, which consists of the last 7 digits of the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN). Click on the “Search” button, and then enter the applicable flat rate labor operation in the FR code field.

Even though work time labor operation code 33 99 000 ends in “000,” it is not considered a Main labor operation.

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