

**Bulletin No.: PIC6230** 

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## PRELIMINARY INFORMATION

Subject: Drone Noise At 1900-1950 RPM's

Brand:	Model:	Model Year:		VIN:		Engine:	Transmission:
		from	to	from	to		
Chevrolet	Malibu	2016	2017	All	All	LFV	All

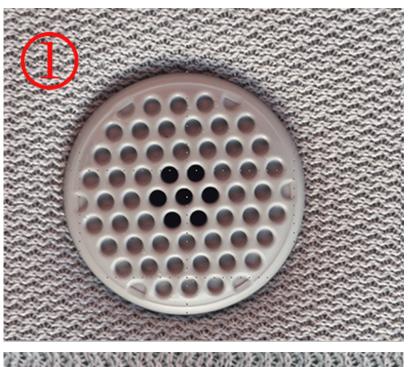
Involved Region or Country	North America
Additional RPO/s:	NKC
Condition	A customer may comment of a drone/moan type noise that can be present while the vehicle is operating in the 1900-1950 RPM range.
Cause	This may be due to the ANC (active noise cancellation) system not functioning as intended.

## Correction

If the above concern is encountered please perform the following checks and repair as needed.

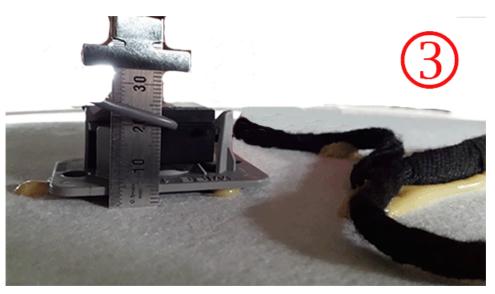
- 1. Verify that the ANC module fuse is good.
- 2. Verify that the ANC module connector terminals have proper tension and that the connectors are fully seated.
- 3. Play an audio source and verify that each speaker has audio by fading and balancing the output to each speaker individually.
- 4. Lower headliner to access the three ANC microphones.
  - A. Verify terminal tension on ANC Microphone connections.
  - B. Each Microphone should have 105k-110k OHM's of resistance.
  - C. The microphone should be centered in the bracket. See the examples below of properly aligned and fitted grill covers.

**Note:** Shining a white LED light into the grill holes should reveal a centered blue dot. The blue dot is the diaphragm of the microphone and if it is not centered a realignment of the mic will be required.





D. The microphone bracket needs to be flush to the Headliner.



Gaps are very bad for ANC performance. The adhesive material may need to be removed and the bracket re-bonded to headliner substrate.



After repair using available hot glue. This has a good fit to headliner substrate (no gap).

**5.** Verify that there are no mechanical issues causing an unwanted noise/vibration causing the ANC system to incorrectly try to compensate through the audio system, A/C mounting bracket loose, hoses rubbing on engine compartment, etc.

If these checks are made and no concerns found, then engineering is aware of the concern and is working on a resolution. Connector X3 at the ANC module can be unplugged and secured until the fix is available. Unplugging the X3 connector will disable the ANC system but allow the rest of the audio system function as designed. Once the fix is available, the connector can be reinstalled and normal operation should resume.

**Note:** The correction for this concern may be one of several repairs described above. For vehicles repaired under warranty, please use the appropriate warranty labor operation based on the actual cause and repair.

## **Warranty Information**

Labor Operation	Description	Labor Time	
3480458*	Disconnect the Active Noise Cancelation (ANC) Module	0.2	
	*This is a unique Labor Operation for Bulletin use only.		

## **Customer Information**

Please communicate to the customer that we apologize for this inconvenience and that General Motors is working on a solution for this concern. Once a

solution is available, this PI will be updated with additional details - allowing dealership personnel to contact the customer to schedule a service appointment and repair the vehicle.

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