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**SERVICE INFORMATION BULLETIN**

**APPLICABILITY:** 2015-2018MY Legacy Models

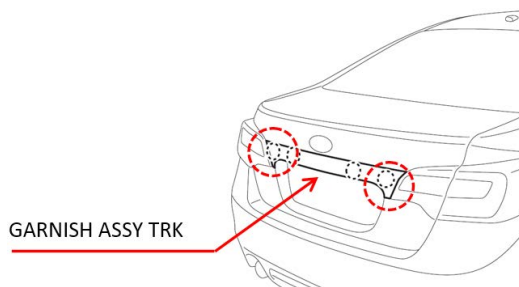
**NUMBER:** 12-230-17

**SUBJECT:** Trunk Garnish Installation Precautions

**DATE:** 9/15/17

**INTRODUCTION:**

This Service Information bulletin provides precautions to use when installing the trunk garnish panel located between the combination lamps. If the garnish is not installed properly, the small rubber protector(s) at the bottom edges of the garnish may become displaced and possibly allow the panel to contact / scratch the painted surface of the trunk. Over time, the finish may abrade through to bare metal and potentially allow rust to develop.



**SERVICE PROCEDURE / INFORMATION:**

Should the need arise to remove and / or replace the trunk garnish, review the illustrations below first then confirm the following:

- The small rubber protectors on each lower end of the garnish must be in their proper positions. If not, CAREFULLY peel (they are self-adhesive) and reapply as necessary for proper positioning.

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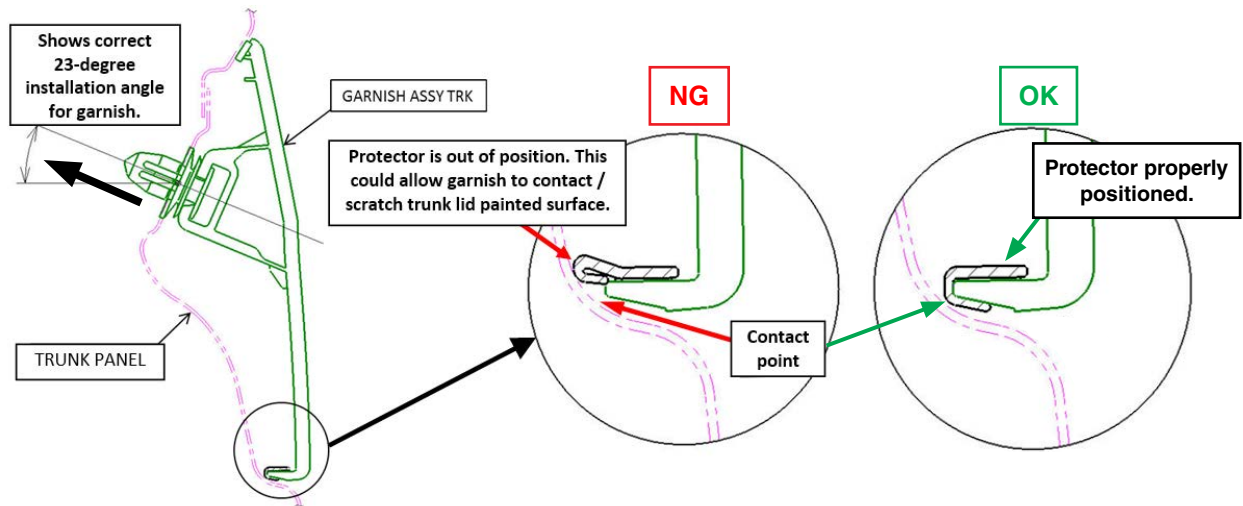
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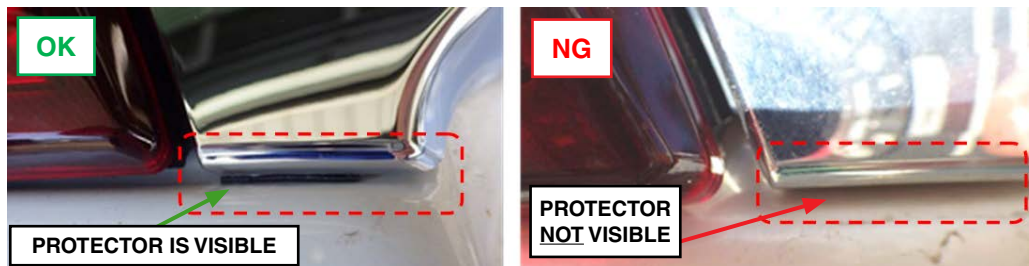
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- Install the garnish by aligning the retaining clips then pushing forward and at a slightly upward angle at the same time. Pushing the garnish straight ahead may dislodge the protectors and allow the panel to contact the trunk lid. Undamaged retaining clips are reusable.



- Use the photos below to confirm both protectors are in place after the garnish is fully seated.



### IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- SOA strongly discourages the printing and/or local storage of service information as previously released information and electronic publications may be updated at any time.
- Always check for any open recalls or campaigns anytime a vehicle is in for servicing.
- Always refer to STIS for the latest service information before performing any repairs.