

Special Service Message

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SSM 74874 - New Defender L663: Brake noise (363mm 14.29" Discs) felt through the floor during braking

Models : Defender/L663

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Name :

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Modified :

Category : Chassis

Symptom : 301000 Service Brake System

Content : Issue:

Cyclic knocking noise felt at the front of the vehicle through the floor during braking actions on 363 mm (14.29 in) Disc versions only.

Vin range SALE97EU6L2000584 to SALE97EU6L2017323

Cause:

Under investigation, localised brake pad transfer layer onto the front brake discs combined with disc surface roughness variability

Actions:

If the symptom is identified carry out the following:

1. Check and rectify any DTCs related to the ABS (Anti-lock Braking) system
2. Lift Vehicle (Topix JACKING AND LIFTING 100-02)
3. Remove front and rear road Wheels to gain access to Brake Disc (Topix REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION - 204-04)
4. Clean the front and rear discs thoroughly with JLR approved Brake cleaning fluid and an appropriate scouring pad such as '3M Scotch-Brite', take care to remove all traces of pad material.
5. Using 150 grit Emery Cloth or similar designed paper for metal sanding with a block to apply 4-5 radial strokes across the braking surfaces (refer to attached photographs for before and after conditions). Access to the inside and outside surface is possible without further disassembly.
6. When the entire disc surface has been prepared (inside and out), reassemble the road wheels.

7. Carry out a further road test to validate the fix, during the test carry out a 5 - 8 moderate braking decelerations (approximatley 3-5 seconds) from 30 mph (50kph) down to 5 mph (8kph).

Important Notes:

- Do not try to diagnose the issue by running the vehicle with the wheels off the ground as this is may cause damage and false DTC's.
- Please avoid severe or heavy braking at any speed during this road test unless traffic conditions require it.
- During the test ensure adherence to local market speed regulations at all times.

If this does not resolve the issue please submit an EPQR including photographs of the discs and pads after the road tests and hold any exchanged parts for priority return to JLR.

File : [Frt disc before sanding.jpg](#)
[Disc after sanding example.JPG](#)
[Frt disc before sanding 2.jpg](#)