

# Special Service Message

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## SSM 74888 - L663 Defender Fixing Torques too high for Raised Air Intake part VPLEP0435

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**Updated :**

**Content :**Issue:

The fixing nuts which attach the raised air intake to the fender are being over tightened and are pulling out. (see attachment 'fixing nut')

Cause:

An error in the fitting instructions in Topix, section 102-03: Raised Air Intake at steps 9 and 12 for part installation to the vehicle.

Action:

Follow the Topix procedure for Raised Air Intake installation with updated instruction as below:

At **Step 6** - Pay particular attention to the caution not to over tighten the jack nut.

At **Step 9** – *Finger tighten* the fixings (D) – no torque value.

At **Step 12** – *Tighten* the fixings (D) to **3 Nm.**

For location see attachment 'fixing location'

**Note:** This is a short term communication applicable whilst the Accessory fitting instructions are updated

**Version :** 1

**Attachments :** [fixing location air intake.jpg](#)

[Fixing nut air intake.jpg](#)