

# Special Service Message

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## SSM 75178 - Rear Harness Clash with Rear Exhaust Heat Shield and Rear Stabilizer Bar

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**Content :**Issue:

JLR is investigating rear subframe harness clash with Rear Exhaust Heat Shield and Rear Stabilizer Bar.

**PLEASE NOTE** - Harness clash with Rear Stabilizer Bar is only applicable on vehicles **without** Electronic Torque Manager (ETM) Rear Differential.

**Cause:**

Harness clips orientation not robust (clips allowed to rotate around harness) leading to variability in harness routing.

**Action:**

Please carry out the following actions:

Exhaust Heat Shield Harness:

1. Raise vehicle on 2-post lift to gain access to rear exhaust silencer heatshield
2. Measure minimum distance between harness and rear silencer heatshield. If less than 2 cm follow to next step
3. Carefully pull heatshield away from harness until 2 cm clearance is achieved (Please see attachment for details)
4. Repair damaged harness as per standard TOPIx process 418-02

**PLEASE NOTE:** Do not adjust heatshield more than required 2cm (risk of damage)

Vehicles without Electronic Torque Manager (ETM) rear differential,  
Harness/Stabilizer Bar harness clash

1. Repair damaged harness as per standard TOPIx process 418-02
2. Secure harness to rear subframe using a locally sourced fir tree clip (Please see attachment for details)

Thank you in advance for your assistance with this matter

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**Attachments :** [SSM Attachment.pdf](#)