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Symptom/Vehicle Issue: Drone Pop Noise From Passenger Side Floor Area

Discussion: Drone noise under heavy acceleration and at higher RPM's. The drone noise may be most noticeable in 3rd and 4th gears under a load or accelerating.

Inspect the exhaust routing and in particular around the skid plate if equipped. Check for contact between the exhaust and skid plate- paint rubbed off the skid plate (fig 1).



Fig 1

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Inspect powertrain mounting, exhaust for proper installation. Correct fit as needed. If mounting and exhaust are properly installed, slight modification of the skid plate flange can be performed using a cutoff or grinding tool. Corrosion protect the edge of the skid plate with a rust preventative paint coating.

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