

Service Bulletin

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Subject: Rattle or Creak Noise Heard Coming From Driver Left Rear Quarter Panel Area When Driving Over Bumps

Brand:	Model:	Model Year:		VIN:		Engine:	Transmission:
Dranu.		from	to	from	to		
Chevrolet	Trailblazer (VIN M)	2021	2021			All	All

Involved Region or Country	North America,	
Additional Options (RPOs)		
Condition	Some customers may comment on a rattle or creak noise heard coming from the driver left rear quarter panel area when driving over bumps.	
	The noise may travel around the B and C-pillars, and is best heard from behind the driver.	
Cause	The cause of the condition may be a quality issue of inefficient and/or mis-located spot welds at the C-pillar upper, inner structure panels.	
Correction	Upon verifying the Condition, drill 3 holes through ONLY the C-pillar upper, inner structure and Mig weld the hole locations following the steps in the Service Procedure below.	

Service Procedure

1. Disable the SIR system. Refer to *SIR Disabling and Enabling,* in SI.



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2. Remove the headliner and left rear row seat roof rail airbag. Refer to *Front and Rear Row Roof Rail Airbag Replacement,* in SI.

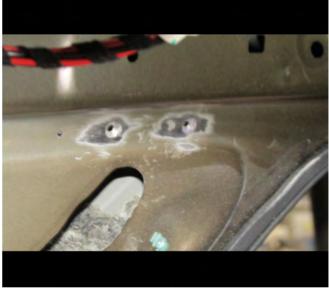


 Locate the 3 forward - most spot weld and hole locations, and mark drill locations, approximately 10 mm (0.40 in) (1) forward of them.



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4. Using an 8mm (5/16 inch) drill bit, drill through ONLY the inner sheet metal panel at those 3 locations.



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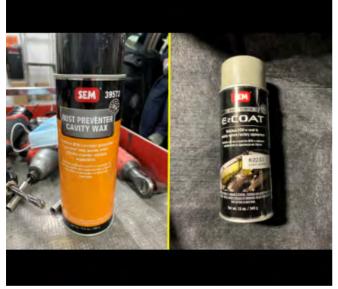
5. De-burr and prep the inner panel for Mig welding.







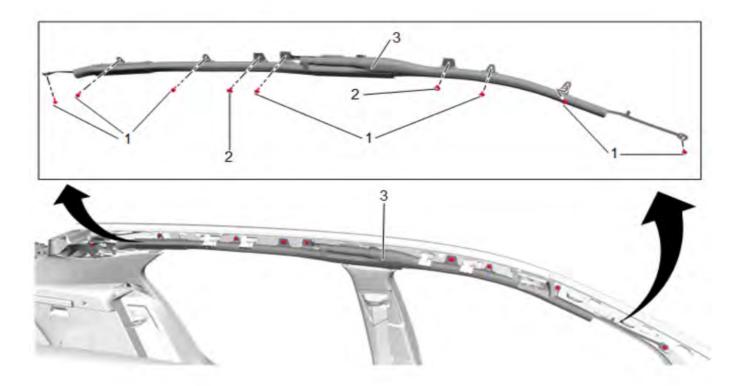
6. Mig weld the drilled hole areas.



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- 7. Apply *SEM cavity wax to the inside of the inner panel, and *SEM EzCOAT to the outside of the inner panel.
- 8. Road test the vehicle, to ensure the noise has been eliminated.



- 9. Reinstall the left rear row seat roof rail airbag (3) and the headliner. Refer to *Front and Rear Row Roof Rail Airbag Replacement,* in SI.
- 10. Enable the SIR system. Refer to SIR Disabling and *Enabling*, in SI.

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For ordering adhesive material, contact SEM Customer Care at #866–327–7829, or

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Causal Part	Description	Part Number	Qty
N/A	SEM - Rust Preventor Cavity Wax	39573	As needed
	SEM - EzCOAT	62233	

Warranty Information

For vehicles repaired under the Bumper-to-Bumper coverage (Canada Base Warranty coverage), use the following labor operation. Reference the Applicable Warranties section of Investigate Vehicle History (IVH) for coverage information.

Labor Operation	Description	Labor Time
1481488*	Drill and Mig Weld Left C-Pillar Inner Structure	2.3 hr
*This is a unique Labor Operation for Bulletin use only.		

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Modified	Released January 27, 2021. Revised May 19, 2021 – Added Additional Weld Location to Service Procedure, Road Test and Increased Labor Time.

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