



TECHNICAL SERVICE BULLETIN

2.5L FHEV - 4WD - Grinding/Rubbing Noise While Braking At Or Below 10 MPH (16 Km/h) From The Front Of The Vehicle

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Model:

Ford 2020-2023 Escape	Engine: 2.5L FHEV 4WD
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Issue: Some 2020-2023 Escape hybrid vehicles equipped with a 2.5L full hybrid electric vehicle (FHEV) powertrain and 4-wheel drive (4WD) may exhibit a grinding or rubbing noise while braking at or below 10 mph (16 km/h) from the front of the vehicle. This may be due to an inadequate gap between the driveshaft and the heat shield. To correct this condition, follow the Service Procedure to diagnose and position the heat shield away from the driveshaft.

Action: Follow the Service Procedure to correct the condition on vehicles that meet all of the following criteria:

- 2020-2023 Escape
- 2.5L FHEV
- 4WD
- Grinding/rubbing noise while braking at or below 10 mph (16 km/h) from the front of the vehicle

Warranty Status: Eligible under provisions of New Vehicle Limited Warranty (NVLW)/Service Part Warranty (SPW)/Special Service Part (SSP)/Extended Service Plan (ESP) coverage. Limits/policies/prior approvals are not altered by a TSB. NVLW/SPW/SSP/ESP coverage limits are determined by the identified causal part and verified using the OASIS part coverage tool.

Labor Times

Description	Operation No.	Time
2020-2023 Escape AWD 2.5L FHEV: Inspect The Driveshaft And Heat Shield, Includes Time For Road Test And Position Heat Shield (Do Not Use With Any Other Labor Operations)	232244A	0.5 Hrs.

Repair/Claim Coding

Causal Part:	11135
Condition Code:	34

Service Procedure

1. Perform a road test and accelerate the vehicle to 20 mph (32 km/h), shift the transmission from drive (D) to neutral (N) and apply the brakes. The grinding or rubbing noise should not be present. Does the vehicle continue exhibiting a grinding or rubbing noise in the right front section of the driveshaft?
 - (1). Yes - this article does not apply. Refer to Workshop Manual, Section 100-04 Noise, Vibration and Harshness > Diagnosis and Testing for normal diagnostics.
 - (2). No - proceed to Step 2.
2. Position the vehicle on a hoist.
3. Inspect if the heat shield and the driveshaft have a gap below 25.4 mm (1 inch) or if there are any rubbing marks between the driveshaft and the fasteners. (Figures 1-2)

Figure 1 - Example of inadequate gap between the driveshaft and the heat shield

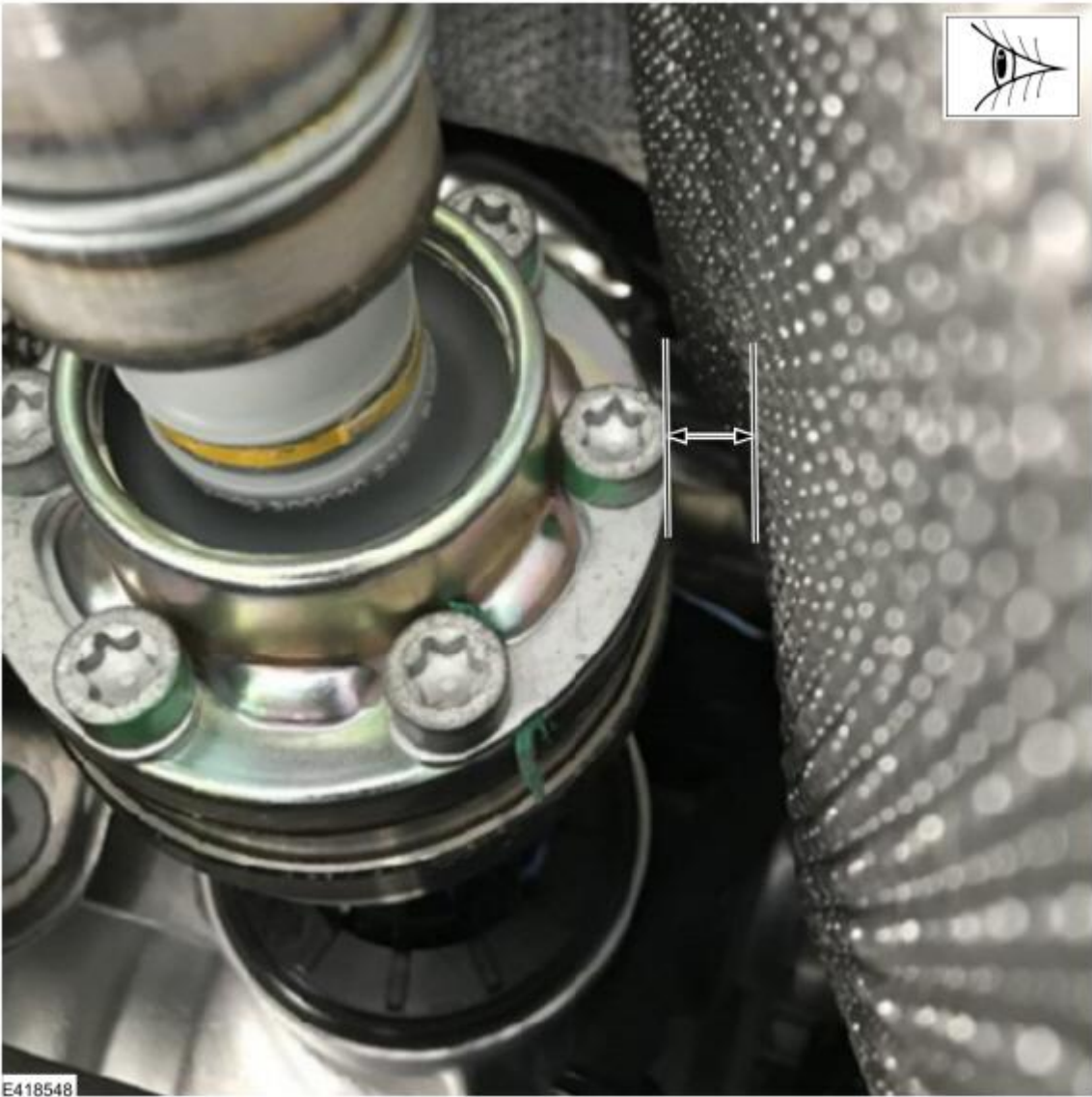
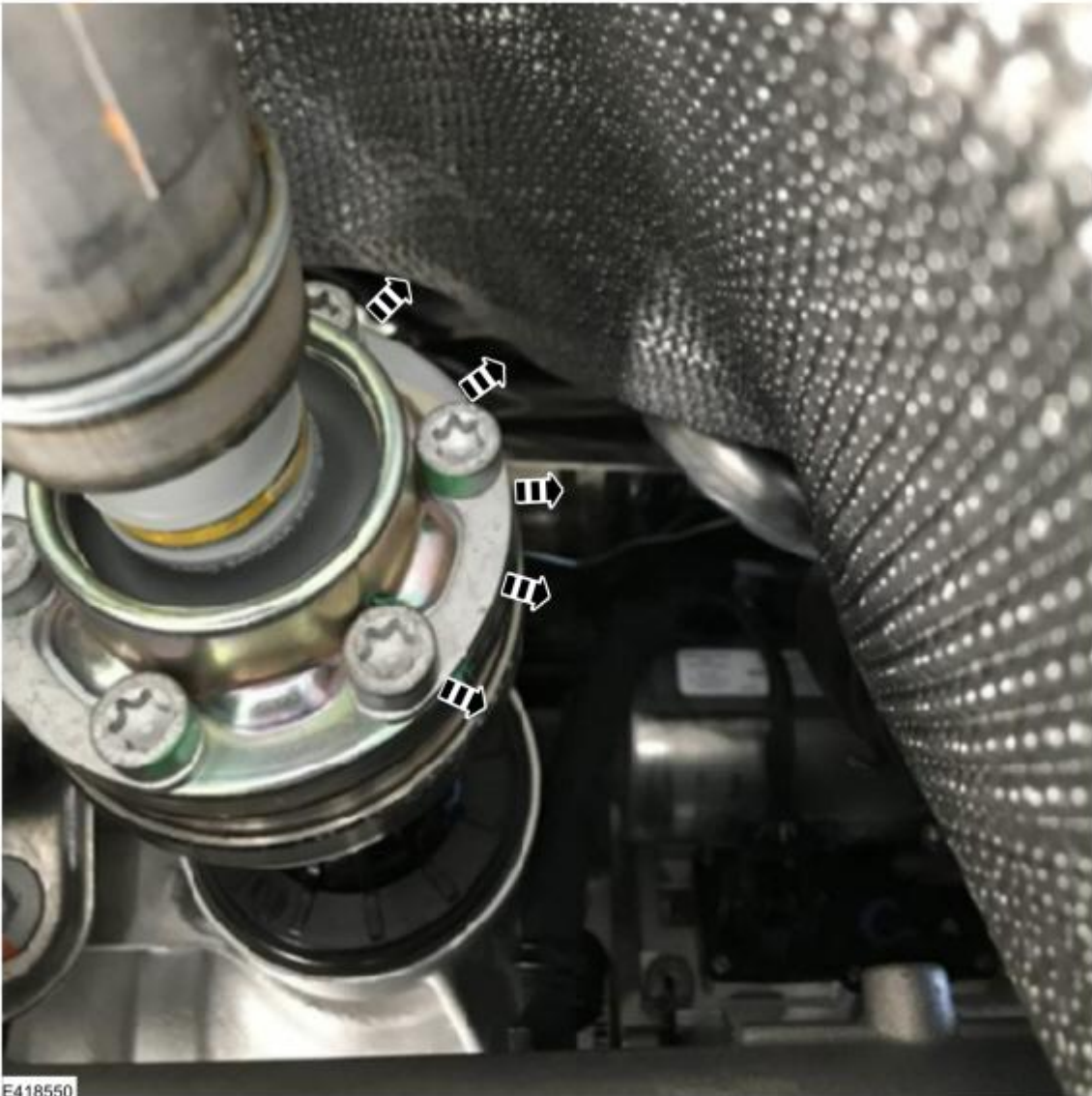


Figure 2 - Example of rubbing marks on the driveshaft fasteners



4. If the gap is below 25.4 mm (1 inch) or if there are any rubbing marks between the driveshaft and the fasteners, position the heat shield away from the driveshaft. (Figure 3)

Figure 3



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