

 Tesla, Inc. Service Bulletin		Replace Refrigerant Pressure/Temperature Sensors	
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Classification		Section/Group	Mobile Service
Campaign Bulletin		18 - Thermal Management	Cannot Perform
Model Year	Model	Country/Region	Version
2020 - 2021	Model 3, Model Y	All	Heat Pump
The model(s) and model year(s) listed are a general approximation of the affected VIN list. Refer to the VIN/Bulletin Tracker or Customer/Vehicle profile to determine applicability of this bulletin for a particular vehicle.			

Campaign Bulletin: This campaign bulletin addresses a non-safety-related condition and provides recommended technical diagnosis and repair procedures. Apply this procedure to the applicable vehicles.

This Service Document supersedes SB-21-18-002 R7, dated October 19, 2022. This new revision, R8, updates the FRT times. Each content change is marked by a vertical line in the left margin. Discard the previous version and replace it with this one.

Condition

Certain Model 3 and Model Y vehicles may be equipped with refrigerant pressure/temperature (P/T) sensors in the heat pump that can fault over time.

Correction

Replace all 3 refrigerant P/T sensors.

Correction Description	Correction	Time	
		Model 3	Model Y
Replace Refrigerant P/T Sensors	S012118002	0.54	0.6

	Part Number	Description	Quantity
Parts Required	1581610-00-B or later revision	PT SENSOR, HIGH PRESSURE	2
	1581608-00-B or later revision	PT SENSOR, LOW PRESSURE	1
	Or		
	1510047-00-C or later revision	PT SENSOR, HIGH PRESSURE	2
	1510048-00-C or later revision	PT SENSOR, LOW PRESSURE	1
	And if available:		
	1111738-00-A	WASHER, 1/2, STL ZN, SEAL	1
	1111740-00-A	WASHER, 3/4, STL ZN, SEAL	1
These part numbers were current at the time of publication. Use the revisions listed or later, unless otherwise specified in the Parts Catalog.			
Special Tools	1588741-00-A	Model Y HVAC Socket Kit	
	1501412-00-A	Oil Injector, R1234YF	
Shop Supplies	ND-11 Oil		

Procedure

 **TIP:** A high-level video of the procedure is available [here](#).

1. Remove the underhood storage unit (refer to Service Manual procedure 15240702; [Model 3](#), [Model Y](#)).
2. Place the vehicle's key onto the center console.
3. Enable Service Mode through the touchscreen (refer to Service Manual procedure 00050100; [Model 3](#), [Model Y](#)).
4. On the touchscreen, touch the wrench icon > **Diagnostics** > **Thermal**.

 **NOTE:** Alternatively, touch **Controls** (vehicle icon) > **Service Mode** > **Diagnostics** > **Thermal**.

5. Hold up on the turn signal stalk and then press and hold the brake pedal at the same time for 10 seconds to authorize.
6. Touch **START** to the left of "Start Thermal Fill Drain (Refrigerant only)", touch **RUN TASK**, wait for "PASS" to be displayed, then touch **X** in the upper left corner.
7. When the touchscreen indicates that the vehicle is "Ready for Recharge/Reclaim", recover the A/C refrigerant (refer to Service Manual procedure 182000122 [Model 3](#), 18200102 [Model Y](#)).
8. After recovery completes, remove the 13 mm bolt that attaches the Supermanifold-to-compressor A/C line to the Supermanifold (Figure 1).

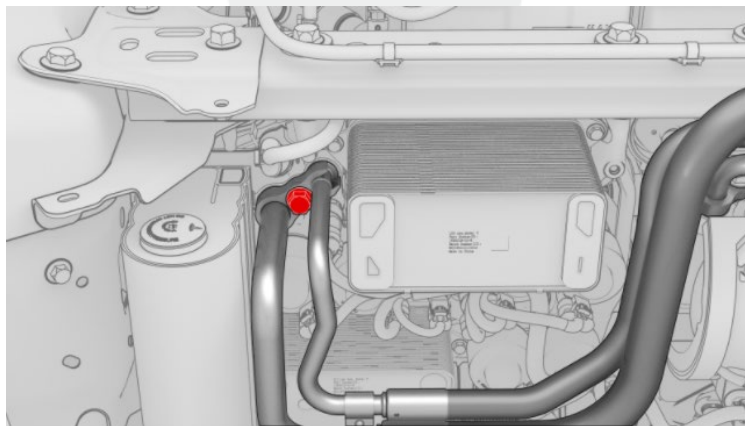


Figure 1

9. Remove the Supermanifold-to-compressor A/C line from the Supermanifold, and then use an S-hook to restrain the line to the underhood storage unit support beam (Figure 2).

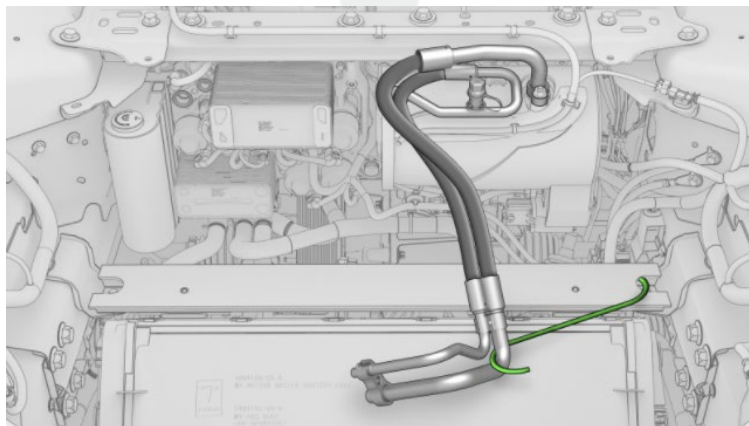


Figure 2

10. Release the locking tab, and then disconnect the electrical harness from the subcool high pressure P/T sensor connector (Figure 3).

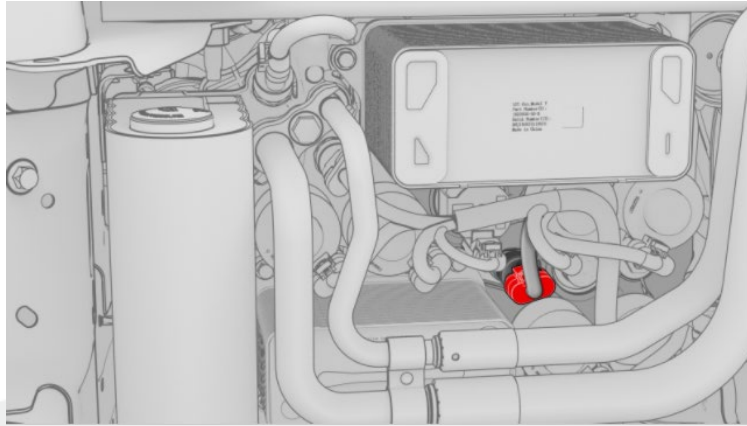


Figure 3

11. Use the HVAC socket kit special tool to remove the subcool high pressure P/T sensor from the Supermanifold (Figure 4).

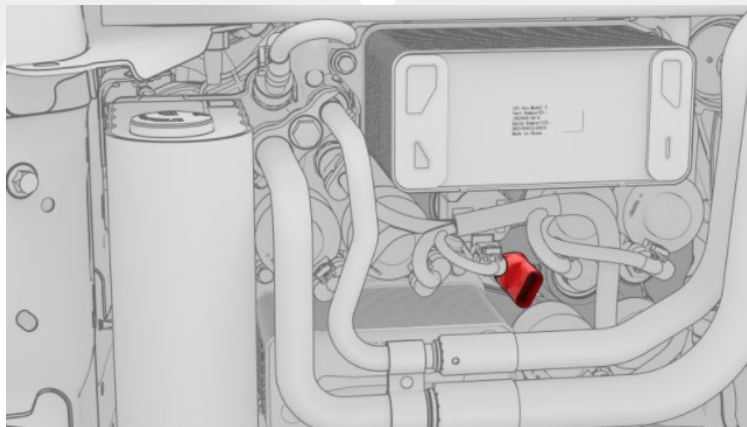


Figure 4

12. Release the locking tab, and then disconnect the electrical harness from the high pressure P/T sensor connector (Figure 5).

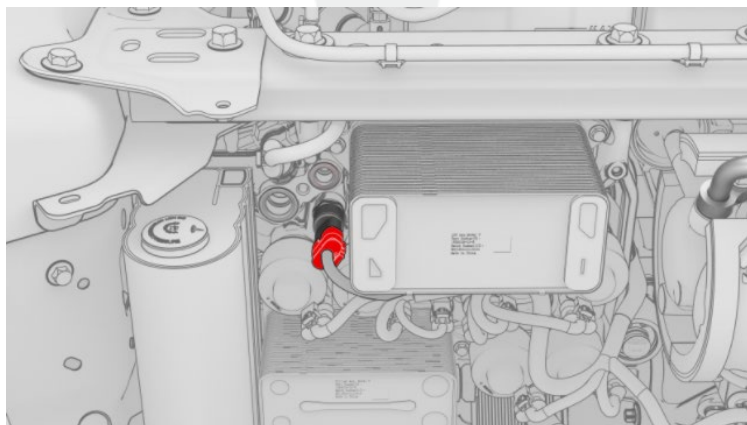


Figure 5

13. Use the HVAC socket kit special tool to remove the high pressure P/T sensor from the Supermanifold (Figure 6).

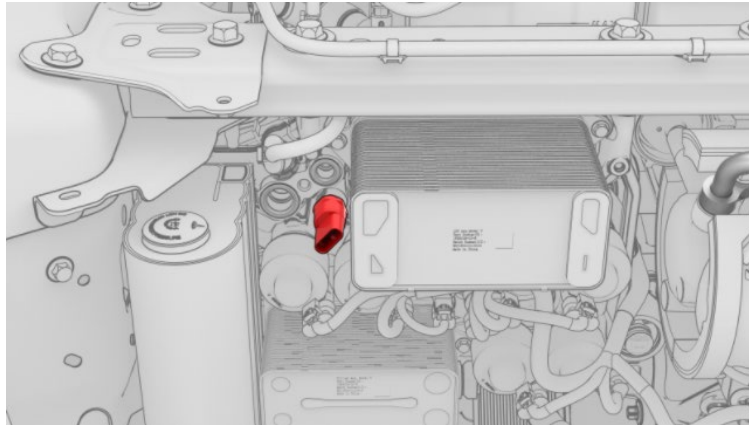


Figure 6

14. Release the locking tab, and then disconnect the electrical harness from the low pressure P/T sensor connector (Figure 7).

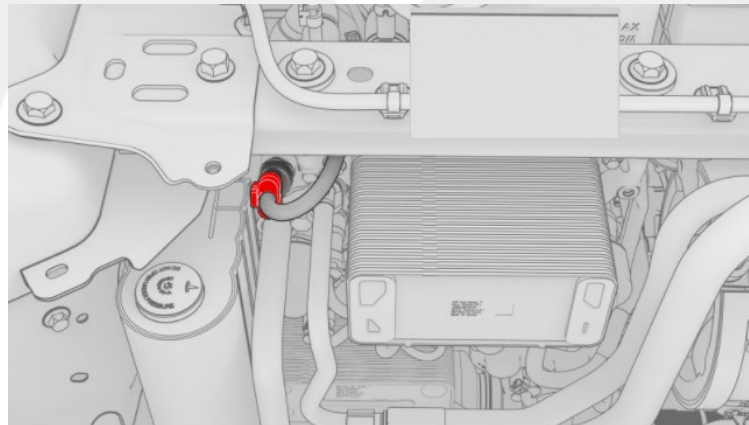


Figure 7

15. Use the HVAC socket kit special tool to remove the low pressure P/T sensor from the Supermanifold (Figure 8).

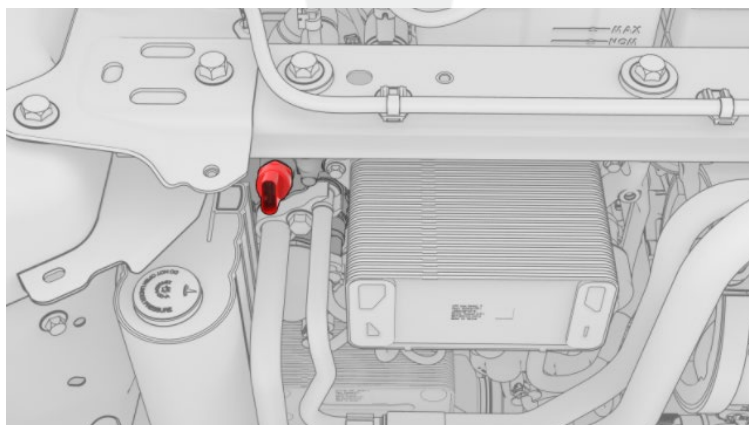


Figure 8

16. Record the old and new P/T sensor part numbers and serial numbers.
17. If parts are available, install new washers on the Supermanifold-to-compressor A/C line.



NOTE: If the parts are not available, reuse the existing washers.

18. Lubricate the washers of the Supermanifold-to-compressor A/C line and the O-rings and threads of the 3 new P/T sensors with ND-11 oil.

19. Install the new low pressure P/T sensor (brown connector) into the Supermanifold (Figure 8):
- Install and hand-tighten the low pressure P/T sensor until the sensor O-ring just makes contact with the Supermanifold (Figure 9).

 **NOTE:** Use an inspection mirror to visualize this and subsequent steps.

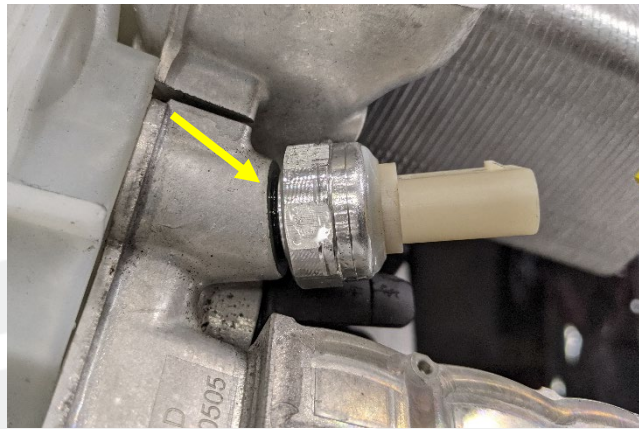


Figure 9 – O-ring just makes contact

- Manually back off and tighten the low pressure P/T sensor in an incremental manner so that the sensor O-ring properly slides into the chamfer in the Supermanifold (Figures 10 and 11).

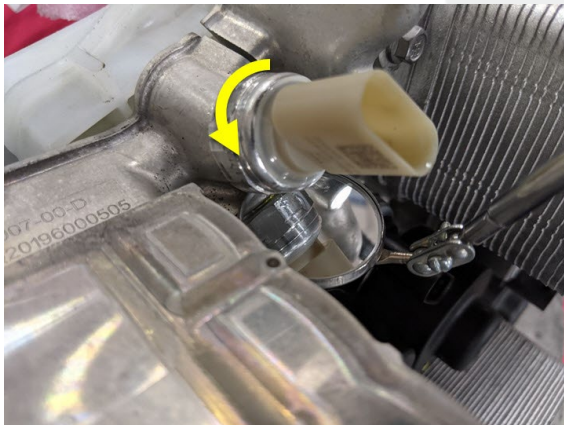


Figure 10 – Back off little

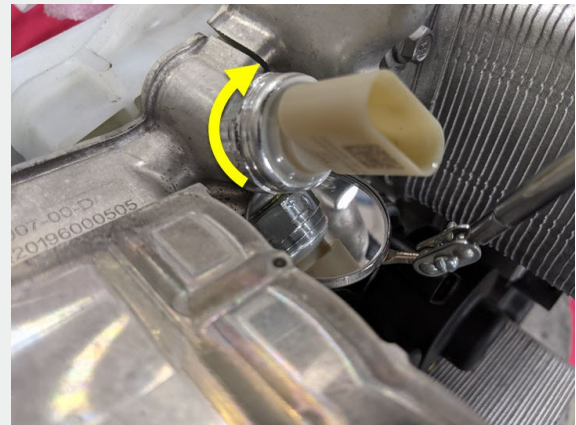


Figure 11 – Tighten more

- If the low pressure P/T sensor O-ring appears to pinch (Figure 12), or no longer slides into the chamfer, stop and back off the P/T sensor until the O-ring no longer appears to be pinched.

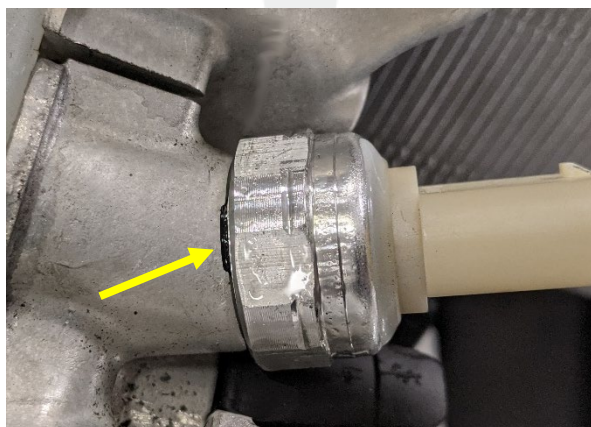


Figure 12 – O-ring pinched

- d. Continue to back off and tighten the low pressure P/T sensor until the O-ring slides completely into the chamfer and is no longer visible.

 **NOTE:** There should be no gap, and the sensor body should be bottomed out against the Supermanifold (Figure 13).

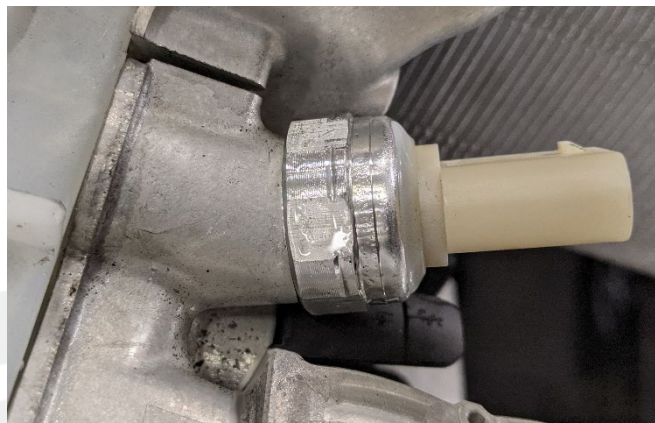


Figure 13 – P/T sensor properly seated

- e. Use the HVAC socket kit to tighten the low pressure P/T sensor (torque 9 Nm).
- f. Connect the electrical harness to the low pressure P/T sensor connector, and then fasten the locking tab (Figure 7).
20. Repeat step 19.a through 19.f to install the new high pressure P/T sensor (black connector) into the Supermanifold (Figure 6) and connect the electrical harness (Figure 5).
21. Repeat step 19.a through 19.f to install the new subcool high pressure P/T sensor (black connector) into the Supermanifold (Figure 4) and connect the electrical harness (Figure 3).
22. Release the S-hook from the vehicle (Figure 2), install the Supermanifold-to-compressor A/C line into the Supermanifold, hand-install the 13 mm bolt that attaches the A/C line to the Supermanifold, and then tighten (torque 22 Nm) (Figure 1).
23. Perform the vacuum leak test and oil injection (refer to Service Manual procedure 182000122 [Model 3](#), 18200102 [Model Y](#)).
24. Recharge the A/C refrigerant (refer to Service Manual procedure 182000122 [Model 3](#), 18200102 [Model Y](#)).
-  **CAUTION:** When using a Robinair A/C machine, if asked to clear out residual oil, press **ESC** for No.
25. When the recharge process has ended, on the vehicle touchscreen, touch **START** to the left of “Stop Thermal Fill Drain”, touch **RUN TASK**, wait for “PASS” to be displayed, then touch **X** in the upper left corner.
26. Touch **START** to the left of “Run Heat Pump Commissioning”, touch **RUN TASK**, wait for the task to complete, then touch **X** in the upper left corner.
27. Turn on the vehicle climate control, and set the following parameters:
- Temperature setting: Lo
 - Panel mode: On
 - Fresh air mode: On
 - Blower speed: 3
28. Verify that the Discharge pressure does not exceed 26 bar, and the Suction pressure is above 1.15 bar.
29. Turn off climate control, and remove the A/C machine high pressure hose from the vehicle.

30. Repeat step 27, turn the A/C machine valves open, and then remove the A/C machine low pressure hose from the vehicle.
31. Clear the A/C machine hoses.
32. Connect a laptop with Toolbox 3 to the vehicle.
33. In Toolbox, click the **Actions/Autodiag** tab, type “reset vcfront” in the search field, select **TEST-RESET_VCFRONT**, click **RUN**, and allow the routine to clear all active alerts recorded for the failed sensors.
34. Disconnect the laptop from the vehicle.
35. On the vehicle touchscreen, touch **START** to the left of “Test HVAC Performance”, touch **RUN TASK**, wait for the task to complete, then touch **X** in the upper left corner.
36. If a refrigerant leak detector is available, make sure that there are no leaks.
37. Install the underhood storage unit (refer to Service Manual procedure 15240702; [Model 3](#), [Model Y](#)).
38. Disable Service Mode through the touchscreen (refer to Service Manual procedure 00050100; [Model 3](#), [Model Y](#)).