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Symptom/Vehicle Issue: Defroster Grille Has Gaps And Or Is Not Sitting Flush.

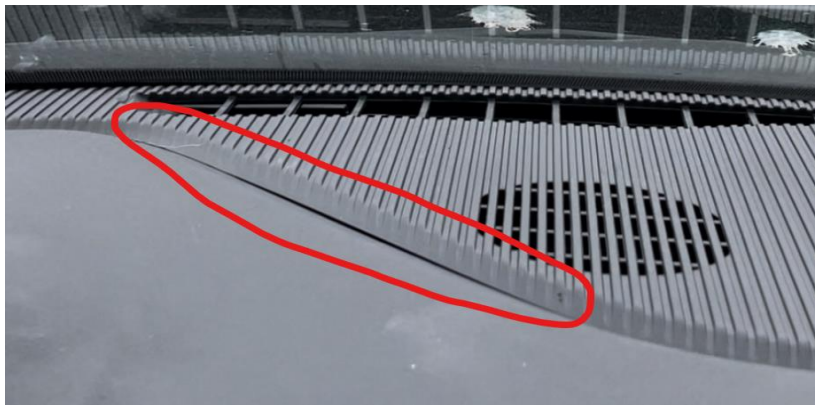


Fig 1.
Gap At Middle Of Defrost Grille.



Fig 2
Gap In Corner(s) Of Grille.

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Discussion: Gaps in the defroster grille generally fall into 2 groups. Center and edge gaps. If a customer has a concern with the grille fitment, see the below for some tips on how to resolve the gapping condition.

Tools: Plastic or fiber trim stick.

- 1.) Inspect the defroster grille for any gaps along the edges.
- 2.) If gaps found on the edges near the a-pillar go to step 3. If gaps are found in the center of the defroster grille go to step 8.
- 3.) Using the trim stick remove the defroster grille from the vehicle.
- 4.) Inspect the clip slots near the suspect location for any excessive flash or glass material. See Fig 3 below.
- 5.) If excessive material is found, remove the excessive material by carefully using a hobby knife.
- 6.) Reinstall defroster grille and validate the clip now fully seats and there is no visible gap.
- 7.) If gaps are present in the center of the defroster grille proceed to step 8.
- 8.) Using the trim stick remove the defroster grille from the vehicle.
- 9.) Inspect the defroster grille for broken or bent clips. Replace the defroster grille if damage is present. If no damage is present proceed to step 10.
- 10.) Reinstall the defroster grille by starting with the center 4-way locator. This clip is in the center left of the defroster grille. (Fig 4)
- 11.) Once the 4-way is installed secure the clips starting at the center and working your way to the ends for both the left and right side.
- 12.) Inspect the defroster grille for any gaps. If there are no gaps present, repair is complete.
- 13.) If gaps are still present replace the defroster grille.

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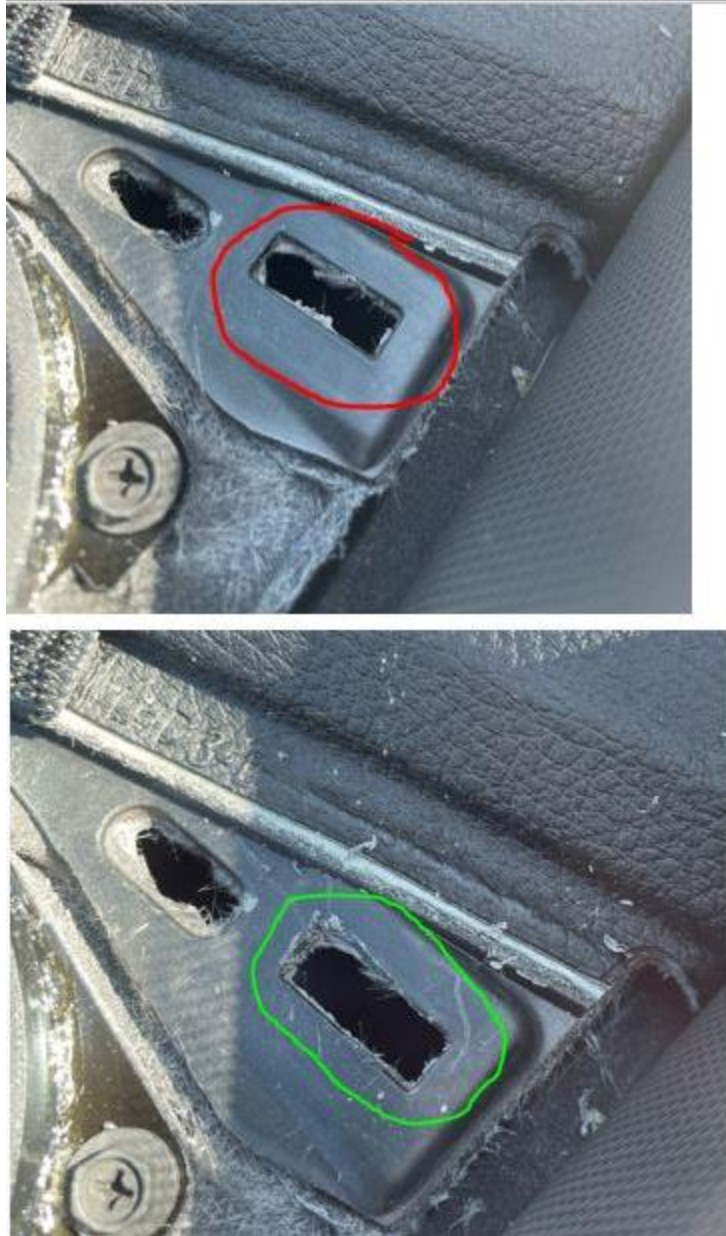


Fig 3.

Upper image hole has flash that will not allow the clips to seat. Lower image has the flash trimmed with a hobby knife to improve clip retention.

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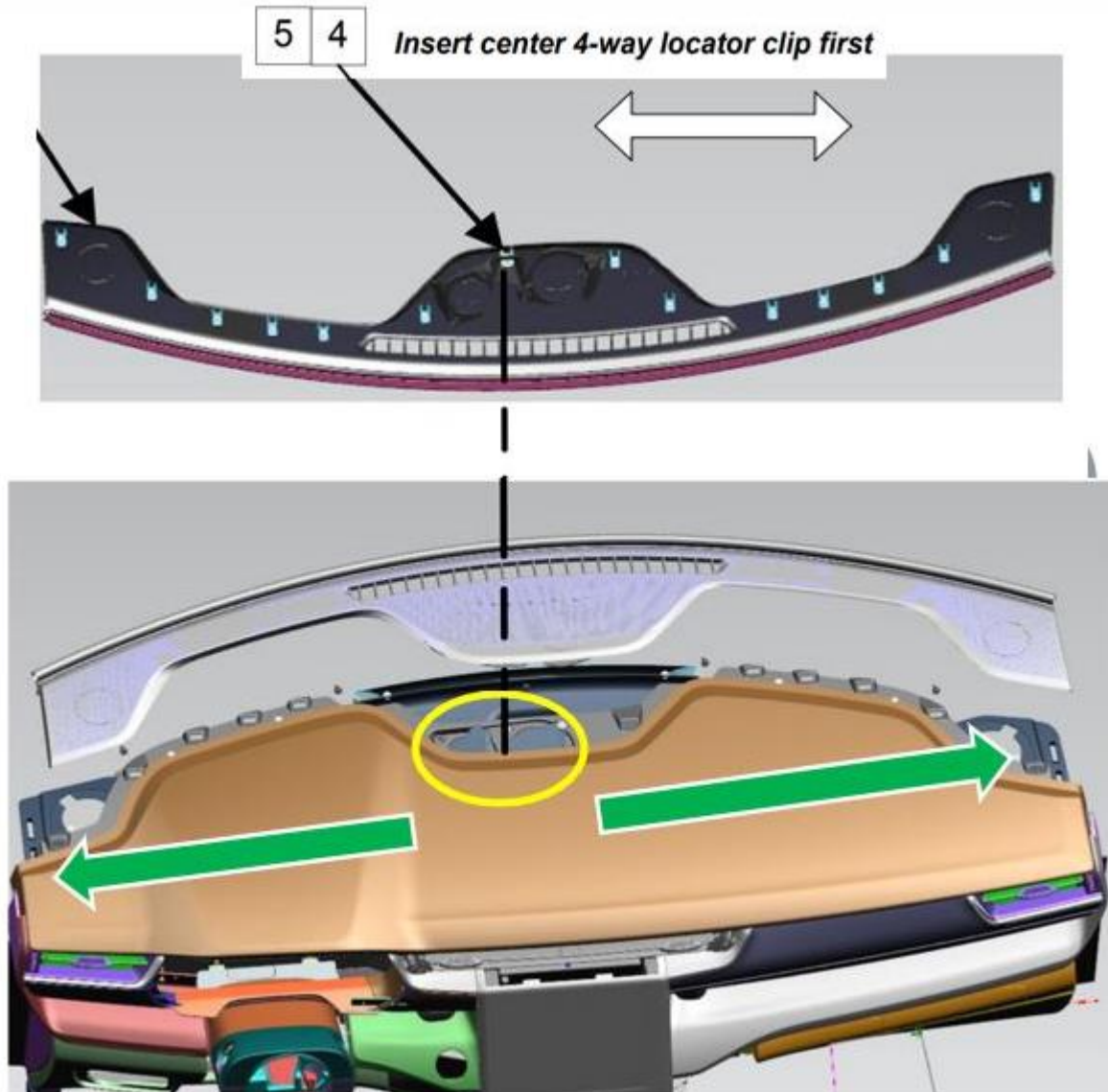


Fig 4.

4 way locator pin location. Start at the center and work outwards when pressing/snapping the grille into position.

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