



TECHNICAL SERVICE BULLETIN

"Steering Assist Fault Service Required" Message In The IPC And Reduced Steering Assist With DTCs U3008:1B And/Or U3009:1B Stored In The PSCM

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This bulletin supersedes 25-2350. Reason for update: update affected vehicles, revised parts list, and Service Procedure enhancements for HEV models to ensure proper access to repair the framerail ground.

Model:

Ford 2025-2026 Explorer
2025-2026 Police Interceptor Utility
Lincoln 2025-2026 Aviator

Markets: North American markets only

Issue: Some of the vehicles listed in the Model statement above may exhibit all of the following conditions:

- "Steering Assist Fault Service Required" message displayed in the IPC
- Reduced steering assist
- DTCs U3008:1B and/or U3009:1B stored in the PSCM

This may be due to the PSCM ground connections.

Action: For vehicles that meet all of the criteria in the Issue and Model statements, follow the Service Procedure to improve the PSCM ground connections.

Parts - Parts To Inspect And Replace Only If Necessary

Service Part Number	Claim Quantity	Package Order Quantity	Number in Package	Description
W505261-S450L	Only If Necessary (Up To 1)	Only If Necessary (Up To 1)	1	Self-Tapping M8 Bolt
W520412-S450	Only If Necessary (Up To 1)	Only If Necessary (Up To 1)	4	M6 Nut
W720930-S300	Only If Necessary (Up To 6)	Only If Necessary (Up To 2)	4	Blind Rivet
VC-13-G	Only If Necessary (Up To 2)	Only If Necessary (Up To 2)	1	Motorcraft® Yellow Concentrated Antifreeze/Coolant (All Markets Except Canada)
CVC-13-G	Only If Necessary (Up To 2)	Only If Necessary (Up To 2)	1	Motorcraft® Yellow Concentrated Antifreeze/Coolant (Canada Only)

Service part numbers and "number in package" quantity may change after publication, thus also affecting the "package order quantity". Refer to the parts catalog for the latest information.

Claim Quantity refers to the total number of individual pieces required to repair the vehicle.

Package Order Quantity refers to the amount of the service part number package(s) required to repair the vehicle.

Number In Package refers to the number of individual pieces included in a service part number package, also known as unit of issue (UOI).

Only If Necessary indicates the part is not mandatory. Refer to the Service Procedure to determine the inspection/inclusion criteria.

Warranty Status: Warranty coverage limits and policies are not altered by a TSB. Warranty coverage limits are determined by the identified causal part.

Labor Times

Description	Operation No.	Time
2025-2026 Explorer/Aviator: Retrieve DTCs Remove Ground G104 Or G116 Modify Sheet Metal And Reinstall Ground Retainer Retrieve DTCs Repair Complete (Can Be Claimed With MTD)	262035A	0.7 Hrs
2025-2026 Explorer/Aviator: Retrieve DTCs Replace The Nut On Ground G103 Or G119 (Can Not Be Claimed With MTD)	262035B	0.5 hrs
2025-2026 Explorer/Aviator: Retrieve DTCs Remove Ground G104 Or G116 Modify Sheet Metal And Reinstall Ground Retainer Retrieve DTCs Replace The Nut On Ground G103 Or G119 (Can Be Claimed With MTD)	262035C	0.8 Hrs
2025-2026 Explorer Hybrid 3.3L: Extra Time to R&I Cooling Module And Position Aside Hoses/Wires As Needed To Clear Path For Repair. (Can Be Claimed With A or C)	MT262035D	Actual Time Up To 5.1 Hours

Repair/Claim Coding

Causal Part:	14300
Condition Code:	x1

Service Procedure

1. Using the latest version of the FDRS scan tool, download and run the "Self-Test" application and select "Run ALL CMDTCs". Is DTC U3008:1B present in the PSCM?

1. Yes - proceed to Step 2.
2. No - proceed to Step 11.

2. Is the vehicle a 2026 Aviator?

1. Yes - proceed to Step 3.

2. No - proceed to Step 4.

3. Does the vehicle exhibit DTCU3009:1B?

1. Yes - proceed to Step 12.

2. No - this article does not apply. The ground connection for U3008:1B has been relocated on 2026 Aviator only. Refer to the WSM, Section 211-02 for normal diagnostics.

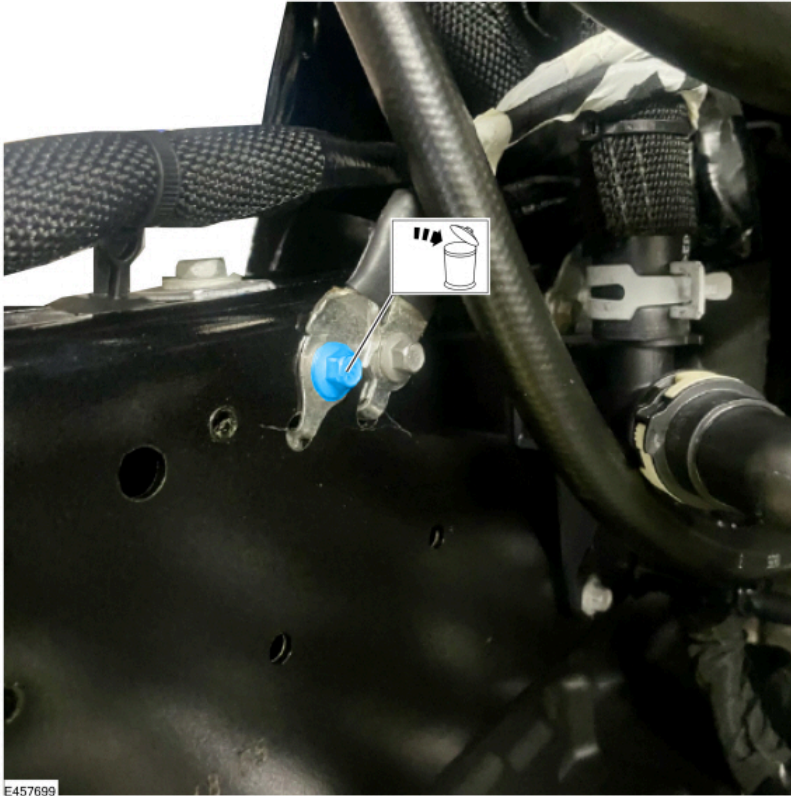
4. For hybrid vehicles only, remove the cooling module. Refer to WSM Section 303-03 > Removal and Installation > Cooling Module.

5. For gas vehicles only, remove the engine front undershield. Refer to WSM, Section 501-02 > Removal and Installation > Engine Front Undershield.

6. Remove and discard the M6 fastener from ground G104 (Explorer/Police Interceptor Utility) or G116 (Aviator) on the passenger side frame rail. Refer to Wiring Diagram Cell 151 for connection locations. (Figure 1)

NOTE: Do not remove any paint from the body as the ground path conduction is through the bolt threads.

Figure 1



7. Carefully enlarge the existing holes in the frame rail sheet metal and the harness eyelet by drilling with a 7 mm (9/32 in.) drill bit.

8. Reinstall ground G104 (Explorer/Police Interceptor Utility) or G116 (Aviator) using the new self-tapping M8 fastener. Make sure the ground eyelet locating tab is properly aligned with the alignment hole in the frame. Tighten to 71 lb.in (8.0 Nm).

9. For gas vehicles only, install the engine front undershield. Refer to WSM, Section 501-02 > Removal and Installation > Engine Front Undershield.

10. For hybrid vehicles only, install the cooling module. Refer to WSM, Section 303-03 > Removal and Installation > Cooling Module.

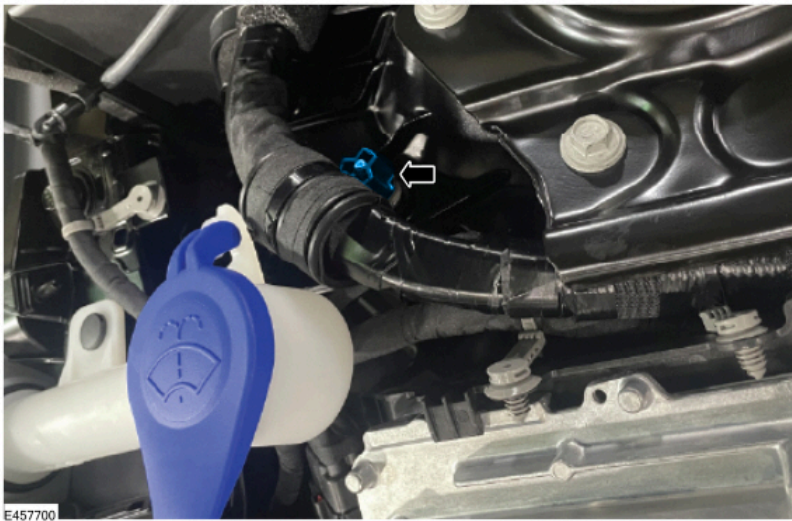
11. Using FDRS, download and run the "Self-Test" application and select "Run ALL CMDTCs". Is DTCU3009:1B present in the PSCM?

1. Yes - proceed to Step 12.

2. No - repair is complete. If further diagnosis is necessary, refer to WSM, Section 211-02 > Diagnosis and Testing.

12. On Aviator vehicles, remove the wiring harness retainer from the ground G119 stud bolt in order to hold the bolt while tightening the nut in Step 14. (Figure 2)

Figure 2

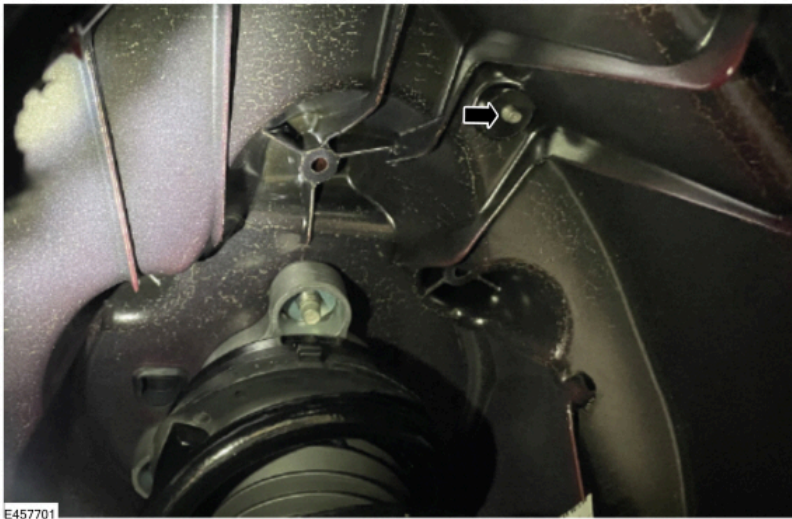


13. Remove the right front wheel and tire. Refer to [WSM](#), Section 204-04A > Removal and Installation > Wheel and Tire.

NOTE: Do not remove any paint from the body as the ground path conduction is through the bolt threads.

14. Install the new M6 nut on the existing fastener on ground G103 (Explorer/Police Interceptor Utility) or G119 (Aviator) on the passenger side shock tower. Tighten to 106 lb.in (12.0 Nm). (Figure 3)

Figure 3



15. Install the right front wheel and tire. Refer to [WSM](#), Section 204-04A > Removal and Installation > Wheel and Tire.

16. On Aviator vehicles, install the wiring harness retainer on the ground G119 stud bolt.

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