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CREAKING NOISE FROM THE LOWER B-PILLAR TRIM PANEL

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MODEL

E-Series	Model Description
U11	X1 Sports Activity Vehicle
U10	X2 Sports Activity Coupe
G45	X3 Sports Activity Vehicle

SITUATION

While driving on rough surfaces, a “creaking” noise can be heard from the B-pillar trim panels.

CAUSE

The lower B-pillar panel clips are loosely fitted.

CORRECTION

Apply felt tape to the B-pillar trim to better secure the clip.

PROCEDURE

After verifying and localizing the noise to lower B-pillar,

1. Remove the pertinent B-pillar per REP 51 43 150 “Removing and installing/replacing the trim panel for the left and right B-pillar.”
2. Once the B-pillar trim is removed, the lower white panel clips (yellow arrows) need to be removed.



3. Felt tape needs to be applied where the clips sit (circled in red) before reinstalling the white clips.





4. The installed clips with felt tape (yellow arrows) provide a tighter fit and prevents excessive movement.

5. Reinstall trim panel and verify the noise is no longer present.

PARTS INFORMATION

Obtain and confirm the part numbers for your specific vehicle by entering the chassis number in either ETK or AIR which considers specific equipment and/or options.

Sublet – Bulk Supply Material

Part Number	Description	Quantity
61 13 5 B70 D27	Adhesive Wiring harness wrapping tape (DN = W: 19 mm L: 7.5 m)	As needed

CLAIM INFORMATION

Covered under the terms of the BMW New Vehicle Limited Warranty for Passenger Cars and Light Trucks.

Repair Code:	5143053900	Trim panel (trim), B-pillar, bottom (inner) Unpleasant noises
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Diagnosis

Labor Operation	Description	Labor Allowance
51 00 001*	Localizing body complaint(s) (Work time)	WT FRU
Or:		
00 58 500*	Diagnosis Worktime Flat Rate	2 FRU

Work time labor operation codes 51 00 001, 00 58 500, and 51 99 000 are not considered Main labor operations.

And, with the diagnosis above that applies to your center together with the work below that was performed.

Repairing One Side

Labor Operation	Description	Labor Allowance
51 43 150	Remove and attach/replace trim panel for B-pillar left or right (Bottom) (Main work)	As applicable
Or:		

51 43 650	Remove and attach/replace trim panel for B-pillar left or right (Bottom) (Plusposition work)	As applicable
And:		
51 99 000	Work time to install felt tape to the area where the clips sit (one side)	1 FRU

If you are using a Main labor operation code for another repair, then use the Plusposition labor operation code 51 43 650 instead of 51 43 150.

Repairing Both Sides

Labor Operation	Description	Labor Allowance
51 43 170	Removing and attaching/replacing both trim panels for B-pillar (Bottom) (Main work)	As applicable
Or:		
51 43 670	Removing and attaching/replacing both trim panels for B-pillar (Bottom) (Plusposition work)	As applicable
And:		
51 99 000	Work time to install felt tape to the area where the clips sit (both sides)	2 FRU

If you are using a Main labor operation code for another repair, then use the Plusposition labor operation code 51 43 670 instead of 51 43 170.

(*) Based on which one applies to your center, please refer to **SI B01 01 20** or **B01 07 20** for the applicable procedure for documenting, claiming, and explaining, on the RO and in the claim comments, your diagnosis work time (WT), job/repair work time (WT), and the vehicle repairs your center performed, unless otherwise required by State law.

Sublet – Bulk Supply Materials (RO and Claim Comments Required)

Sublet Code 4	Reimbursement for the repair-related bulk supply materials (Do not use the BMW part numbers for claim submission)	See the sublet reimbursement calculations below
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Sublet reimbursement calculation for claiming the applicable repair-related bulk supply material (BMW part number) is at the dealer net (DN) price for the proportional quantity used plus your center's handling.

Enter this material cost in sublet and itemize the amount on the repair order and in claim comment section.

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