



## SIM 51 01 26

### CRACKING SOUND IN THE HEADLINER AREA

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#### MODEL

E-Series	Model Description	Production Date	Affected Option Code
U25	Countryman S ALL4, JCW Countryman ALL4, Countryman SE ALL4 Battery Electric Vehicle	SOP	402 Panoramic Moonroof

#### SITUATION

While driving on rough roads, a “cracking” sound is heard coming from the headliner area.

**Note: Please see attached video V51 01 26**

#### CAUSE

There are various possible causes.

1. The metal frame of the panorama roof cutout on the headliner is contacting the panorama roof.
2. Movement of the headliner holding clips.
3. The metal frame of the panorama roof cutout separates from the headliner.

#### CORRECTION

The correction is determined by the cause.

1. Pry open the contact area between the headliner and panorama roof.
2. Apply felt strips to the contact surface of the clips on the headliner brackets.
3. Replace the headliner.

#### PROCEDURE

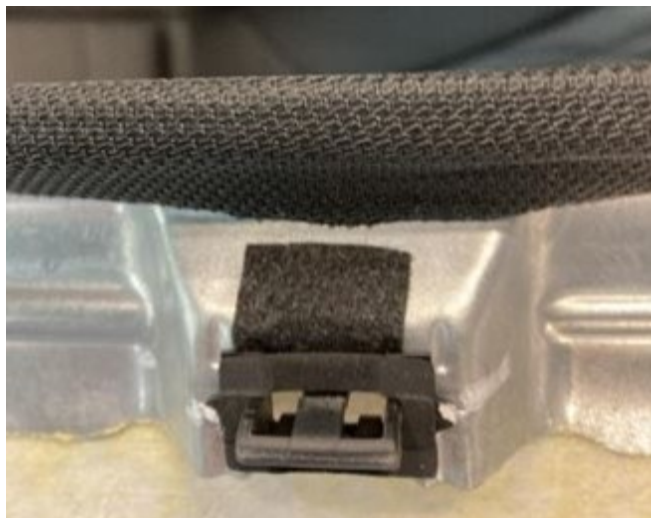
Verify that a cracking sound is heard from the headliner area. If yes, proceed to step 1.

##### Cause 1:



1. Using a “clip lifter tool”, pry open the contact area. Make sure that the metal frame is not deformed in the visible area.
2. Reassemble the vehicle and to verify repair.
3. If the noise is still present after performing this repair, proceed to Cause 2.

**Cause 2:**



1. Lower the headliner following the repair instructions listed in AIR/ISTA (51 44 915).

**Note: The headliner only needs to be lowered, and not removed.**

2. Inspect the headliner. Review (**Cause 3:**)

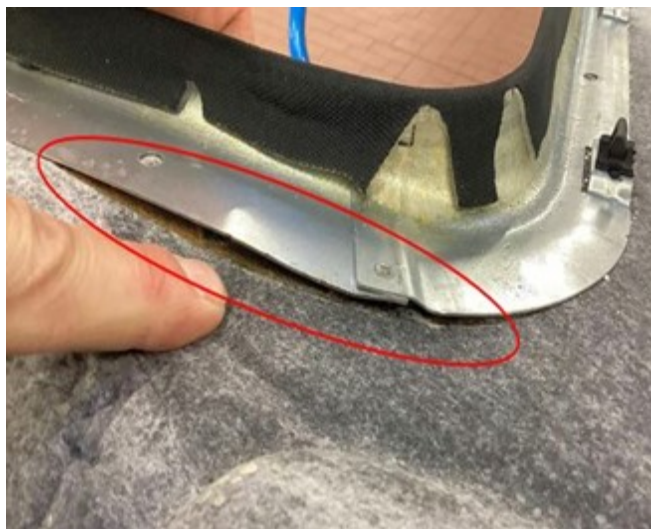
3. Remove all the clips from the headliner.

4. Cut felt strips to 20 mm x 10 mm dimensions and apply them to all the brackets on the headliner (shown).

5. Reattach the clips back onto the headliner and check for movement of the clips (the clips should be able to move with little effort).

**Note: Damaged clips must be replaced.**

**Cause 3:**



1. After the headliner had been lowered during **Cause 2**, if it is discovered that the metal frame is visibly detaching from the headliner, the headliner must be replaced.

2. Replace the headliner following the repair instructions listed in AIR/ISTA (51 44 011).

**PARTS INFORMATION**

When required for item # 2, to determine the part number that applies to the specific vehicle being repaired, enter the VIN/chassis number into either ETK or AIR which will consider the specific equipment and/or options that are fitted to the vehicle.

Part Number	Description	Quantity
51 45 2 353 024	Set felt strip-adhesive (DN = 1, 2, and 3 mm thickness sheets)	Sublet as needed

If required:

Part Number	Description	Quantity
Refer to ETK/AIR	Headlining panoramic roof	1

Additionally, other materials and small parts that are not specified above, such as fluids, lubricants (in sublet), one-time use screws, nuts, and seals, which must be replaced or installed (according to the ISTA

repair instructions/ETK/AIR), are to be selected from the Electronic Parts Catalog, and/or other approved BMW Group's resources according to the respective vehicle type. Invoiced these items separately under the Repair Code listed in this bulletin.

## **CLAIM INFORMATION**

Covered under the terms of the MINI New Vehicle Limited Warranty for Passenger Cars and Light Trucks as described and as applicable below.

### **Cause 1 (5412093900)**

<b>Repair Code:</b>	<b>5412093900</b>	<b>Sunroof visor (SHD, panorama roof) Unpleasant noises</b>
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Below are the flat rate unit (FRU) allowances for the following.

<b>Labor Operation</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Labor Allowance</b>
51 00 001*	Localizing body complaint(s) (Main or Plus as applicable)	WT FRU
Or:		
00 58 500*	Diagnosis Worktime Flat Rate (See below) (Plusposition)	2 FRU
Or:		
00 58 000*	Diagnosis Worktime Flat Rate (See below) (Main work)	3 FRU
And:		
51 99 000	Work time to eliminate the contact by increasing the gap	2 FRU

Only one Main work flat rate labor operation code can be claimed per workshop visit.

For applicable dealers, if work time labor operation code 51 00 001 includes Main work, then only use the Plusposition labor operation codes for any other repairs that are being performed.

### **Cause 2 (5144900100)**

<b>Repair Code:</b>	<b>5144900100</b>	<b>U25 Noise in the panoramic glass sunroof / headlining area</b>
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Below are the flat rate unit (FRU) allowances for the following.

<b>Labor Operation</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Labor Allowance</b>
51 00 001*	Localizing body complaint(s) (Main or Plus as applicable)	WT FRU
Or:		
00 58 500*	Diagnosis Worktime Flat Rate (See below) (Plusposition)	2 FRU
Or:		
00 58 000*	Diagnosis Worktime Flat Rate (See below) (Main work)	3 FRU
And		
51 44 935	Lowering and reattaching the headlining with panoramic glass sunroof	As applicable
And:		
00 75 750	Additional work/rework panoramic glass sunroof including attaching felt part (Associated work)	6 FRU

Only one Main work flat rate labor operation code can be claimed per workshop visit.

For applicable dealers, if work time labor operation code 51 00 001 includes Main work, then only use the Plusposition labor operation codes for any other repairs that are being performed.

And:

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

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

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

### Cause 3 (5412093900)

<b>Repair Code:</b>	<b>5412093900</b>	<b>Sunroof visor (SHD, panorama roof) Unpleasant noises</b>
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Obtain the flat rate unit (FRU) allowances for the following that applies.

Labor Operation	Description	Labor Allowance
51 44 011	Replacing headlining (For equipment specification with panorama roof) (Main work)	As applicable
Or:		
51 44 511	Replacing headlining (For equipment specification with panorama roof) (Plusposition)	As applicable
And, as needed:		
51 00 001*	Localizing body complaint(s) (Main or Plus as applicable)	WT
Or:		
00 58 500*	Diagnosis Worktime Flat Rate (Plusposition)	2 FRU

If you are using a Main labor code for another repair, use the Plus code labor operation 51 44 511 instead of 51 44 011.

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

**Repair Code 5412093900:** It can only be claimed one-time per claim submission, combine like work labor operation codes and claim the total applicable FRU allowances that apply, and itemize the time claimed on the RO and in the claim comments.

(\*) Based on which one applies to your dealer, please refer to [SI M01 01 20](#) or [M01 04 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 dealer performed, unless otherwise required by State law.

### BMW Group's AIR Application Resource for Flat Rate Labor Operation Codes

To obtain the corresponding flat rate unit (FRU) allowance information from the BMW Group AIR application resource, start by entering the Chassis Number (last seven (7) characters of the VIN), and click on the "Search" icon. If the "Vehicle Selection" window displays two or more model possible vehicle choices, select the applicable Model, or enter the full VIN (17 characters) instead to proceed. Click on the "Flat Rate Units" button and enter a flat rate labor operation code number "without spaces" in the field to the right, click on the "Search" icon to display the corresponding listing of "Flat rate unit group details" that are available and their corresponding FRU allowances.

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