



Tesla, Inc.
Service Bulletin

Inspect and Lubricate Front Seat Recliner Tube Ends

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Classification		Section/Group	Mobile Service	Configuration
Repair Bulletin		13 - Seats	Cannot Perform	All
Model	Model Year	Country/Region	Build Location	
Model 3	2024+	North America	Fremont, Giga Texas	
Model Y	2025+			

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.

Repair Bulletin: This repair bulletin provides instructions on addressing a possible customer concern regarding the operation of Tesla vehicles. These instructions should only be performed by trained professionals.

Condition

On some vehicles, insufficient lubricant at the front seat recliner tube ends may cause creaking noises during weight shifting when the seat is occupied.

Correction

Upon customer complaint, inspect the vehicle for symptoms related to the condition. If symptoms are present, lubricate the front seat recliner tube ends.

Correction Description	Correction	Time	
		2024+ Model 3	2025+ Model Y
Inspect Front Seat(s), No Symptom Found	S012613006	0.06	0.06
Inspect and Rework Front Seat Recliner Tube Ends on One Seat	S022613006	0.30	0.36
Inspect and Rework Front Seat Recliner Tube Ends on Both Seats	S032613006	0.60	0.72

	Part Number	Description	Quantity
If Necessary	1099798-00-A	SPRAY, SUPER LUBE DRI FILM PTFE 11OZ	1
	1458818-00-B	BOLT,PF,M10-1.5x36,[109],G0310[B],SMAT	4 or 8
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	1133787-00-A	KEY, SEAT BELT RELEASE, MODEL 3	
Shop Supplies	Shop Towels		

Procedure

1. Sit in the reported seat and shift weight around in the seat to verify if there is a creaking noise from the recliner tube area, at the junction of the seatback and the seat cushion.

 **NOTE:** Refer to [Toolbox Article #38823](#) for the videos of the creaking noise.

- If no creaking noise is present, or the noise is not from the recliner tube area, discontinue this procedure and use Correction Code S012613006.
 - If a creaking noise is heard, coming from the recliner tube area, continue to the next step to lubricate the recliner tube ends.
2. Remove the reported seat(s) (refer to Service Manual procedure; [2024+ Model 3](#), [2025+ Model Y](#)).
 3. Place shop towels at the recliner tube ends area to prevent over spray and to protect the trims and covers (Figures 1–3).



Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3

4. Apply lubricant to the ends of the recliner tube(s) (Figures 4 and 5).

 **NOTE:** Presence of grease is expected and okay.



Figure 4



Figure 5

5. Remove the shop towels.
6. Install the removed seat(s) (refer to Service Manual procedure; [2024+ Model 3](#), [2025+ Model Y](#)).
7. Cycle the reported seat height from the lowest position to the highest position twice, and then sit in the seat and shift weight around in the seat again to check if the creaking noise is fixed. If not, replace the seat cushion frame (refer to Service Manual procedure; [2024+ Model 3](#), [2025+ Model Y](#)) and add the Remove and Replace correction code(s) as separate correction(s) within the same activity to the Service Visit.

