

# RATTLE/NOISE FROM THE CENTER STACK (RADIO/HEATER) OF THE INSTRUMENT PANEL OR GEARSHIFT AREA

TSB 06-4-1

**FORD:**

2005-2006 Mustang

**ISSUE**

Some 2005-2006 Mustang vehicles may exhibit a concern with rattle/noise from either the center stack (radio/heater) of the instrument panel or gearshift area.

**ACTION**

The rattle/noise may be caused by one or both of the exhaust hanger isolators on the trans cross member (number 3 cross member) being loose. To determine if an isolator is loose refer to the Service Procedure.

**SERVICE PROCEDURE**

**NOTE**

VEHICLES EQUIPPED WITH A V6 ENGINE MAY HAVE THE RATTLE AT APPROXIMATELY 850 AND 1,500 RPM'S, AND THE V8 AT APPROXIMATELY 1,200 & 3,200 RPM.

1. Lightly tap the exhaust hanger isolator located on the transmission crossmember (number 3) with a dead-blow hammer. It should have a solid sound to it.
2. If the hanger has a solid sound to it, do not continue with this TSB and continue with normal diagnostics.
3. If it rattles, secure it with a screw type worm clamp. Use a 3 inch, size 40 stainless worm clamp (obtain locally). Positioned 90 degrees to the exhaust hanger rod. (Figures 1-4). The clamp can be installed without removing the crossmember.

**NOTE**

REFER TO TSB 05-08-06 FOR 2005 4.0L AUTOMATIC EQUIPPED CARS EXHIBITING VIBRATION/DRONE CONCERNS.

**NOTE**

3 INCH, SIZE 40 STAINLESS WORM CLAMPS OR EQUIVALENT SHOULD BE INSTALLED WITH THE SCREW HEAD LOCATED AT EITHER THE 3 OR 9 O'CLOCK POSITION TO MAXIMIZE GROUND CLEARANCE.

**OTHER APPLICABLE ARTICLES:** 05-08-06

**WARRANTY STATUS:** Eligible Under Provisions Of New Vehicle Limited Warranty Coverage

OPERATION	DESCRIPTION	TIME
060401A	2005-2006 Mustang: Secure One Exhaust Hanger (Do Not Use With 5200A, 1007D, 5212A, 5229A)	0.2 Hr.
060401B	2005-2006 Mustang: Secure Both Exhaust Hangers (Do Not Use With 5200A, 1007D, 5212A, 5229A)	0.3 Hr.

**DEALER CODING**

BASIC PART NO.	CONDITION CODE
6A023	33

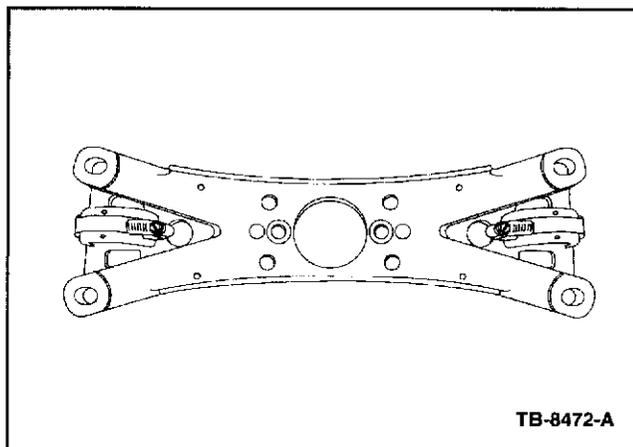


Figure 1 - Article 06-4-1

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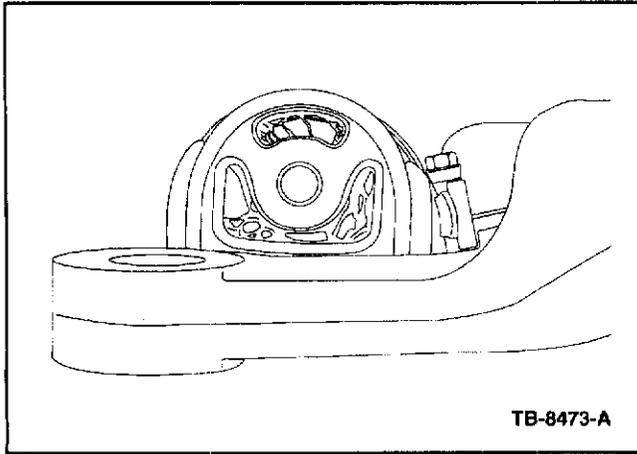


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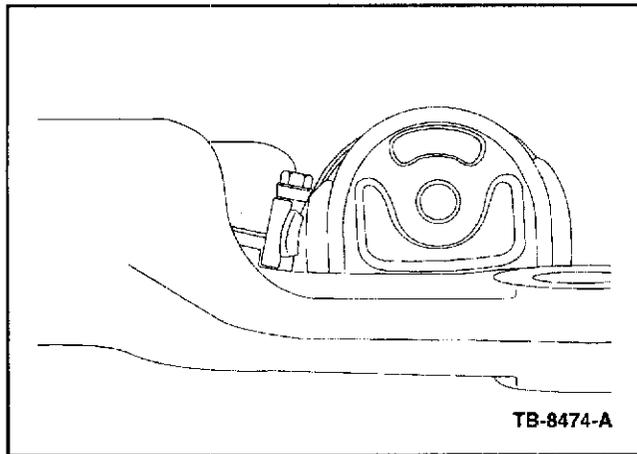


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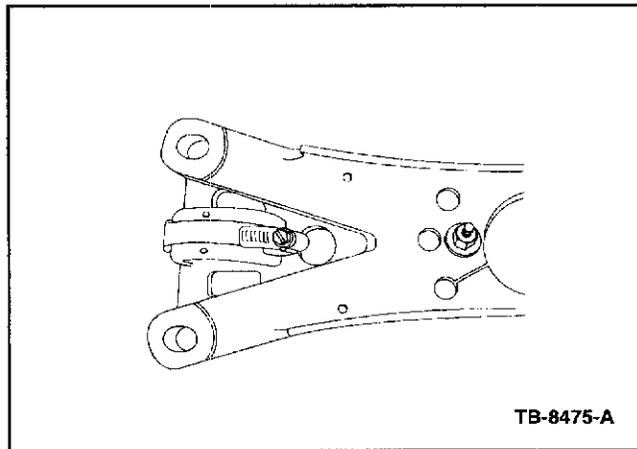


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