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2005-2008 Mustang

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Some 2005-2008 Mustang vehicles may exhibit a difficult to diagnose water leak in the front floor area. This may be caused by loose grommets and/or sealer skips around the cowl area, loose A-pillar window weather stripping retainer, misaligned body harness grommet through the firewall, or misaligned body harness grommet from the passenger door.

ACTION

Follow the Service Procedure steps to correct the condition.

SERVICE PROCEDURE**Water Leak Testing Procedure Non-Pressurized Cabin**

1. Using a garden hose equipped with a shower head attachment, or similar device, run water onto the vehicle being sure to direct water over the roof ditch moldings, side window weather strips, and windshield/cowl panel area. While water is being applied to the vehicle, have an assistant inside the vehicle verifying the location of the water intrusion.

NOTE

DO NOT REMOVE THE DASH OR THE DASH INSULATOR.

NOTE

TO AID DIAGNOSIS, THE CABIN CAN BE PRESSURIZED.

Water Leak Testing Procedure Pressurized Cabin

1. To pressurize cabin, open the trunk and remove the floor carpet. Remove the plastic tail panel cover. Remove side carpet push pins and move the carpet aside. Locate the body vents in the lower rear corners of the trunk (rear of wheel wells) and tape them off. Close the trunk. Place the blower motor on high. Turn air recirculation to off mode. Close windows and doors. Open the hood and spray soapy water along body seams/grommets, particularly around the A-pillar/fender and hood hinge area, and check for bubbles.

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Water Leak Inspection/Repair

Inspect the following areas for visible signs of leaks and follow the appropriate repair steps.

1. Verify that the plastic cowl panel grill is evenly seated against the windshield and not warped. If warped, replace with current service stock.
2. Remove the cowl panel grill. Refer to Workshop Manual (WSM), Section 501-02, and inspect for proper cowl panel mount grommet installation and pinch weld sealing. Water may enter the cowl channel, through the cowl panel grommets/seals or forward pinch weld, potentially causing a sloshing sound and/or water leaking down the dash kick panel area. If there is standing water in the cowl channel, remove it by siphoning through a cowl panel mount grommet hole.

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3. Verify that the ten (10) cowl panel mount grommets and seals are installed and sealing tightly to the vehicle. If any are missing, or the seals are damaged, replace as necessary.
 - a. Apply a small bead of TA-2 Motorcraft® Repair Urethane Adhesive/Seam Sealer around all ten (10) grommets. (Figure 1)

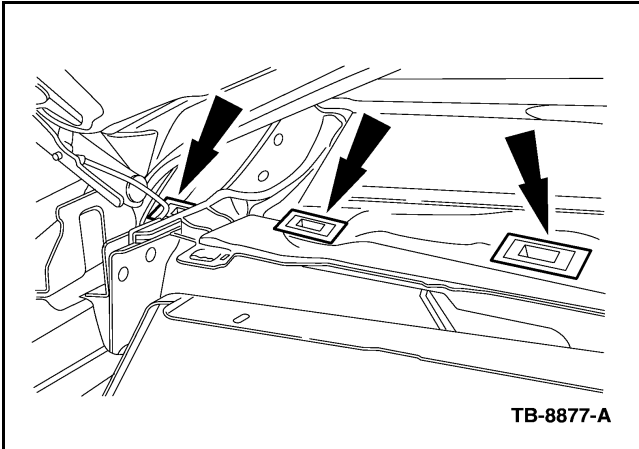


Figure 1 - Article 07-14-6

NOTE

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4. Inspect the cowl panel to bulk head pinch weld and A-pillar to cowl joint for any skips in seam sealer or excessive gaps between panels.
 - a. To ensure a water tight seal, apply a small amount of TA-2 Motorcraft® Repair Urethane Adhesive/Seam Sealer to the pinch weld and work into the seam with fingertip, leaving a small amount on the edge, especially near the windshield center bracket area. (Figure 2)

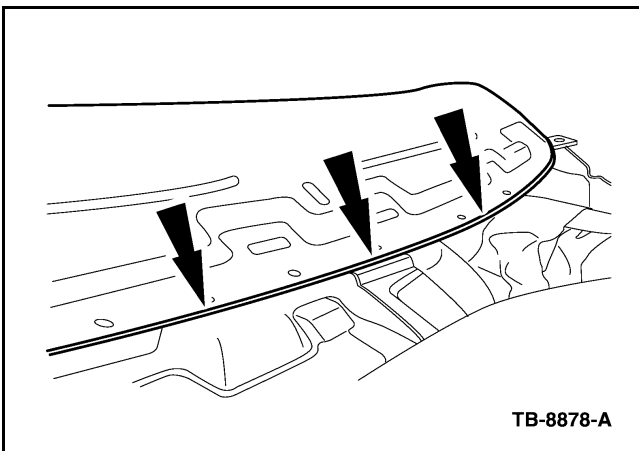


Figure 2 - Article 07-14-6

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5. Check the main body wiring harness grommet for proper seating or mis-positioning into the bulkhead on the driver/passenger side.
 - a. Reposition the grommet into the bulkhead making sure the grommet is fully seated and sealed. If there is any aftermarket wiring installed through the grommet, reroute and seal as necessary. (Figure 3)

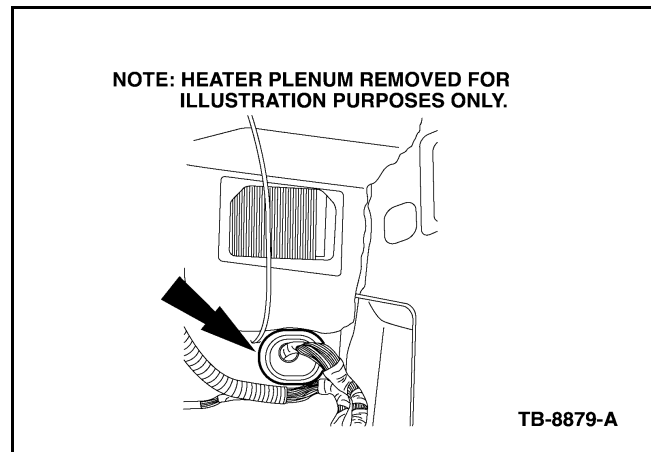


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6. Verify that the door to the A-pillar wiring harness grommet is fully seated into the A-pillar.
 - a. To ensure proper sealing around the wiring harness grommet, apply a small amount of TA-2 Motorcraft® Repair Urethane Adhesive/Seam Sealer and reinstall the grommet into the A-pillar. (Figure 4)

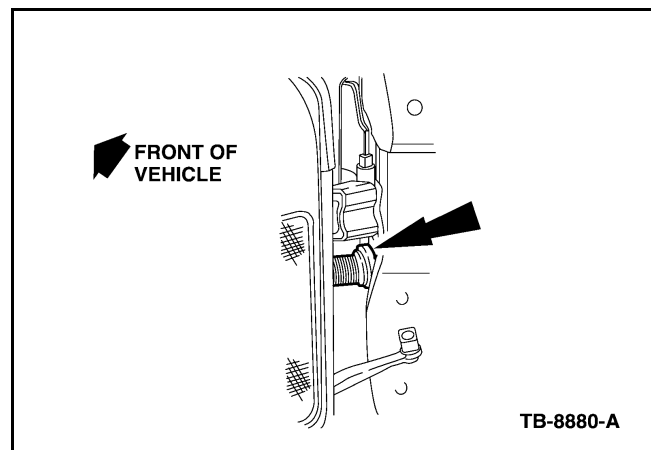


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7. Inspect the foam seal of the window weatherstrip retainer at the A-pillar. Tears in the foam seal may allow water to enter the vehicle between the window weatherstrip retainer and the A-pillar, and travel inside the interior A-pillar trim molding into the dash kick panel area.
 - a. Replace the window weatherstrip retainer, if damaged.
 - b. Reassemble other trim as required. (Figure 5)

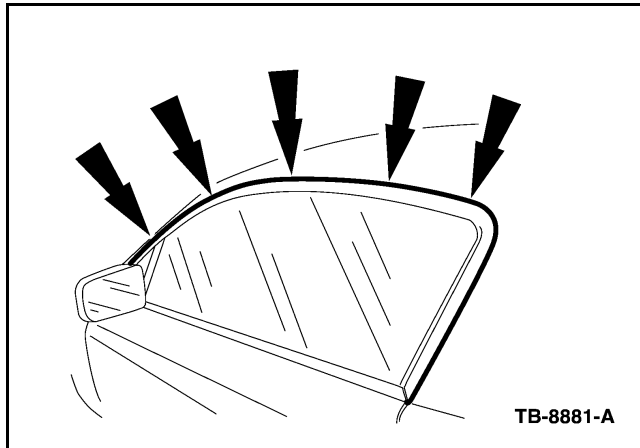


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8. If no leaks are found in these areas, refer to WSM, Section 501-00 for water leak diagnostics.

PART NUMBER	PART NAME
5R3Z-63517C58-AA	Retainer-Cowl/Panel
7R3Z-6351238-B	Retainer-Weatherstrip Right Side
7R3Z-6351239-B	Retainer-Weatherstrip Left Side
TA-2	Motorcraft® Repair Urethane Adhesive/Seam Sealer

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OPERATION	DESCRIPTION	TIME
MT071406	Use SLTS Operations If Available; Claim Additional Diagnosis Or Labor Performed As Actual Time	Actual Time

DEALER CODING

BASIC PART NO.
63517C58

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