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Subject: INSTRUMENT PANEL NOISE - DRIVER SIDE	Bulletin No: 09-023/06
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APPLICABLE MODEL(S)/VINS

2004-2006 RX-8 vehicles with VINs lower than JM1 FE**** ** 201566 (produced before February 2, 2006)

DESCRIPTION

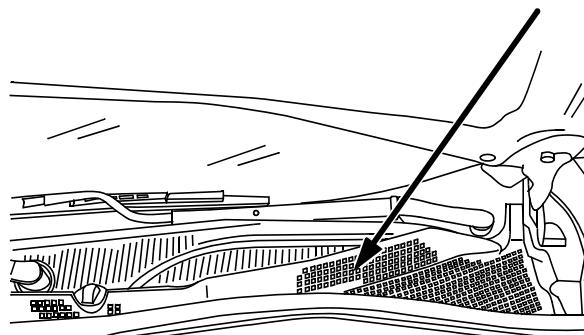
Some vehicles may exhibit a squeaking noise from around the driver-side of the instrument panel. The driver-side dash panel under the cowl grill and cowl panel can become twisted and make contact, causing the noise.

As a mass production change, a spot weld has been added where the cowl panel meets the dash panel. Customers having this concern should have their vehicle repaired using the following repair procedure.

REPAIR PROCEDURE

1. Verify customer concern.
2. Remove both front wiper arms. Refer to Workshop Manual section 09-19 WINDSHIELD WIPER ARM AND BLADE REMOVAL / INSTALLATION.
3. Remove the cowl grill. Refer to Workshop Manual section 09-16 COWL GRILLE REMOVAL / INSTALLATION.

REMOVE COWL GRILL



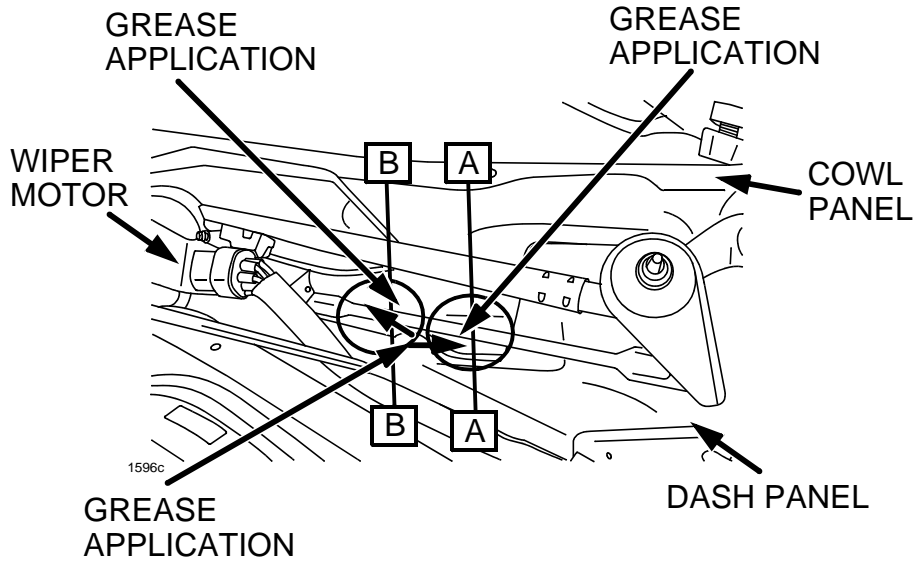
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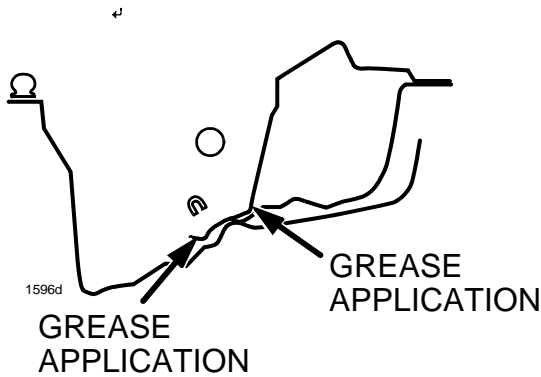
4. Apply waterproof spray grease to mating surfaces between the dash panel and cowl panel as indicated by the circles in the following figure.

NOTE:

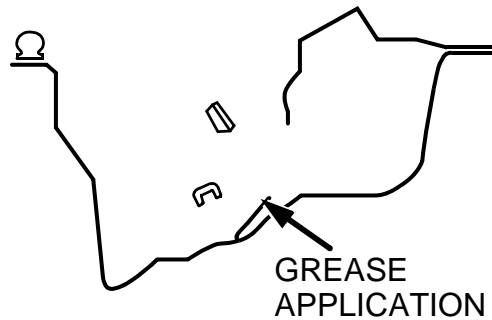
- Use locally sourced waterproof spray grease.



A-A CROSS-SECTION



B-B CROSS-SECTION



5. Assemble the parts in the reverse order of removal.
6. Verify repair.

WARRANTY INFORMATION

NOTE:

- This warranty information applies only to verified customer complaints on vehicles eligible for warranty repair. Refer to the Warranty Wizard for warranty term information.
- Additional diagnostic time cannot be claimed for this repair.

Warranty Type	A
Symptom Code	82
Damage Code	9K
Part Number Main Cause	FE01-53-5A0C
Quantity	0
Operation Number / Labor Hours:	XXB272RX / 0.3 Hrs