

Subject: INTERIOR TIRE HOUSE TRIM LIFTING OVER BOTH REAR WHEEL HOUSINGS	Bulletin No: 09-004/04
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APPLICABLE MODEL(S) / VINS

2004 RX-8 - Prior to VIN JM1FE17**40112425

DESCRIPTION

Interior tire house trim over both rear well housings may lift due to the position of a wiring harness and metal clip on the back side of the tire house trim. Use the procedure below to first reposition the interfering wiring harnesses on each side of the vehicle using the **modified "T"** shaped clip and then reinstall the tire house trim using a **redesigned** resin clip to replace the metal clip on both tire house trims.

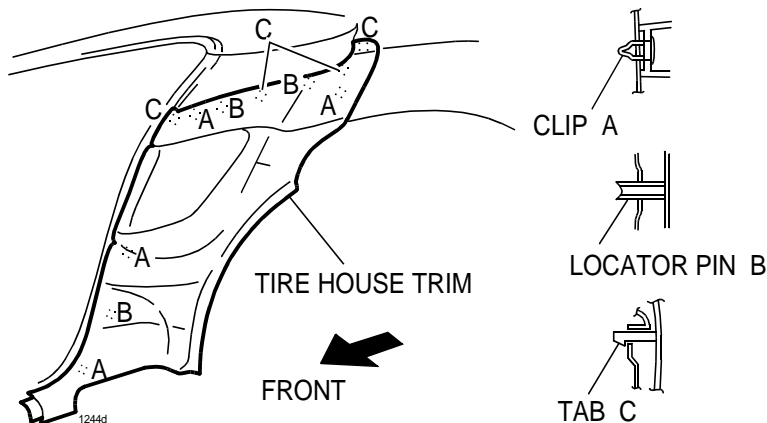
Customers having this concern should have their vehicles repaired using the following repair procedure.

REPAIR PROCEDURE

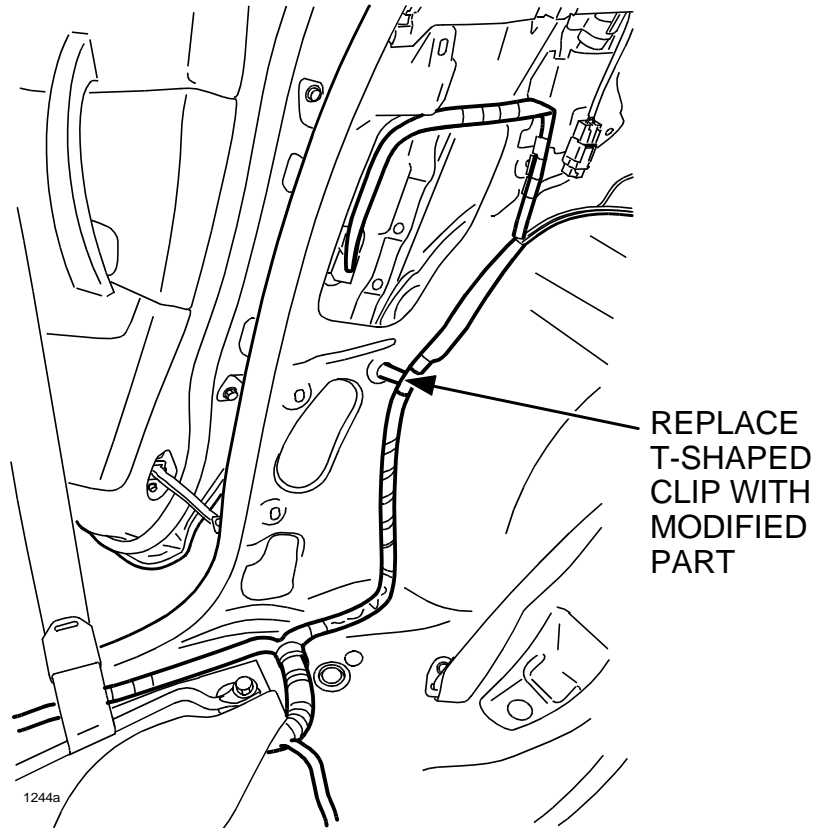
1. Verify customer concern.
2. Remove the tire house trim from one side of vehicle:

Note: Use care when removing scuff plates and tire house trims as the tabs can break if pulled to the side or at an angle and not straight away from the vehicle.

 - a. Firmly lift the front of the rear seat cushion upward to disengage retainers. Remove rear seat cushion by lifting front of seat cushion up to disengage rear hook.
 - b. Remove 2 bolts at bottom of seat back, then remove the rear seat back by sliding upward and disengaging clips at top of seat back.
 - c. Remove seat belt from seat back guide and remove seat back.
 - d. Pull the outer edge of scuff plate upward to detach clips from the body and remove scuff plate.
 - e. Partially peel back the seaming welt weather-strip.
 - f. Pull the tire house trim outward and detach clips A and locator pins B.
 - g. Detach tabs C and remove the tire house trim.

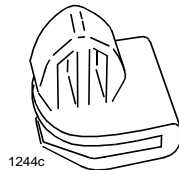


3. Remove the "T" shaped clip from the harness:
 - a. Cut the Green electrical tape securing the "T" shaped clip to the wiring harness.
 - b. Pull the "T" shaped clip out of the body.



4. Replace the "T" shaped clip with a modified part:
 - a. Relocate the harness 15mm (0.6 inch) from the side body panel.
 - b. Tape the **modified** "T" shaped clip to the harness with electrical tape.
 - c. Secure the **modified** "T" shaped clip into its mounting hole.
5. Place the tire house trim upside down on a surface that will not scratch the tire house trim.
6. Replace the tire house trim existing metal clip with the **redesigned** resin clip. Place in location indicated in the figure.

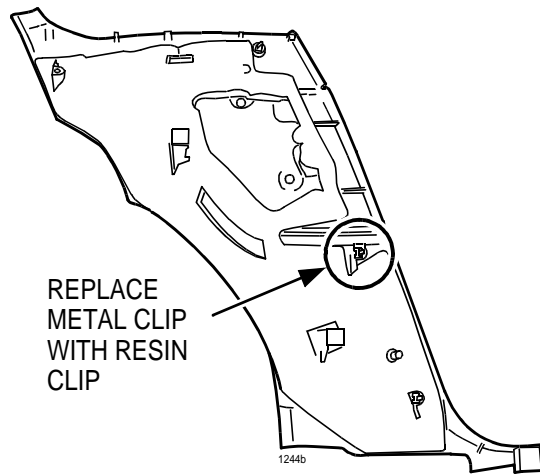
RESIN CLIP



METAL CLIP



TIRE HOUSE TRIM



7. Install the tire house trim. Reverse procedure outlined in Step 2.
8. Repeat entire procedure for tire house trim on opposite side of vehicle.
9. Verify repair.

PART(S) INFORMATION

Part Number	Description	Qty.	Notes
F151-68-132	Resin Clip	2	
LA01-67-045	T-shaped Clip	2	

WARRANTY INFORMATION

NOTE:

- This information applies to verified customer complaints on vehicles covered under normal warranty. Refer to the SRT microfiche for warranty term information.
- Additional diagnostic time cannot be claimed for this repair.

Warranty Type	A
Symptom Code	73
Damage Code	9B
Part Number Main Cause	F151-68-132
Quantity	2 (both sides)
Operation Number / Labor Hours:	XX548XRX / 0.5 Hrs (both sides)