

Subject: DRIVER SIDE AIR BAG RATTLE	Bulletin No: 08-004/04
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APPLICABLE MODEL(S)/VINS

2004 RX-8 - With VIN's lower than JM1FE17**40126795

DESCRIPTION

Some vehicles may experience a rattle noise from the steering wheel. The concern is most likely to occur at idle when the engine RPM drops due to air conditioning compressor operation. The noise can be eliminated when touching the driver's side air bag module.

This concern is caused by one of the following conditions:

- The fabric material attached over the locator pin hole for the driver's side air bag module is worn and the air bag module locator pin comes into contact with the locator pin hole in the steering wheel frame causing the noise.
- During vehicle production, the fabric material is torn and the air bag module locator pin comes into contact with the locator pin hole in the steering wheel frame causing the noise.

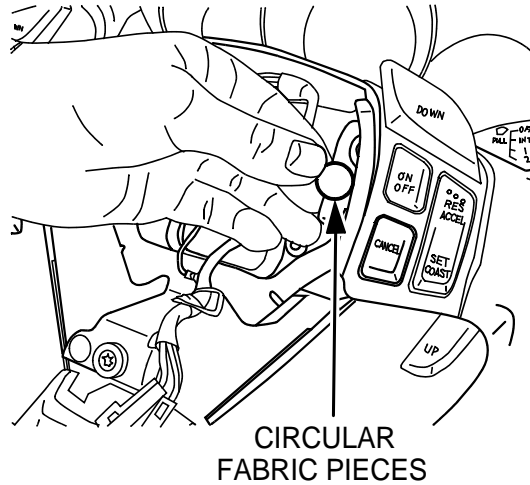
Customers having this concern should have their vehicle repaired using the following repair procedure.

REPAIR PROCEDURE

WARNING: Consult Workshop Manual section 08-10 SERVICE WARNINGS and SERVICE CAUTIONS before servicing the air bag system. Failure to do so may result in injury.

1. Verify customer concern.
2. Remove the driver-side air bag module according to the Workshop Manual section 08-10 DRIVER-SIDE AIR BAG MODULE REMOVAL/INSTALLATION.
3. Peel adhesive backing from circular fabric pieces & install over locator pin holes in steering wheel frame.

NOTE: The kit comes with 3 circular fabric pieces, only 2 are required for this repair. Do not remove existing fabric pieces from locator pin holes. Install new circular fabric pieces over old.



4. Install the driver-side air bag module according to the Workshop Manual section 08-10 DRIVER-SIDE AIR BAG MODULE REMOVAL/INSTALLATION.

CAUTION: Use care not to bend locator pins when installing air bag module onto steering wheel.

5. Verify repair.

PART(S) INFORMATION

Part Number	Description	Qty.	Notes
F151-32-80X	Insulation Kit	1	3 circular fabric pieces per package, 2 required for repair

WARRANTY INFORMATION

NOTE:

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

Warranty Type	A
Symptom Code	83
Damage Code	98
Part Number Main Cause	F151-32-80X
Quantity	1
Operation Number / Labor Hours:	XX745XRX / 0.3 Hrs.