

# Howling or Whistle Noise from Front Lower Control Arms

**Service Category** Suspension

**Section** Front Suspension

**Market** USA

Toyota Supports  
 ASE Certification 

## Applicability

YEAR(S)	MODEL(S)	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
2016 - 2017	Tacoma	

### REVISION NOTICE

January 31, 2017 Rev1:

- **Applicability has been updated to include 2017 model year Tacoma vehicles.**
- **Any previous printed versions of this bulletin should be discarded.**

## Introduction

Some 2016 – 2017 model year Tacoma vehicles may exhibit a howling or whistling noise from the front lower control arms at speeds of about 25 – 45 mph. The noise may be more noticeable when cross winds are present. Follow the procedure in this bulletin to address this condition.

## Warranty Information

OP CODE	DESCRIPTION	TIME	OFF	T1	T2
BD1601	Install Hole Plugs	0.5	48068-04030 48068-04040 48068-04060 48069-04030 48069-04040 48069-04060	59	99

### APPLICABLE WARRANTY

- **This repair is covered under the Toyota Basic Warranty. This warranty is in effect for 36 months or 36,000 miles, whichever occurs first, from the vehicle's in-service date.**
- **Warranty application is limited to occurrence of the specified condition described in this bulletin.**

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### Parts Information

PART NUMBER	PART NAME	QTY
90950-01955	Plug, Hole	6

### Required Tools & Equipment

REQUIRED TOOLS & MATERIAL	QUANTITY
Painter's Tape or Equivalent	1

### Repair Procedure

1. Verify there is a howling or whistling noise while driving at speeds of about 25 – 45 mph.

Is the noise present?

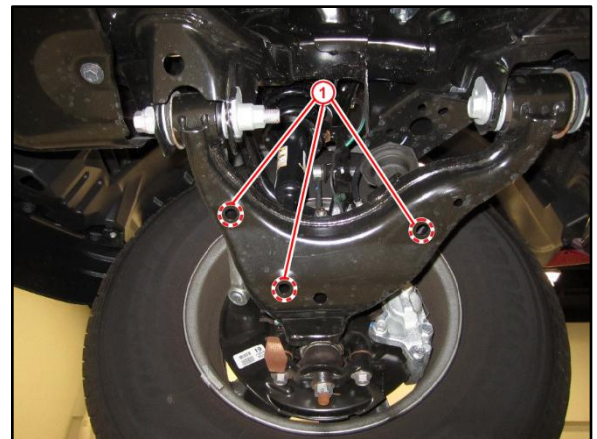
- **YES** — Continue to step 2.
- **NO** — This bulletin does NOT apply. Continue diagnosis using the applicable Repair Manual.

2. Place painter's tape (or equivalent) over the three 15 mm holes of both of the lower control arms, then drive the vehicle.

Is the noise still present?

- **YES** — This bulletin does NOT apply. Continue diagnosis using the applicable Repair Manual.
- **NO** — Continue to step 3.

**Figure 1.**



<b>1</b>	<b>Apply Tape to ONLY These 3 (15 mm) Holes on BOTH Left and Right Control Arms</b>
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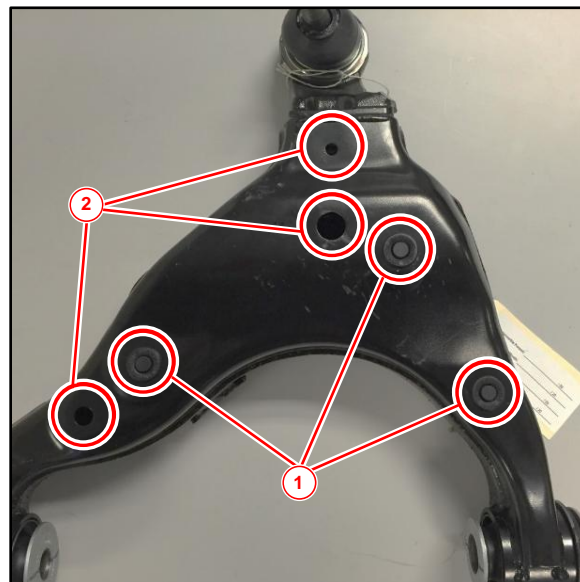
### Repair Procedure (Continued)

3. Install the Hole Plugs in the three 15 mm holes of each lower control arm by pressing firmly, by hand, on the center of the plug to ensure the plug is fully seated.

**NOTICE**

- Do NOT use glue or lubrication during installation.
- Ensure NOT ALL holes are covered. See Figure 2.

**Figure 2.**



<b>1</b>	<b>Place a Hole Plug in Each Hole</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Ensure These Holes are NOT Covered</b>

4. Confirm the condition has been addressed.