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SERVICE BULLETIN

APPLICABILITY: 2015-2020MY WRX 2.0L DIT Models

NUMBER: 03-78-17R

SUBJECT: Clutch Release Bearing- Design Change

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INTRODUCTION:

This bulletin announces a design change to the clutch release bearing. The change will address customer concerns of a chirping-type sound which may be heard following initial start-up after a cold soak. The sound normally dissipates after 2-3 minutes of operation.

PRODUCTION CHANGE INFORMATION:

The new clutch release bearing was incorporated into production starting with VIN **H9824973**.

PART INFORMATION:

The part number for the new clutch release bearing is: **30502AA160**. The photos below show the differences between the old and new-style parts. The shape of the outer race has been changed.



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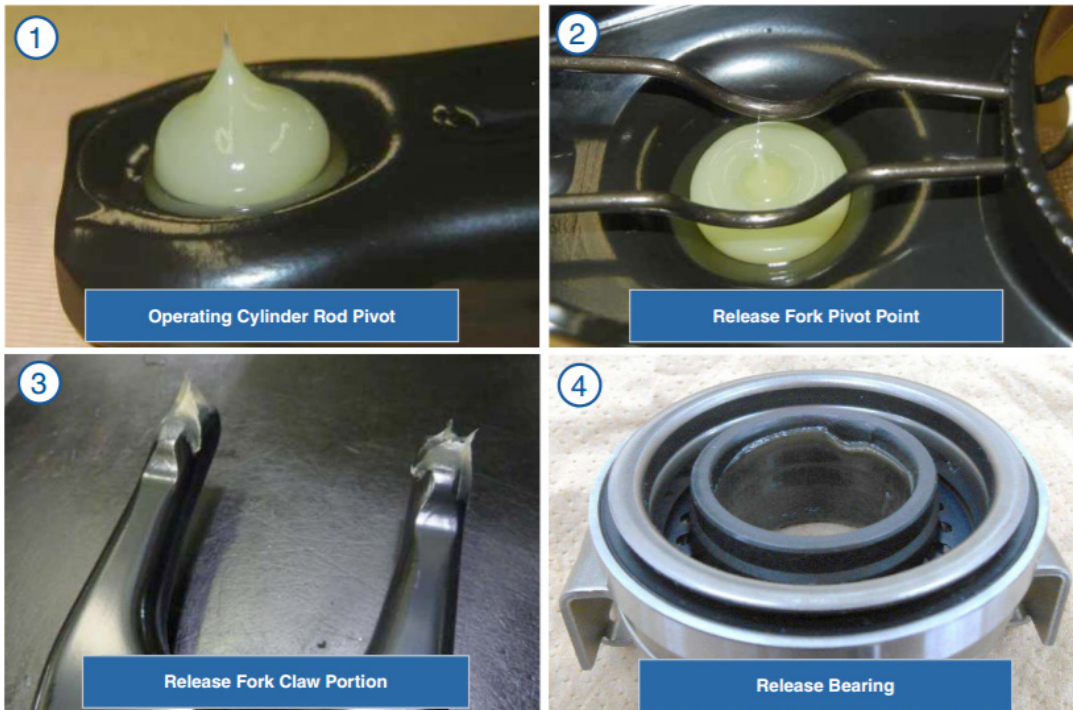
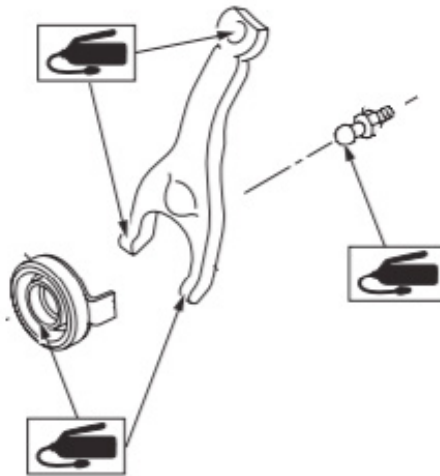
SERVICE PROCEDURE / INFORMATION:

When replacing the clutch release bearing, follow the procedure in the applicable Service Manual.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

(for Anytime the Clutch Assembly and/or Release Bearing are serviced or replaced)

- Always inspect for any excessive or abnormal wear on the release fork pivot point, operating cylinder rod and release lever pivot points, and the pivot ball.
- Always use the proper grease (Nichimoly N-130, Conoco-Philips Multiplex Red #2 or Subaru p.n. 000041000) when lubricating the contact points of the release bearing and related components as specified in the Service Manual and shown below.



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Labor Description	Labor Operation #	Labor Time	Fail Code
MANUAL TRANSMISSION R&R	B323-001	3.9	JAD-25
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