

Hood Release Cable Seizing, High Effort to Release

Service Category Vehicle Exterior

Section Door/Hatch

Market USA

Toyota Supports
ASE Certification 

Applicability

YEAR(S)	MODEL(S)	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
2016 - 2021	RX350	
2016 - 2021	RX450H	

REVISION NOTICE

March 29, 2021 Rev1:

- The Production Change Information, Parts Information, and Repair Procedure sections have been updated.

Any previous printed versions of this bulletin should be discarded.

Introduction

Some 2016 – 2021 model year North American Produced (NAP) TMMC-built RX 350 and RX 450h vehicles may exhibit a condition in which the hood release cable is binding, seizing, or sticking. The hood lock control cable assembly may be corroding and begin to seize, increasing the effort required to pull the release lever and release the hood latch. Follow the Repair Procedure in this bulletin to address this condition.

Production Change Information

This bulletin applies to vehicles produced **BEFORE** the Production Change Effective VINs shown below.

MODEL	DRIVETRAIN	PRODUCTION CHANGE EFFECTIVE VIN
RX 350	AWD	2T2HZMDA#MC277217
	FWD	2T2HZMAA#MC198594
RX 450H	AWD	2T2HGMDA#MC062080

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Warranty Information

OP CODE	DESCRIPTION	TIME	OFFP	T1	T2
530122	R & R the Hood Lock Control Lever Sub-assembly and the Hood Lock Control Cable*	1.2	53630-0E080	9A	17

*This issue is covered under warranty ONLY if it occurs within the Lexus standard warranty period.

APPLICABLE WARRANTY

- This repair is covered under the Lexus Basic Warranty. This warranty is in effect for 48 months or 50,000 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.

Parts Information

PART NUMBER	PART NAME	QTY
53630-09000-##	Set, Cable & Lever, Hood Lock Control	1

NOTICE

You **MUST** remove the cable assembly AND lever sub-assembly and replace them with the **NEW** cable and lever hood lock control set because the adjoining profile is unique.

Required Tools & Equipment

SPECIAL SERVICE TOOLS (SST)	PART NUMBER	QTY
Plastic Pry Tool Kit*	00002-06020-02	1

*Essential SST.

NOTE

Additional SSTs may be ordered by calling 1-800-933-8335.

REQUIRED TOOLS & MATERIAL	QUANTITY
Trim Removal Tool	1
String	5 ft.

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Repair Procedure

1. Confirm the condition exists.
 - A. Does the vehicle exhibit a condition in which the hood release cable is binding, seizing, or sticking?
 - **YES** — Continue to substep B.
 - **NO** — This bulletin does NOT apply. Continue diagnosis using the applicable Repair Manual.
 - B. Disconnect the hood lock control lever from the hood lock control cable and inspect the cable for corrosion.

Is the condition caused by a rusted or seized cable?

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

2. Replace BOTH the hood lock control cable assembly AND the hood lock control lever sub-assembly with the NEW cable and lever hood lock control set.
 - A. Remove the hood lock control cable assembly AND the hood lock control lever sub-assembly.
 - [2016 – 2021](#) RX 350:
Vehicle Exterior – Door/Hatch – “Door / Hatch: Hood Lock Control Cable Assembly: Removal”
 - [2016 – 2021](#) RX 450h:
Vehicle Exterior – Door/Hatch – “Door / Hatch: Hood Lock Control Cable Assembly: Removal”
 - B. Install the NEW cable and lever hood lock control set.
 - [2016 – 2021](#) RX 350:
Vehicle Exterior – Door/Hatch – “Door / Hatch: Hood Lock Control Cable Assembly: Installation”
 - [2016 – 2021](#) RX 450h:
Vehicle Exterior – Door/Hatch – “Door / Hatch: Hood Lock Control Cable Assembly: Installation”

3. Confirm the condition is no longer present.