



# TECHNICAL SERVICE BULLETIN

## 1.5L - Hissing Noise From Rear Liftgate Area When Driving Straight Between 35-50 MPH (56-80 Km/h)

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### Model:

<b>Ford</b> 2021-2023 Bronco Sport	Engine: 1.5L Built on 24-Jul-2021 and through 31-Aug-2023
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**Issue:** Some 2021-2023 Bronco Sport vehicles equipped with a 1.5L engine built on 24-Jul-2021 and through 31-Aug-2023 may exhibit a hissing noise from rear liftgate area when driving straight between 35-50 mph (56–80 km/h). This may be due to the absence of the rear floor insulator located in the spare tire compartment. To correct the condition, follow the Service Procedure to install a rear floor insulator in the spare tire compartment.

**Action:** Follow the Service Procedure to correct the condition on vehicles that meet all of the following criteria:

- 2021-2023 Bronco Sport
- 1.5L engine
- Built on 24-Jul-2021 and through 31-Aug-2023
- Hissing noise from rear liftgate area when driving straight between 35-50 mph (56-80 km/h).

### Parts

Service Part Number	Quantity	Description
LB5Z-7811516-A	1	Rear Floor Insulator

**Warranty Status:** Eligible under provisions of New Vehicle Limited Warranty (NVLW)/Service Part Warranty (SPW)/Special Service Part (SSP)/Extended Service Plan (ESP) coverage. Limits/policies/prior approvals are not altered by a TSB. NVLW/SPW/SSP/ESP coverage limits are determined by the identified causal part and verified using the OASIS part coverage tool.

### Labor Times

Description	Operation No.	Time
2021-2023 Bronco Sport 1.5L: Install The Rear Floor Insulator, Includes Time For Road Test (Do Not Use With Any Other Labor Operations)	232298A	0.5 Hrs.

### Repair/Claim Coding

Causal Part:	7811516
Condition Code:	39

### Service Procedure

1. Perform a road test and accelerate the vehicle between 35-50 mph (56–80 km/h), switch the vehicle drive mode from normal to slippery. Is the hissing noise eliminated in slippery mode?
  - (1). Yes - proceed to Step 2.
  - (2). No - this article does not apply. Refer to Workshop Manual, Section 100-04 Noise, Vibration and Harshness > Diagnosis and Testing for normal diagnostics.
2. Remove the luggage compartment package cover (if equipped). (Figure 1)

Figure 1



3. Remove the luggage compartment floor covering. (Figure 2)

Figure 2

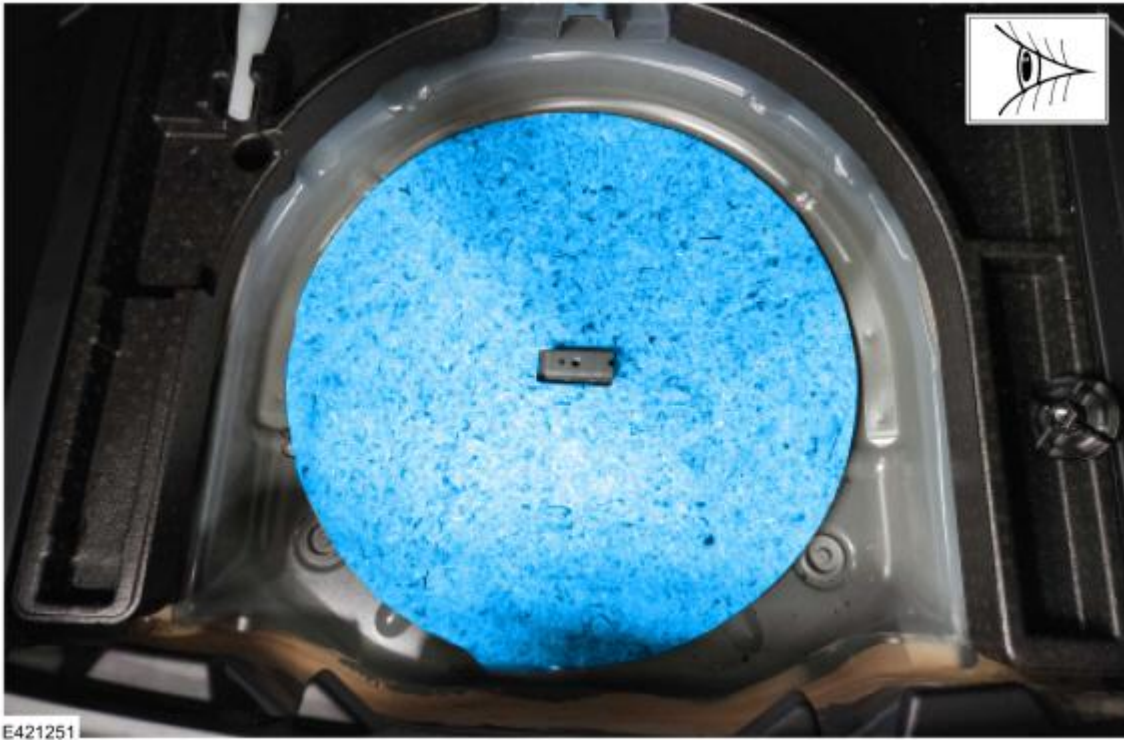


4. Remove the wing nut that secures the spare tire by turning it clockwise.

5. Remove the spare tire, jack and wrench from the spare tire compartment.

6. Install the rear floor insulator. (Figure 3)

Figure 3



7. To assemble the vehicle, reverse the removal procedure.

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