

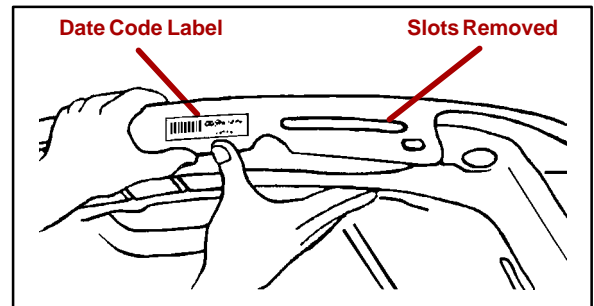
Introduction

There is a potential for a whistling noise on 1996 and 1997 4Runners with hood protectors (P/N 00500-89960), due to the size of the front air slots. To eliminate this noise, the slots have been removed in production of hood protectors from May 1, 1997.

The information in this bulletin supersedes Technical Service Bulletin AX003-96, "96 4RUNNER HOOD PROTECTOR WHISTLING NOISE CONCERN" dated 8/30/96.

NOTE:

The manufacturing date code can be found on the part number label on the underside of the hood protector.


Affected Vehicles

- 1996 and 1997 4Runner equipped with optional hood protector P/N 00500-89960.

Part Number Information

| PREVIOUS PART NUMBER | CURRENT PART NUMBER | PART NAME |
|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| 00500-89960 | PT427-89970 | 4Runner Hood Protector |

Warranty Information

| OPCODE | DESCRIPTION | TIME | OPN | T1 | T2 |
|--------|--------------------|------|-------------|----|----|
| 999251 | R&R Hood Protector | 0.3 | 00500-89960 | 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.

Repair Procedure

1. To verify the exact cause of the whistling noise on the '96 -'97 4Runner with hood protector, cover the front air slots with masking tape and test drive the vehicle at highway speeds.
2. If the whistling noise is eliminated, replace P/N 00500-89960 hood protector with P/N PT427-89970.
3. If the whistling noise is still present, check for other possible causes.

