

FORD:

2011-2013 Taurus, Explorer, Flex

LINCOLN:

2011-2013 MKS, MKT

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ISSUE

Some 2011-2013 Explorer, Flex, Taurus, MKT and MKS vehicles may exhibit a noise that could be described as ting, pop or click noise from the front wheel area when accelerating from a stop or when shifting between drive/reverse and/or reverse/drive.

ACTION

Follow Service Procedure Steps to correct the condition.

SERVICE PROCEDURE

1. Separate halfshaft from wheel hub. Refer to Workshop Manual (WSM), Section 205-04.
 - a. Do not remove halfshafts from transmission or power transfer unit (PTU).
2. Install one (1) thrust washer, metal surface first, over the halfshaft splines until the metal ring is flat against the wheel bearing mating surface. The nylon surface should face outward toward the hub/splines. (Figures 1 and 2)

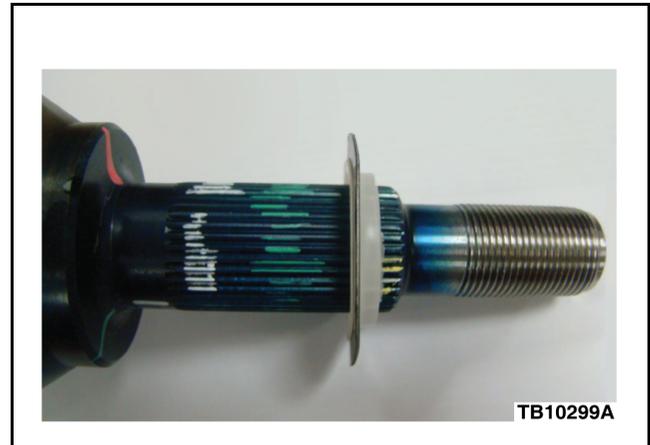


Figure 2 - Article 13-5-14

3. Assemble halfshaft to wheel hub. Refer to WSM, Section 205-04.

PART NUMBER	PART NAME
BB5Z-7G273-B	Washer - Thrust
W712435-S439	Nut - Wheel Hub
W714890-S440	Nut - Ball Joint

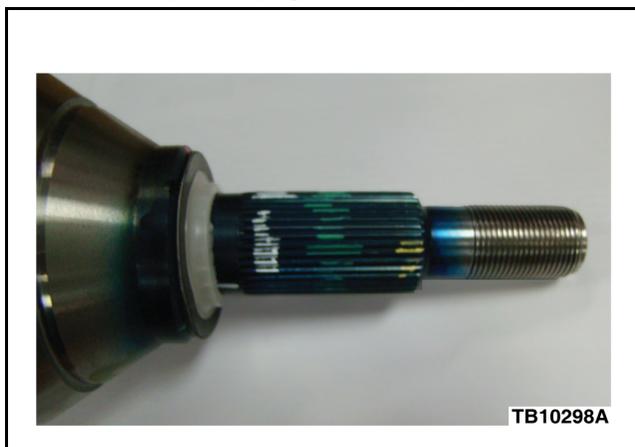


Figure 1 - Article 13-5-14

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OPERATION	DESCRIPTION	TIME
130514A	2011-2013 Flex, MKS, MKT, Taurus And Explorer: Install A Thrust Washer Onto One (1) Front Halfshaft Following The Service Procedure (Do Not Use With Any Other Labor Operations)	0.7 Hr.

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MKT, Taurus And Explorer:
Install A Thrust Washer
Onto Both (2) Front
Halfshafts Following The
Service Procedure (Do Not
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Operations

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