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SERVICE BULLETIN

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SUBJECT: Alternate Procedure for Removal of Front Side Marker Lamp

DATE: 09/11/12

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this bulletin is to provide an alternate procedure for removal of the front side marker lamp assembly. Although this procedure differs slightly from the recommended method outlined in the Service Manual, we have found it reduces the potential for damage to the lamp's retaining clips which can result in a loose fit upon re-installation. The key is to not use any more force than necessary to compress the spring clips used to retain the lamp assembly to its mounting bracket while simultaneously pulling outward lightly on the lamp. If the retaining clips are damaged or lose their tension, the lamp assembly will need to be replaced as the clips are not available separately.

SERVICE PROCEDURE / INFORMATION

Most of the photos used in this bulletin were taken with the vehicle on a lift. With the suspension relaxed, there is more room available to access the inner fender liner retaining clips. In addition, turning the wheels to the right fully will provide more access to the left (Driver's) side inner fender area and vice-versa. Remove the 4 inner fender liner retaining clips shown in the photos below.



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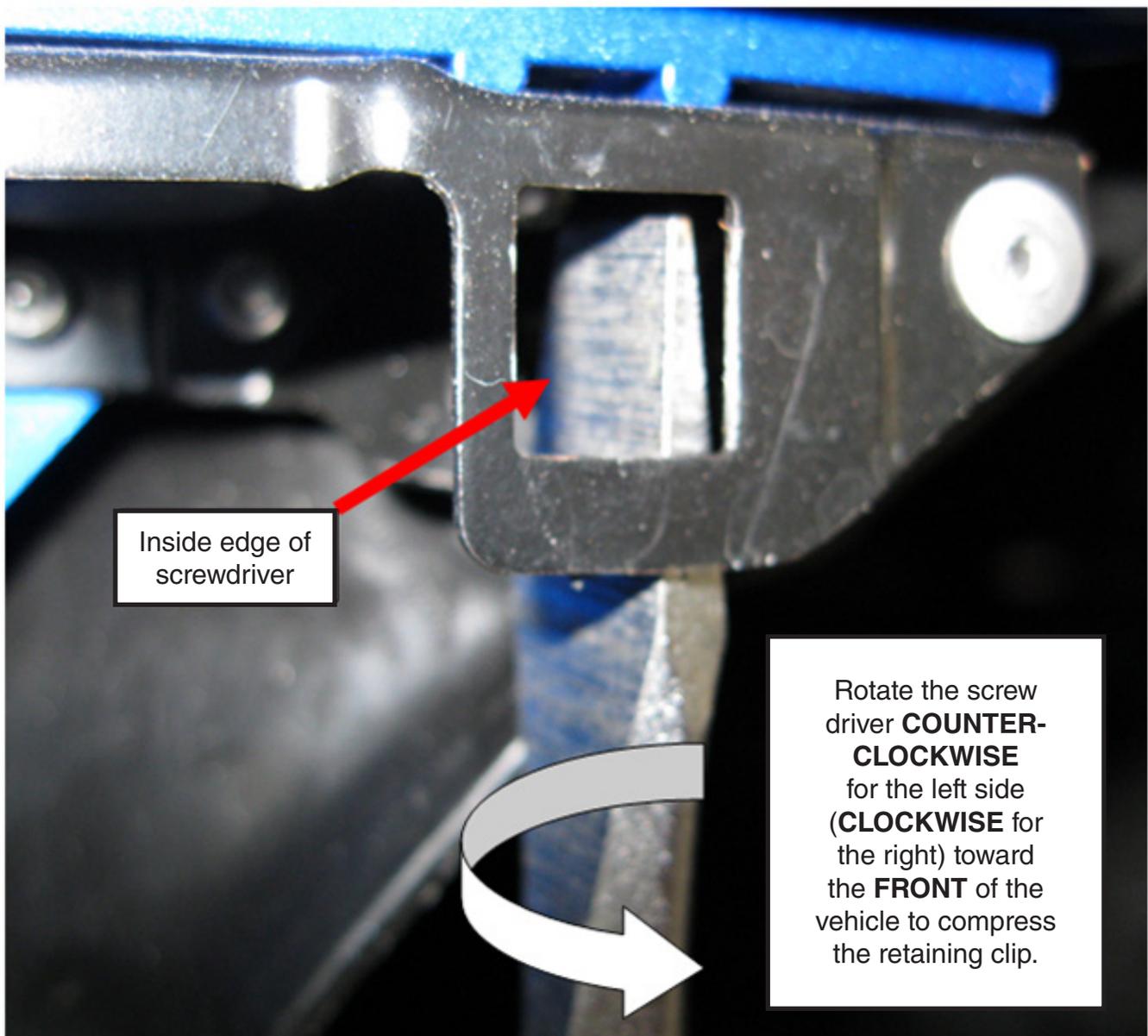
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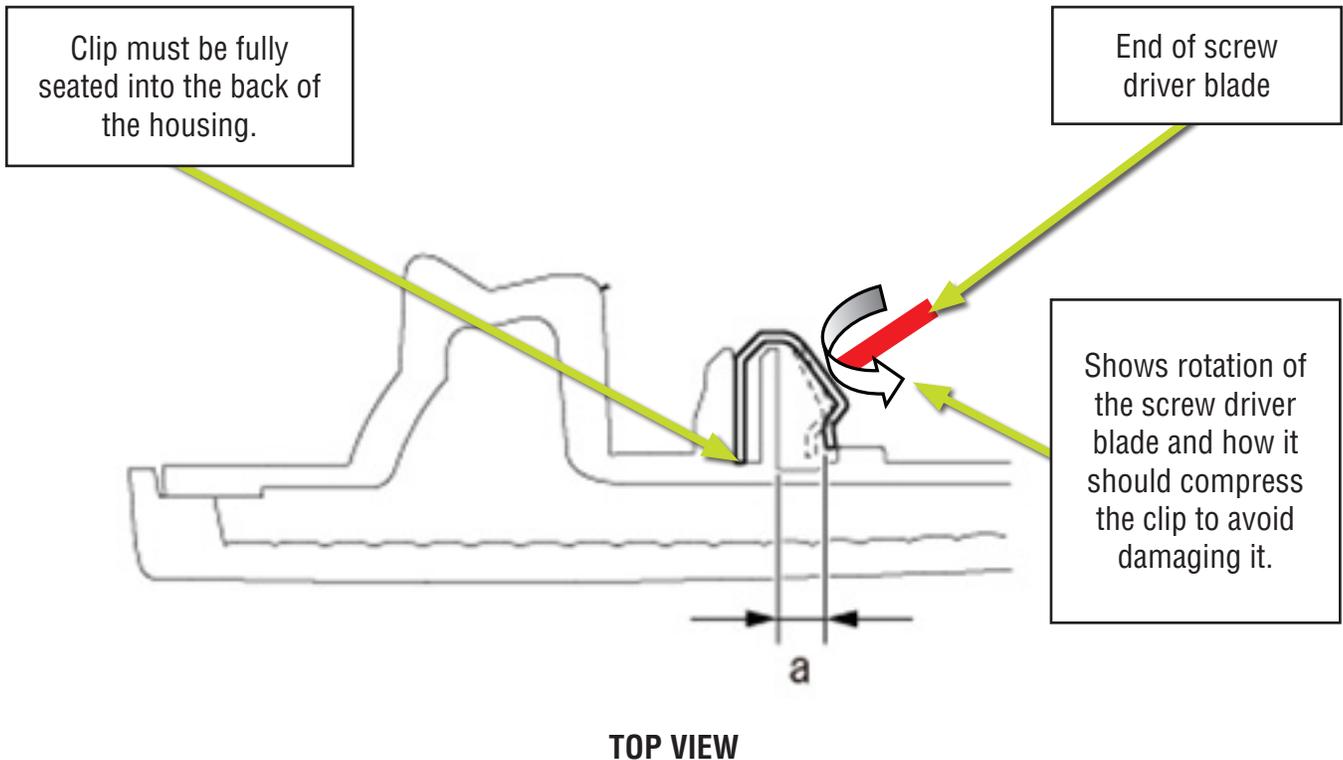
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Once the 4 clips are removed, access the side marker lamp retaining bracket by moving the liner out of the way. The side marker lamp was removed for illustration purposes. The next photo shows the Driver's (Left) side marker light retaining bracket with a medium-sized flat-blade screwdriver inserted into the proper position prior to rotation to compress the side marker lamp's retaining clip. To release the left-hand (Driver) side retaining clip, slowly rotate the inside edge of the screw driver **COUNTER-CLOCKWISE** toward the front of the car. If turned in the opposite direction, the retaining clip will be damaged and likely not retain the lamp properly after re-installation. **CAREFULLY** turn the screw driver with one hand while pulling outward on the top of the lamp slightly with the other to help with the release. It is important to **TAKE YOUR TIME** and not compress the retaining clip any further than necessary or its ability to properly retain the lamp upon reassembly may be lost. **REMINDER:** The retaining clips are part of the lamp assembly and not available separately.



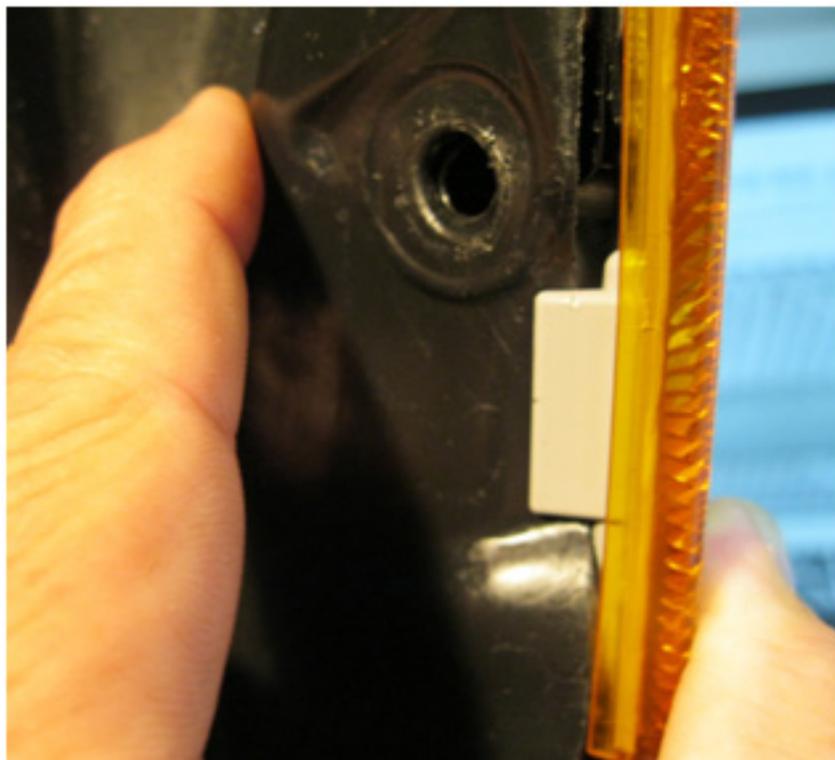
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The illustration below provides another view of the lamp and additional clarification of how to compress the retaining clip. Before re-installing the lamp assembly, confirm the bulb operates normally. Next, confirm the retaining clips are fully inserted into their proper positions on the back of the housing and the gap measures 3mm (.118") as shown in the below illustration (a). If the end gap on the clip is less than 3mm, the side marker lamp will not be secured properly in the retaining bracket and feel like it is loose. Use needle-nose pliers to adjust the end gap if necessary. If the clip breaks, loses its tension, gets sprung up away from the lamp body or becomes dislodged, the lamp assembly will need to be replaced. In addition, be sure to straighten any deformation and touch up any scratches which may have occurred to the lamp mounting bracket during the side marker removal process.



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After the lamp is re-installed into the mounting bracket, refit the inner fender liner. NOTE: The liner must fit behind the tab molded into the base of the marker light assembly as shown in the photo below. To complete the procedure, confirm the liner is fully seated behind the fender lip the rest of the way around the wheel arch to keep water from getting behind it then install the 4 retaining clips.



WARRANTY / CLAIM INFORMATION

LABOR DESCRIPTION	LABOR OPERATION#	FAIL CODES	LABOR TIME
One Side Marker Lamp R&R	916-171	XCF-02	0.3
Both Side Marker Lamps R&R	916-175		0.5

NOTE: If necessary, up to \$2.00 may be claimed in Sublet for touch-up paint.