



TECHNICAL SERVICE BULLETIN

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APPLICATION

1980-1989 Subaru Applications

PART NUMBERS

9103 9110

SUBJECT

Heat Cracking of Inboard Axle Boot

CONDITION

If the catalytic converter has been replaced with an Aftermarket version, chances are it does not have the OEM heat shield attached to it. The high heat given off by the converter will damage the inboard boot of the Drive axle, causing it to check and crack or tear. This will cause premature failure.

SOLUTION

A substitute boot kit, ARI part number 42-62298, has been created with a boot made of special high temperature silicone. ARI offers this axle boot upgrade for part numbers 9103 and 9110. This boot will help withstand the higher operating temperatures of the Aftermarket converters that do not have an OEM heat shield attached to them. Proper inspection of the heat shield and replacement will help extend the life of the drive axle boots. Replacement of the heat shield will also help off set the higher operating temperature of the catalytic converter when the engine is running leaner than it should.

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