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Service Tips and Best Practices

2022-2016 Toyota Tacoma Front Lower Control Arm Rubber Plug Identification

Brand	Supreme	Product	Control Arm	Date	August 2022
Part Number(s)	CMS861297/CMS861298				

When servicing front lower control arms on the below noted application, the Professional Technician may notice a visual difference between the originally equipped component and the replacement Mevotech Supreme control arm once the two are placed side-by-side.

Application:
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In response to concerns regarding 'howling' and 'whistling' noises emanating from the undercarriage as some vehicles are driven at certain speeds, the OEM has designed rubber plugs. These rubber plugs are inserted into openings on the control arm body to block off wind. Refer to Toyota bulletin T-SB-0053-16 for complete details.

For a frustration-free repair outcome, follow the below:

- Note the correct installation locations and then remove rubber plugs from originally equipped control arm.
- Inspect plugs for damage or out-of-specification condition. Do not reuse if is damaged, perforated or otherwise out-of-specification. If so, order replacement plugs from the OEM.
- Install plugs onto Mevotech replacement control arm.

Always ensure to refer to the factory service manual for correct diagnostic procedures, component removal and installation methods and fastening torque values and procedures where applicable. Only use a calibrated torque wrench for final fastening.



Figure 1. Correct rubber plug installation locations (circled in green). To ensure adequate drainage, do not cover or attempt to install plugs at locations circled in red

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