

Technical Information

FRAM

C.V. Boot Clamp

PH3980 Interference Problem

An interference problem has been found to exist on some of the following vehicles with 4 cylinder 2.0L engines, MD9 automatic transaxle, and V.I.N. identification 1:

1989 Buick Skyhawk

1989 Chevrolet Beretta

1989 Chevrolet Cavalier

1989 Chevrolet Corsica

1989 Pontiac Tempest (Canada)

On these vehicles, the passenger side inner C.V. boot clamp (at the crimp area) may contact the oil filter under normal driving conditions. If this happens, the clamp will wear through the filter canister, resulting in loss of engine oil.

When servicing these vehicles, carefully inspect the filter being removed for signs of scraping or damage approximately 1/4" below the mounting surface. If damage is evident, it will be necessary to change the C.V. boot clamp. (Refer to GENERAL MOTORS SERVICE BULLETIN 89-238-6C).

The car owner should be advised of the clearance problem and directed to an authorized GM dealer or service center for repairs.