



FORD 5R55W/S TICKING OR RATTLING NOISE FROM BELLHOUSING

COMPLAINT: Explorer and Mountaineer models equipped with the 5R55W/S transmissions may exhibit a ticking or rattling noise coming from the bellhousing of the transmission. This noise can be commonly mistaken as a cracked flywheel or a mis-alignment of the flex-plate to the torque converter.

CAUSE: The cause may be, the plate between the engine block and the bellhousing is flexing, with increased engine rpm, causing the noise.

CORRECTION: Ford Motor Company has released a new style inspection plate, which is located at the bottom of the bellhousing, that has foam rubber to insulate the plate between the engine and transmission to keep it from flexing. Replace the inspection plate with new design as shown in Figure 1.

SERVICE INFORMATION:

INSPECTION PLATE.....2L2Z-7986-AC

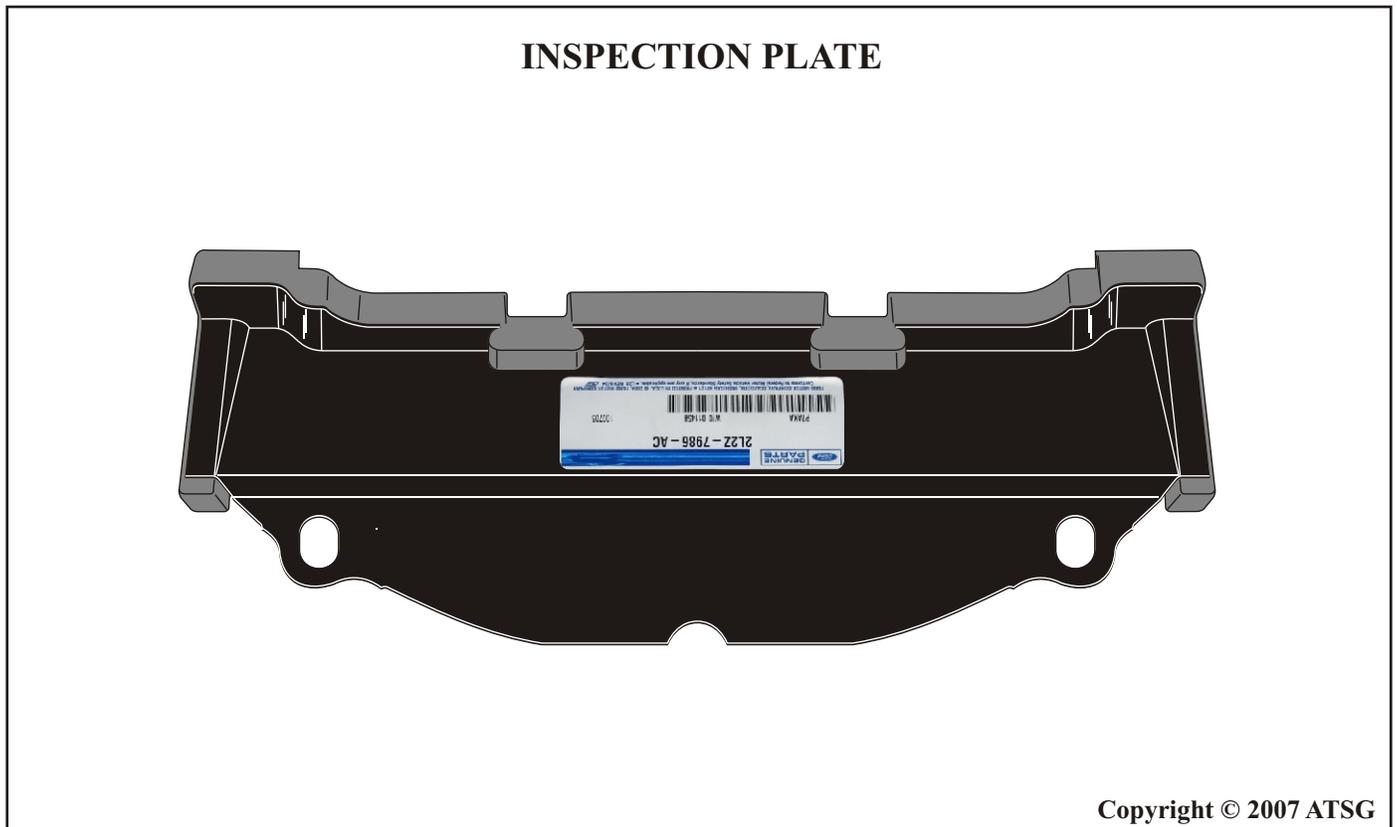


Figure 1