



Date: 18.06.2026 **Affected Models:** All Emira Model Range **Affected Regions:** All Regions **Affected Volume:** N/A **Number:** 131-26017

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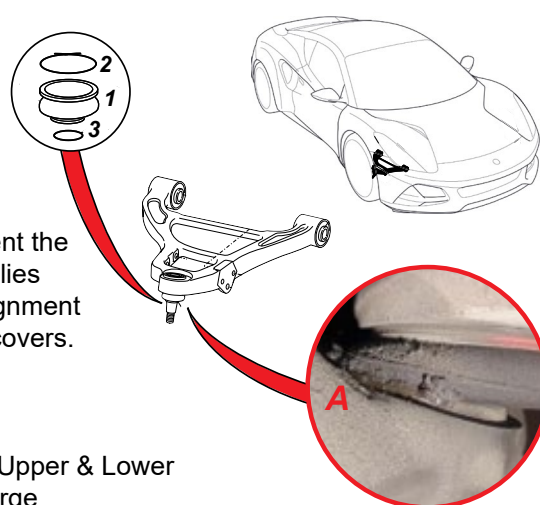
TITLE

Availability of Emira service replacement lower front wishbone ball joint dust covers.

REASON

An unfinished rough edge **(A)**, on the steering knuckle assemblies (hub carriers), can, under full suspension/steering movement, contact the lower wishbone ball joint dust cover **(1)**, resulting in premature wear or damage to the dust cover.

Service level dust covers are now available which prevent the replacement of complete front lower wishbones assemblies and associated labour times for suspension/steering alignment procedures because of split or damaged ball joint dust covers.



Service Part Numbers

Item	Part Number	Description
1	8904355963	Rubber Boot Front Wishbones Upper & Lower
2	8904356223	Rubber Boot Retaining Ring Large
3	8904356210	Rubber Boot Retaining Ring Small

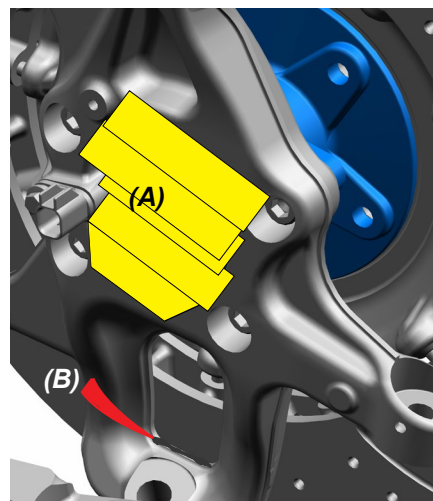
Note: These part numbers are also suitable for the upper front wishbone dust cover replacement.

ACTION

If damage to the ball joint dust cover as shown above is seen during an underbody inspection (such as routine servicing etc), but the ball joint is still in a serviceable condition, then the rough edge of the steering knuckle casting should be smoothed and the ball joint dust cover replaced.

To gain access to the ball joint mounting area:

- Remove the nut/bolt securing the lower damper mounting to the lower wishbone.
- The nut securing the lower wishbone ball joint to the hub carrier.
- The nut securing the track rod end ball joint to the hub carrier.
- Move the carrier/brake assembly aside to gain access to the rough edge on the hub carrier casting. Take photographic evidence to support a warranty claim.
- Using suitable tape, mask up the wheel bearing, wheel speed sensor and tone ring (A) to prevent debris contamination (take this opportunity as preventative maintenance to clean wheel speed sensor and tone ring).
- Smooth off any rough edges (B), that have come into contact with the dust cover with suitable sanding materials using hand tools only.



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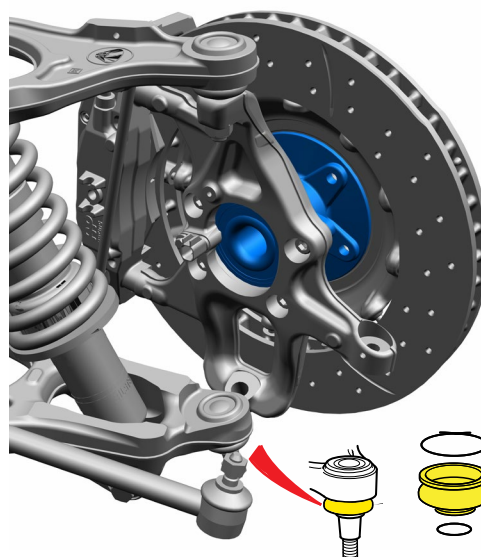
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- Take care not to remove excess material which may affect the structural integrity of steering knuckle/hub carrier.
- Apply suitable corrosion protectant to the reworked area of the hub carrier.
- Remove the dust cover from the ball joint and ensure that it is still in a reusable condition.
- Clean the joint, remove the ball joint grease and any dirt or particulates and repack the joint with new suitable ball joint grease.
- Fit the new ball joint dust cover (rubber boot) and retaining rings to the ball joint.

Refitment:

Is the same as removal except renew all self locking nuts that were removed during the removal procedure.



Part Numbers Applicable to Lower Ball Joint Dust Cover Renewal

Part Number	Description	Quantity
8904355963	Rubber Boot Front Wishbones Upper & Lower	1
8904356223	Rubber Boot Retaining Ring Large	1
8904356210	Rubber Boot Retaining Ring Small	1
LFBJM14016CB	M12 x 14 Torque Nut	1
8904419335	Ball Joint Nut Nyloc Nut 12	1
8896112839	ASO Self Locking Nut (Track Rod End Nut)	1

Instructions on suspension fixing removal can be found in section 3 (Chassis) > 09 Suspension and Subframe > 313 31.01 Front Suspension > Wishbone Assembly Lower Front; in the Emira service notes, available to view on the Lotus Service Technical Information System (TIS). Instructions on track rod end fixing removal can be found in section 3 (Chassis) > 63 Steering System > 364 32.03 Power Steering > Track Rod End - Replace.

Refitment:

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Warranty Declaration

This technical service bulletin is not intended as a recall procedure, nor will it have an affect on the vehicles warranty period.

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CHARGES

For vehicles still within their warranty period a warranty claim with photographic evidence can be submitted on the Lotus Commercial Management System (LCMS) using the applicable labour operation code:

31.01.46-02 Gaiter wishbone ball joint - right side - lower - TSB 2026/17 or 31.01.47-02 Gaiter wishbone ball joint - left side - lower - TSB 2026/17 1.5 hrs labour/vehicle. Use A code 3, B code 17.

Ends.