



Service Bulletin

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Trunk Socket Modification

Applies To: All Current Ascent Vehicles

Date: 05/19/2026

Overview: Ascent vehicles delivered to dealers before 5/20/2026 have the possibility of the trunk socket rubbing against the frame and shorting to ground. This will blow the head/tail fuse.

***NOTE:** *Even if its not currently shorted, this can occur over time.*



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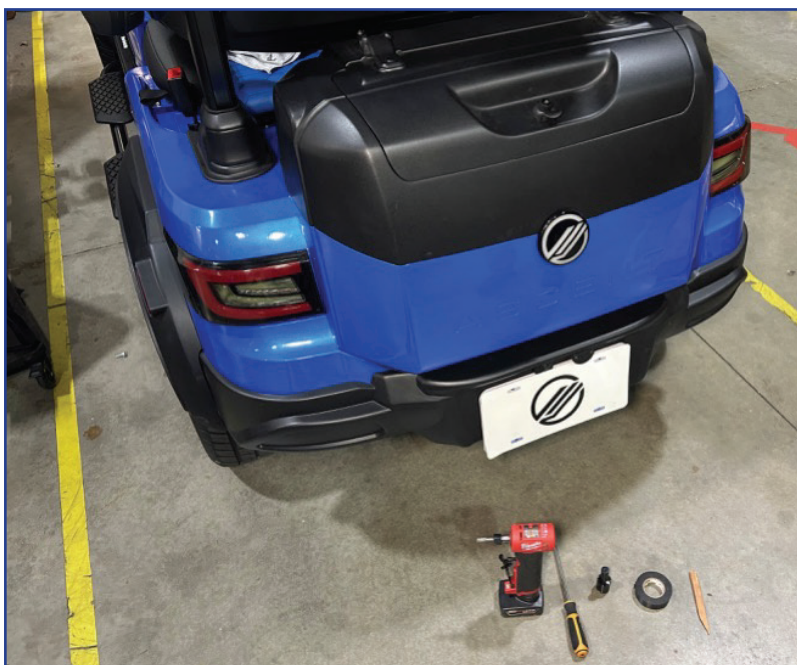
Issue Description: Remove excess metal from under the trunk socket.

Required Action: Remove the rear trunk, pull the trunk wiring socket up and away from the mounting hole, and grind away approximately 1/4" of metal from underneath the socket.

Parts Needed: None.

Tools Needed:

Flat Head Screwdriver
1/4" Carbide Bit
Drill/Grinder
Electrical Tape
Touch-up Paint
Vacuum
Piece of Wood/Plastic



The Ascent has an electrical connector/socket under the rear trunk to power the lighted rear emblem, this socket is located above a rear bracket, the hole in the bracket the wiring runs through is too small and contacts the wire going into the socket.

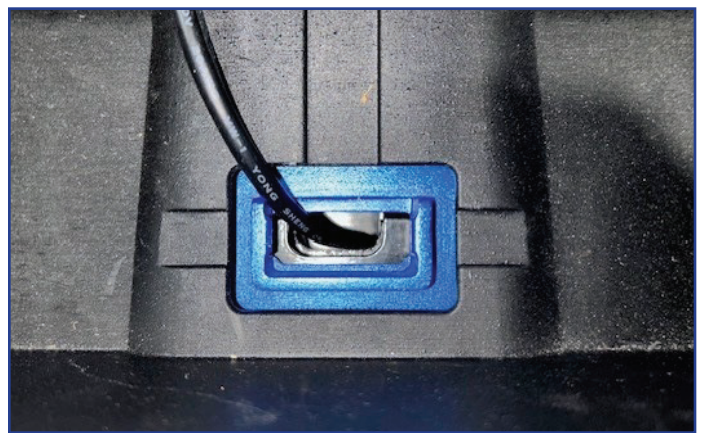
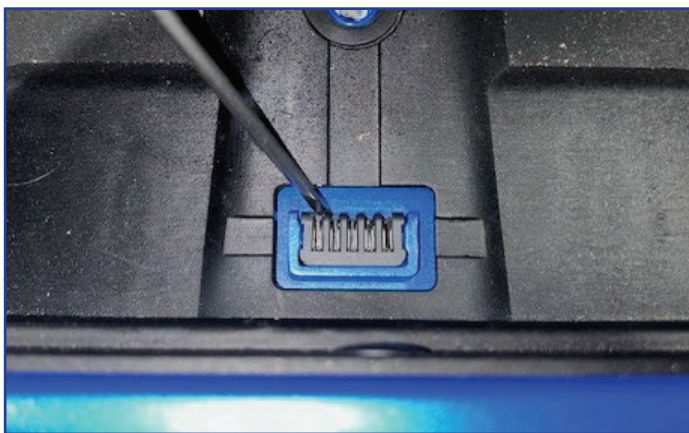
STEP 1

Remove the rear trunk by turning the 3 attaching disks by turning them 90° counterclockwise, then pull the trunk up then out. Set the trunk aside.



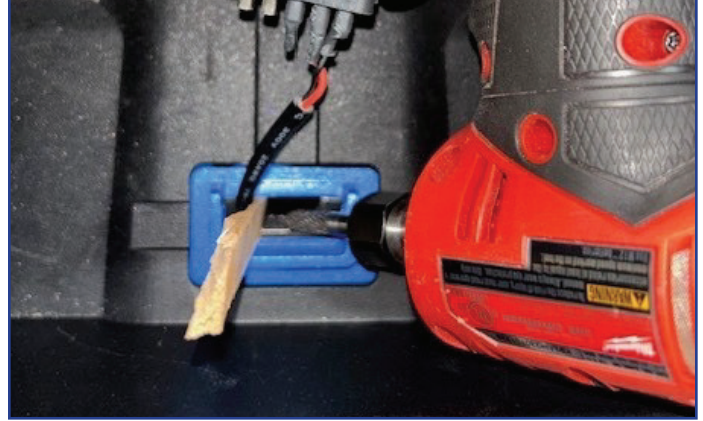
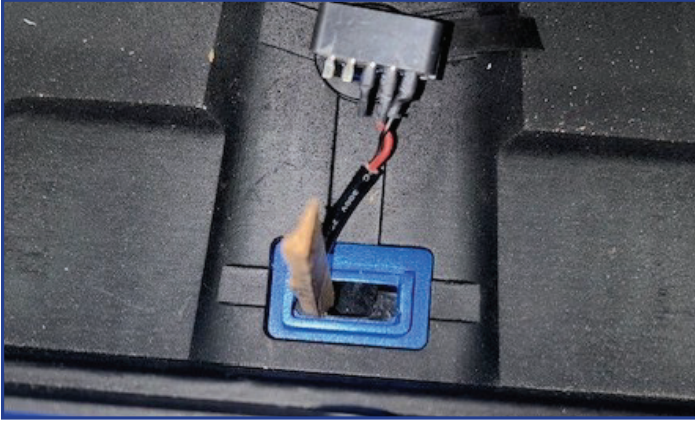
STEP 2

Once the trunk is removed you can see the electrical socket towards the rear, using a small flat blade screwdriver, gently pry the socket up, then pull the excess harness through, inspect the two wires for damage at the socket. Pull the wiring to the left as you will be trimming the metal on the right side, you will need something soft to shield the wires from the grinder bit, this must be done to prevent harness damage from a runaway grinder bit.



STEP 3

Place the soft shielding piece (wood in picture) into the hole and to the left to protect the harness, using a carbide metal grinding bit (1/4") to remove the excess metal on the right side under the socket (we used a bull nose, but a tapered point carbide bit would be best). Remove approximately 1/4" of material, verify there are no burrs, and touch up the bare metal with paint to protect as shown below.



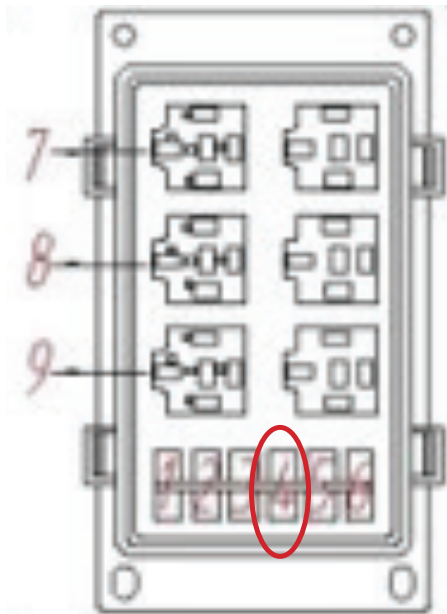
STEP 4

After you have removed the excess metal, then vacuum up all the metal shavings as these can rust and turn orange, touch up the bare metal with black paint. Then add a piece of electrical tape (approximately 4" long) and wrap the wires to add protection from rubbing/chaffing. Reinstall the socket making sure the open slits are facing forward, reinstall the rear trunk and lock in place with the 3 locking disks. Verify the rear emblem lights up, if not the truck may not be seated into the socket.



Fuse Troubleshooting

If the socket becomes shorted, this is the fuse that will be affected.



Fuse No. 1	LED Strip/Speaker (25A)
Fuse No. 2	USB/Horn/USB Charger/Engin cover(15A)
Fuse No. 3	Flasher / Meter + 12V / Break Light / Noisemaker / Gear SW / Steering Wheel / Reading Light (15A)
Fuse No. 4	Light/Reverse(25A)
Fuse No. 5	Welcome light / F POSITION LAMP/Grill lamp(15A)
Fuse No. 6	Reverse (15A)
Relay - 7	Flasher
Relay - 8	Welcome Light Control Relay (12V)
Relay - 9	Side Guardrail Light Control Relay (12V)