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SERVICE BULLETIN

APPLICABILITY:	2010-2011MY Impreza Models
	2010-2011 MY WRX and STI Models
	2010-2011MY Forester Models

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SUBJECT: Service Procedure for Replacement of the Bluetooth Microphone for Kenwood Audio / Navigation Systems

INTRODUCTION

This Bulletin provides a service procedure for replacing the Bluetooth hands-free microphone which is now available as an individual service part (separate from the map light assembly). The replacement microphone is designed to reduce background noise when using the hands-free telephone feature.

COUNTERMEASURE IN PRODUCTION

The new microphone was incorporated into production on STI models starting with the following VINs:

VEHICLE	MODEL	STARTING VIN	
STI	4-Door	D*014000	
	5-Door	D*813544	

PART INFORMATION

MODEL	MODEL YEAR	NEW PART NUMBER		
Forester	2010	86234SC011		
	2011-2012	86234SC021		
Impreza, WRX & STI	2010	86234FG011		
Impreza	2011	0000450001		
WRX & STI	2011-2013	86234FG021		

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SERVICE PROCEDURE / INFORMATION

- Remove the map light / overhead console assembly following the procedures outlined in the applicable Service Manual.
- Remove the microphone assembly from the map light / overhead console assembly.

NOTE: The recommended procedure involves **CAREFULLY** removing the pin terminals from both the vehicle's original and the replacement microphone harness connectors then installing the vehicle's original microphone connector onto the replacement microphone's wiring harness. Using this procedure will enable you to work more comfortably on your workbench instead of overhead when trying to remove and replace the vehicle harness connector.

• Unlock the holder of the new microphone's harness connector. Insert a small flat-blade screwdriver under the indentation of the holder then lift up gently to unlock it as shown in the photos below. Once unlocked, slide the holder backward.

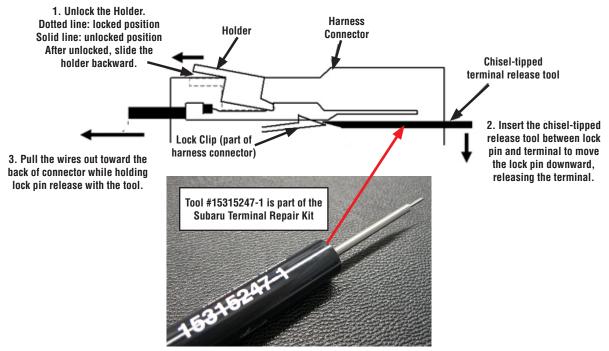


Before unlock

After unlock

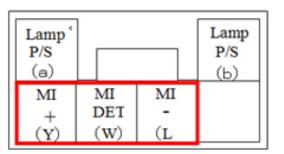


- Note the wire terminal positions before disassembly. Actual wire colors may vary.
- **CAREFULLY** remove the wires by releasing the locking clip with a chisel-tipped terminal release tool as shown in the illustration below then sliding the terminal out the back of the harness connector. It is important to **TAKE YOUR TIME** and develop a "feel" for how and when the lock clip releases the wire terminal. This will prevent damage to the terminals and make them easier to reinstall to the original vehicle harness connector.

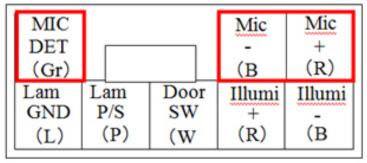


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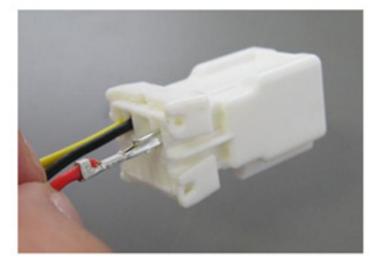
- Remove all three wires from both the replacement and the vehicle's original microphone harness connectors.
- Reinstall the terminals of the replacement microphone's harness into the vehicle's original microphone harness connector as shown below. The connector is being viewed from the front in these two illustrations.



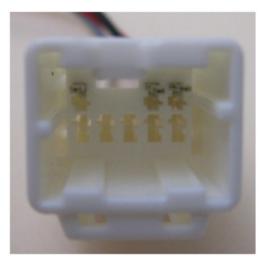
Impreza, WRX & STI







Proper orientation when reinstalling terminals



View from front of connector

- Install the replacement microphone assembly into the map light / overhead console then reinstall the assembly into the vehicle in reverse order of removal.
- Confirm the Bluetooth / hands-free system operates properly to complete the repair.

WARRANTY / CLAIM INFORMATION

For vehicles within the Basic New Car Limited Warranty period, this repair may be claimed using the following information:

LABOR DESCRIPTION	LABOR OPERATION #	FAIL CODE	LABOR TIME
Bluetooth Microphone R&R	B850-833	ZOC-43	0.3
Audio System Testing and Diagnosis	C031-001	200-43	0.3