

STAR Case

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Symptom/Vehicle Issue:

High Pitch Whine Coming from Transmission While in Sixth Gear

Diagnosis:

- 1. Drive the vehicle in sixth gear at an engine RPM of around 975 RPM (+/- 50 RPM).
- 2. Push the shift lever to the right towards the passenger seat.
- Did the whine go away?
 - a. YES>>>Proceed to the next step
 - b. NO>>>Further diagnosis is required. This STAR Case does not address this concern.
- 4. Pull the shift lever towards the driver.
- 5. Did the whine increase?
 - a. YES>>>Proceed to the following Repair Procedure
 - b. NO>>> Further diagnosis is required. This STAR Case does not address this concern.

Parts Required:

6 05013457AA Fluid, MOPAR® ATF+4 Automatic Transmission AR (1)04318083 Mopar Gasket Maker

Repair Procedure:

- 1. Shift the transmission into sixth gear.
- 2. Remove shift boot bezel and slide boot upward on shift lever extension (Figure 1).



1	Shift Boot	Figure 1
2	Shift Tower	
3	Transmission	

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- 3. Remove inner boot from floor pan and remove shift tower from transmission (Figure 1).
- 4. The high pitched whine is caused by the 3-4 synchronizer sleeve and the 3-4 shift rail. When the shifter end contacts the 3-4 shift rail in sixth gear, the shifter acts like a tuning fork causing the whine to be heard. To resolve the concern, a small amount of material needs to be removed from the 3-4 shift rail to alleviate the shifter contact to the shift rail in
- sixth gear.
 Stuff a shop towel around the shift rails leaving the 3-4 shift rail exposed. This is to catch as many of the metal filings as possible.
- 6. Grind and file a 5^o taper on the front left edge of the 3-4 shift rail (Figure 2). The 3-4 shift rail is heat treated. Use a burr to break through the heat treatment and then finish using a file. Enough material is removed when approximately 20% of the material is removed at the top of the shift rail as seen in Figure 2.





3-4 Shift Rail Removed to Show Proper Rework

Figure 2

1	5-6 Shift Rail	
2	3-4 Shift Rail	
3	Tapered Rework of the 3-4 Shift Rail	

- Carefully, remove the shop towel trying to make sure that none of the filings drop into the transmission.
- Rinse the shift rails with one quart of MOPAR® ATF+4 Automatic Transmission Fluid (p/n 05013457AA).
- 9. Apply Mopar[™] Gasket Maker to the shift tower opening.
- 10. Install the shift tower onto the transmission. Tighten the bolts to 23 N·m (17 ft. lbs.).
- 11. Install the inner shift boot and the shift boot bezel.
- 12. Raise the vehicle on a lift.
- 13. Remove transmission drain plug and drain the fluid.

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14. Install the drain plug and tighten to 57 N·m (42 ft. lbs.).

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- 15. Remove the transmission fill plug located on right side of the transmission.
- Fill transmission to approximately 16 mm (0.625 inch) from the bottom of the fill hole (approximately 5 quarts of MOPAR® ATF+4 Automatic Transmission Fluid - p/n 05013457AA).
- 17. Install fill plug and tighten to 57 N·m (42 ft. lbs.).

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