

- **SUSPENSION—VEHICLE SWAY/LEAN DURING LOW SPEED TURNING MANEUVERS**
- **NOISE—SUSPENSION—POPPING NOISE IN FRONT END**

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Some 2001-2004 F-53 Motorhome vehicles may exhibit a popping noise and/or sway/lean during low speed turning maneuvers.

ACTION

Install "Z" brackets to support the attachment of the sway bar links.

SERVICE PROCEDURE

NOTE

REFER TO FIGURE 1 FOR EXPLODED VIEW.

2001-2002 VEHICLES

1. Remove upper and lower sway bar links per Workshop Manual Section 204-01. Retain the bolts, nuts and spacers for reuse.
2. Install the "Z" bracket F81Z-5L496-AA with the lower sway bar link using new bolt W500549-S426, use original nut and spacers. Install bolt W500541-S426 into the sway bar and "Z" bracket, install nut N800937-S427. Torque both bolts and nuts to 90 N•m (66 lb-ft).
3. Install "Z" bracket with upper sway bar link using original bolt, nut and original spacers. Complete Step 4 prior to final torque.
4. Position "Z" bracket at 90 degrees to the frame rail. Using the "Z" bracket as a template, drill a 12 mm hole into the frame channel and install bolt W500443-S426 through the "Z" bracket and frame. Install nut N800937-S427 and torque both bolts and nuts to 90 N•m (66 lb-ft).

5. Repeat procedure on opposite side.

2003-2004 VEHICLES

1. Remove only the lower sway bar links per Workshop Manual Section 204-01. Retain nuts and spacers for reuse.
2. Install the "Z" bracket F81Z-5L496-AA with the lower sway bar link using new bolt W500549-S426, use original nut and spacers. Install bolt W500541-S426 into the sway bar and "Z" bracket, install nut N800937-S427. Torque both bolts and nuts to 90 N•m (66 lb-ft).
3. Repeat procedure on opposite side.

NOTE

BE SURE TO ORDER THE CORRECT NUMBER OF PARTS TO PERFORM THE ENTIRE REPAIR.

PART NUMBER	PART NAME
F81Z-5L496-AA	"Z" Bracket
W500549-S426	Bolt
W500541-S426	Bolt
W500443-S426	Bolt
N800937-S427	Nut

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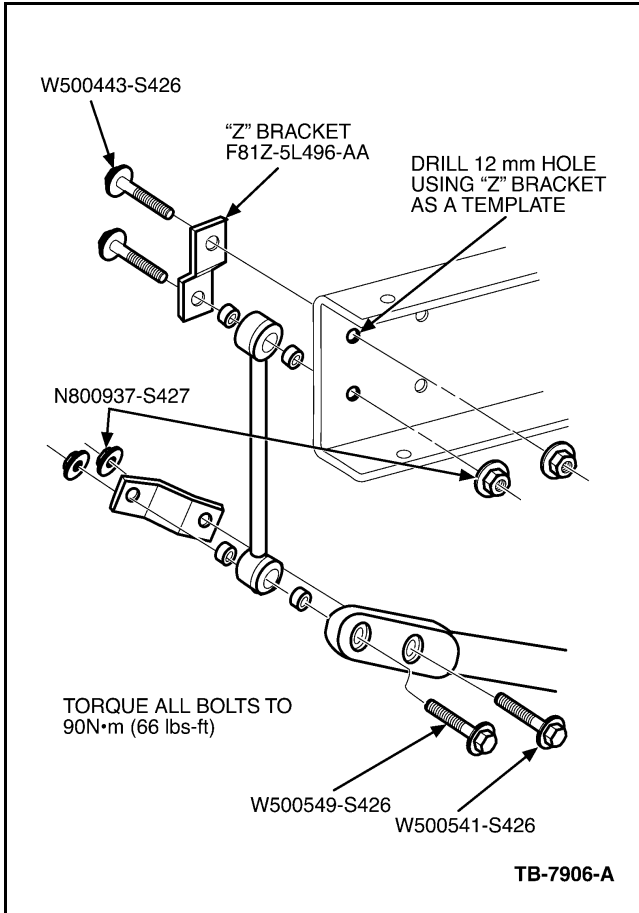


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