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Rattling Noise On
1996-98 Ford 3.0L VIN S & U Engines

The AERA Technical Committee offers the following information regarding a rattling noise during acceleration on 1996-98 Ford 3.0L VIN S & U engines. This noise has been described as a “baby rattle” type noise and it becomes more pronounced as rpm is increased. This noise is very similar in sound as an audible “spark knock” noise and may be heard at any engine temperature.

The cause of this particular noise is exhaust gases flowing within the exhaust flex pipe coupling. To reduce the possibility of this type of noise Ford now offers a revised flex pipe Part #F8DZ-5G203-AA.

Caution: It should be noted that the exhaust connector holder tool (T94T-6000-AH) described in Ford service procedures should not be used when removing/installing the flex pipe coupler. The tool impedes actual removal or installation of the coupler.

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