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Clunking and excessive noise from front end

Ford Escape/Mazda Tribute/Mercury Mariner

PROBLEM:

Front end clunking and rattling

Owners of Ford Escapes, Mazda Tributes and Mercury Mariners may complain of rattling and/or clunking noises coming from the front end of their vehicle. This is more than likely caused by failed OE sway bar links.

- The non-greaseable design is prone to premature wear due to intrusion. This causes the metal ball stud to corrode quickly, abrading the bearing surface. This cycle of corrosion and wear causes the socket to quickly loosen, allowing excessive play and noise from the front end.
- The OE design uses plastic bearings, which are susceptible to breakage.



Description	Years	Make/Model	Part Number
TRACK BAR			
Sway Bar Link	2001-2004	Ford Escape, Mazda Tribute	K80104
	2005-2006	Mercury Mariner	

SOLUTION:

MOOG[®] K80104 Sway Bar Link



- MOOG's durable powdered-metal "gusher" bearing design keeps lubrication at the bearing surface, reducing friction, for longer life.
- Greaseable design flushes contamination.
- Wrench flats at the base of the stud allow for a positive hold and the use of sockets, for quick and easy installation and removal.
- Thicker bar adds strength and durability.







