



TECHNICAL SERVICE BULLETIN

Trailer Connected/Disconnected Warnings In The IPC

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Model:

Ford 2019-2020 Ranger

Issue: Some 2019-2020 Ranger vehicles may exhibit random Trailer Connected/Disconnected messages in the instrument panel cluster (IPC) message center when no trailer is connected. This may be caused by corrosion and/or moisture in C4098 (4-pin trailer tow connector), C4099 (4/7-way trailer tow brake electrical connector) and/or inline C405. To correct the condition, follow the Service Procedure steps to inspect and repair the wiring and reprogram the trailer module (TRM).

Action: Follow the Service Procedure steps to correct the condition on vehicles that meet all of the following criteria:

- 2019-2020 Ranger
- Trailer Connected/Disconnected message in the IPC message center when no trailer is connected

NOTE: Part quantity refers to the number of that service part number required, which may be different than the number of individual pieces. Service part numbers contain 1 piece unless otherwise stated. "As Needed" indicates the part is required but the number may vary or is not a whole number; parts can be billed out as non-whole numbers, including less than 1.

Parts

Service Part Number	Quantity	Description
14405	1	Wiring Harness - Refer To The Parts Catalog For The VIN Specific Application
15K868	1	Rear Bumper Wiring Harness - Refer To The Parts Catalog For The VIN Specific Application
5U2Z-14S411-JA	1	Pigtail Wiring Kit
FU5Z-14489-A	1	Trailer Tow Brake Electrical Connector
KB3Z-13A576-C	1	Rear Wiring Harness (Without Rear Bumper)
XG-12	As Needed	Motorcraft® Electrical Grease

Warranty Status: Eligible under provisions of New Vehicle Limited Warranty (NVLW)/Service Part Warranty (SPW)/Special Service Part (SSP)/Extended Service Plan (ESP) coverage. Limits/policies/prior approvals are not altered by a TSB. NVLW/SPW/SSP/ESP coverage limits are determined by the identified causal part and verified using the OASIS part coverage tool.

Labor Times

Description	Operation No.	Time
MT: 2019-2020 Ranger: Reprogram The TRM, Inspect And Repair Or Replace Wire Harness(es) Following The Service Procedure	MT202374	Actual Time

Repair/Claim Coding

Causal Part:	15K868
Condition Code:	X4

Service Procedure

1. Reprogram the TRM using the latest software level of the appropriate Ford diagnostic scan tool.
2. For vehicles equipped with a 4-pin trailer tow connector, proceed to Step 3. For vehicles equipped with a 4/7-way trailer tow connector mounted in the bumper, proceed to Step 7.
3. Inspect connector C405 for corrosion. Is corrosion present?
 - (1). Yes - proceed to Step 4.
 - (2). No - proceed to Step 5.
4. Replace the wiring harness(es) of the affected connector(s) and apply Motorcraft® Electrical Grease to the terminals and reconnect C405.
 - (1). When replacing the 15K868 harness, the 4-pin trailer tow connector on the new harness assembly is to be cut approximately 15 cm (6 inches) from the 4-pin trailer tow connector end. The cut-off 4-pin trailer tow connector should then be soldered onto the new harness using recommended splicing method 1 or 2 as shown in the Wiring Diagram, Cell 005, pages 5 or 6. Repair is complete.

NOTE: Do not use the butt splices provided with the service pigtail kit.

NOTE: Soldering the pigtail and using the dual wall heat shrink tubing will prevent moisture from migrating through the harness.

5. Thoroughly dry connector C405 of any moisture and apply Motorcraft® XG-12 Electrical Grease to the terminals and reconnect C405.
6. Replace C4098 with the service pigtail using recommended splicing method solder 1 or 2 as shown in the Wiring Diagram, Cell 005, pages 5 or 6. Repair is complete.

NOTE: Do not use the butt splices provided with the service pigtail kit.

NOTE: Soldering the pigtail and using the dual wall heat shrink tubing will prevent moisture from migrating through the harness.

7. Inspect the trailer side connection terminals of the 4/7-way trailer tow connector mounted in the bumper for corrosion. Is there corrosion present?
 - (1). Yes - proceed to Step 8.
 - (2). No - proceed to Step 9.
8. Replace the 4/7-way trailer tow connector.
9. Inspect connectors C405 and C4099 for corrosion. Is corrosion present?
 - (1). Yes - replace the affected harness(es), apply Motorcraft® Electrical Grease to the terminals and reconnect C405 and C4099.
 - (2). No - thoroughly dry connectors C405 and/or C4099, apply Motorcraft® Electrical Grease to the terminals and reconnect C405 and C4099.

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