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1998 Subaru Forester Dash Vent Noise

If you encounter a customer complaint of a “crunching” noise coming from the passenger side dash vent with the blower fan on 3 or 4 speed, it could be caused by the dash vent door.

Inspect the packing (sealing) sponge rubber installed around the dash vent door, inside the vent. Air movement past this sealing rubber may cause the rubber to move up and down (vibrate). This vibration is the noise the customer is hearing.

To correct this problem, apply a thin bead of adhesive to both sides of the rubber gasket between the gasket and the vent door groove the gasket sits in. The adhesive will hold the gasket in place and keep it from moving.

