Introduction

Some 2014 – 2015 model year Highlander and Highlander HV vehicles may exhibit a condition in which the Power Back Door is inoperative or stops during operation. In some cases this condition may be associated with cold weather. Follow the Repair Procedure in this bulletin to address this condition.
Power Back Door Inoperative

Production Change Information

This bulletin applies to vehicles produced **BEFORE** the Production Change Effective VINs shown below.

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**NOTE**

OP Codes BD1604 and EL1620 are for separate repairs. Please reference the Repair Procedure section of this document to determine which repair is needed.

**APPLICABLE WARRANTY**

- This repair is covered under the Toyota Basic Warranty. This warranty is in effect for 36 months or 36,000 miles, whichever occurs first, from the vehicle’s in-service date.
- Warranty application is limited to occurrence of the specified condition described in this bulletin.
### Parts Information

**NOTE**

There is NO Power Back Door Unit Assembly service part number change specific to this countermeasure.

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*Note usual 5 digit P/N supersession from 68920 to 68910 on Unit Assy Set, Power Back Door, LH.

### Required Tools & Equipment

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* Essential SST.

**NOTE**

Additional SSTs may be ordered by calling 1-800-933-8335.

### Repair Procedure

1. Before proceeding with diagnosis, check the following:
   
   A. Confirm the Power Back Door Main Switch (located in the glovebox) is turned ON.
   
   B. Set the Power Back Door opening adjustment to position 5 (maximum opening position).

   Refer to the Technical Information System (TIS), applicable model and model year Repair Manual:

   * **2014 / 2015** Highlander:
     

   * **2014 / 2015** Highlander HV:
     
Repair Procedure (Continued)

C. Confirm hatch alignment and adjust or repair if necessary.
   Refer to TIS, applicable model and model year Repair Manual:
   - **2014 / 2015** Highlander:
   - **2014 / 2015** Highlander HV:

D. Confirm touch sensors are undamaged and operating normally.

2. Operate the Power Back Door and attempt to duplicate the condition.

   **NOTE**
   Some failure modes occur ONLY when the ambient temperature is below freezing. If the customer experienced the condition in cold weather, cold soak the vehicle outside overnight, then perform diagnosis in steps 2 – 4 (if required) before warming the vehicle in the shop.

   - If the Power Back Door begins to open or close, then stops, proceed to step 5.
   - If the Power Back Door is inoperative (no movement in the closing direction, no movement beyond latch release in the opening direction), proceed to step 3.

3. Turn OFF the Power Back Door system using the main switch located in the glove compartment and attempt to operate the back door manually.

   - If the door cannot be opened or closed manually, or if the force required to manually operate the door is abnormally high, proceed to step 5.
   - If manual operating effort is normal, and the ambient temperature was below freezing when the condition was duplicated, proceed to step 4.
   - If manual operating effort is normal, and the ambient temperature was above freezing when the condition was duplicated, STOP. This bulletin does NOT apply. Continue diagnosis using the applicable Repair Manual.

   **NOTE**
   The force required for manual operation may be higher in cold temperatures. If necessary, a similar vehicle can be used for comparison.
4. Turn ON the Power Back Door system using the main switch located in the glove compartment. Remove the back door trim panel and use a heat gun to warm the Door Computer (Computer, Multiplex Network Door) for 2 – 3 minutes, then attempt to operate the Power Back Door.
   - If normal operation is restored, replace the Door Computer and proceed to step 7.
   - If there is no change to the condition, STOP. This bulletin does NOT apply. Continue diagnosis using the applicable Repair Manual.

Refer to TIS, applicable model and model year Repair Manual:

5. Remove and replace the LH and RH power back door actuators (Unit Assy Set, Power Back Door). Refer to TIS, applicable model and model year Repair Manual:
6. After installing the NEW Power Back Door actuators, confirm that the ball and socket joints (2 LH and 2 RH) are properly seated, and have approximately 1 mm of free-play as indicated in Figure 1.

To check for free-play: first push, then pull, then push again on the power back door actuator unit near each socket.

- If free-play is present, continue to step 7.
- If there is NO free-play as shown in Figure 2, the ball mount is NOT fully seated in the socket.

**NOTICE**

- If the ball mount is NOT fully seated in the socket mount separation may occur, which may cause damage to the vehicle.
- Attempt to seat the joint by pushing on the actuator near the socket. If free play cannot be achieved, replace the actuator and ball mounts with another NEW service part.
Repair Procedure (Continued)

7. Perform the Power Back Door initialization procedure. Refer to TIS, applicable model and model year Repair Manual:
   - 2014 / 2015 Highlander:
   - 2014 / 2015 Highlander HV:

8. Confirm normal Power Back Door operation. Refer to TIS, applicable model and model year Repair Manual:
   - 2014 / 2015 Highlander:
   - 2014 / 2015 Highlander HV: