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POSSIBLE CAUSE	- Magnetic clutch operation noise - A/C compressor vane noise - A/C compressor slippage noise - Hose or refrigerant line interference noise

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If there is gas leakage, air enters into the A/ C system. The desiccant within the receiver/ drier absorbs the moisture from the air and becomes saturated. If the A/ C system is used in this condition, the inside of the A/ C compressor will begin to rust due to this moisture, which may cause lock up or noise to occur. Therefore, replacement of the receiver/ drier is necessary.

Diagnostic procedure

STEP	INSPECTION	ACTION
1	CHECK A/ C COMPRESSOR VANE NOISE Is there a jingling, popping, beeping, or buzzing sound (A/C compressor vane noise)?	Yes Go to Step 5.
		No Go to the next step.
2	INSPECT A/ C COMPRESSOR SLIPPAGE NOISE Is there a squeaking or whirling sound (A/C compressor slippage noise)?	Yes Go to Step 14.
		No Go to the next step.
3	INSPECT A/ C COMPRESSOR	Yes Go to Step 18.

	INTERFERENCE NOISE Is there a rattling or vibrating sound (interference noise)?	No	Go to the next step.
4	INSPECT MAGNETIC CLUTCH OPERATION NOISE Is there a clicking sound (magnetic clutch operation noise)?	Yes	Adjust clearance between pressure plate of magnetic clutch and A/C compressor pulley, then go to Step 19. (See MAGNETIC CLUTCH ADJUSTMENT [FULL-AUTO AIR CONDITIONER] .)
		No	Condition is normal. (Recheck malfunction symptoms.)
5	INSPECT A/ C COMPRESSOR NOISE TIME Is noise heard continuously for more than 3 s after A/C compressor comes on?	Yes	Go to the next step.
		No	Condition is normal. (Noise occurs for 2—3 s immediately after A/C compressor turns on.)
6	INSPECT IDLE SPEED - Inspect idle speed. (See ENGINE TUNE-UP [MZI 3.7 V6].) (See ENGINE TUNE-UP [MZR 2.5].) - Is it okay?	Yes	Go to the next step.
		No	Follow the repair instruction described in section 01, then go to Step 19.
7	INSPECT REFRIGERANT AMOUNT - Inspect refrigerant amount. - Is it okay?	Yes	Go to Step 10.
		No	Go to the next step.
8	INSPECT REFRIGERANT LINES - Inspect refrigerant lines. - Is piping free of damage and cracks? - Are piping connections free of oil grime? (Visual inspection)	Yes	Go to the next step.
		No	If piping or A/C component(s) is damaged or cracked, replace then go to Step 19. If there is gas leakage, repair or replace connection and replace condenser*, then go to Step 19.

	▪ Are piping connections free of gas leakage? ▪ Are piping installation points on condenser free of gas leakage? ▪ Are piping installation points on receiver/drier free of gas leakage? ▪ Are piping installation points on A/C compressor free of gas leakage? ▪ Are piping installation points on A/C unit free of gas leakage? ▪ Perform gas leak inspection using gas leak tester. • Are above items okay?		
9	INSPECT EVAPORATOR PIPING CONNECTIONS IN A/ C UNIT FOR GAS LEAKAGE • Are piping connections for evaporator in A/C unit free of gas leakage?	Yes	Adjust refrigerant amount to specified level, then go to Step 19.
		No	If piping is damaged or cracked, replace then go to Step 19. If there is gas leakage, repair or replace connection and replace condenser*, then go to Step 19.
10	CHECK TO SEE WHETHER MALFUNCTION IS IN COMPRESSOR OIL OR ELSEWHERE • Add 20 ml { 20 cc, 0.68 fl	Yes	Go to the next step.
		No	Troubleshooting completed. Explain repair to customer.

	oz} of compressor oil. Is noise heard when racing engine?		
11	CHECK TO SEE WHETHER MALFUNCTION IS IN A/ C COMPRESSOR OR ELSEWHERE - Drain compressor oil. - Is it contaminated with metal particles?	Yes	Go to the next step.
		No	Replace A/C compressor, then go to Step 19.
12	CHECK TO SEE WHETHER MALFUNCTION IS SOMEWHERE IN A/ C SYSTEM OR ELSEWHERE Is compressor oil whitish and mixed with water?	Yes	Replace entire A/C system (excluding heater), then go to Step 19.
		No	Go to the next step.
13	INSPECT A/ C COMPRESSOR OIL Is compressor oil darker than normal and contaminated with aluminum chips?	Yes	Replace A/C compressor and condenser, then go to Step 19. (Since A/C compressor may be worn and receiver/drier may be clogged, replacement of receiver/drier is necessary.)
		No	Condition is normal. Recheck malfunction symptoms.
14	CHECK TO SEE WHETHER MALFUNCTION IS IN A/ C COMPRESSOR OR ELSEWHERE Is noise heard immediately after A/C compressor is stopped?	Yes	Replace A/C compressor, then go to Step 19. (A/C compressor discharge valve left open)
		No	Go to the next step.
15	INSPECT DRIVE BELT - Inspect the drive belt. (See DRIVE BELT INSPECTION [MZR 2.5].) (See DRIVE BELT INSPECTION [MZI 3.7 V6].) - Is it okay?	Yes	Go to the next step.
		No	Adjust or replace drive belt, then go to Step 19.
16	INSPECT DRIVE BELT CONDITION	Yes	Remove obstruction, remove oil, or replace drive belt, then go to Step 19.

	- Is drive belt worn? - Does it have foreign material imbedded in it, or have oil on it?	No	Go to the next step.
17	INSPECT MAGNETIC CLUTCH - Inspect magnetic clutch. (See MAGNETIC CLUTCH INSPECTION [FULL-AUTO AIR CONDITIONER] .) - Is it okay?	Yes	Replace A/C compressor (excluding pressure plate, A/C compressor pulley, and stator), then go to Step 19.
		No	Replace magnetic clutch, then go to Step 19.
18	CHECK TO SEE WHETHER MALFUNCTION IS IN A/ C COMPRESSOR OR REFRIGERANT LINES Is noise emitted from A/C compressor?	Yes	Visually inspect A/C compressor, replace appropriate parts if necessary, then go to the next step.
		No	If noise is due to refrigerant lines, repair detached or missing clips, tighten loose bolts, then go to the next step.
19	VERIFY THAT MALFUNCTION SYMPTOM OCCURS AFTER REPAIR Has A/C compressor noise stopped?	Yes	Troubleshooting completed. Explain repairs to customer.
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