

Brake Squeal/Squeak

Service Category Brake

Section Brake System

Market USA

Lexus Supports
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Applicability

YEAR(S)	MODEL(S)	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
2015 - 2019	RC F	

REVISION NOTICE

January 11, 2019 Rev1:

- **Applicability has been updated to include 2018 – 2019 model year RC F vehicles.**
- **The title, Installation Procedure, and the Required Tools and Equipment section have been updated.**

Any previous printed versions of this bulletin should be discarded.

SUPERSESION NOTICE

The information contained in this bulletin supersedes SB No. L-SB-0054-15.

- **Applicability has been updated to include 2017 model year RC F vehicles.**

Service Bulletin No. L-SB-0054-15 is obsolete and any printed versions should be discarded.

Be sure to review the entire content of this bulletin before proceeding.

Introduction

All 2015 – 2019 model year RC F vehicles are equipped with high-friction brake pads, specifically designed for superior braking performance and response. As a result, the brakes may exhibit a squeal/squeak noise.

For customers who find these characteristics objectionable, brake pads with alternative material are now available as service parts.

NOTE

- Any changes made to the brake pad material may result in altered and possibly reduced braking performance and/or feeling under certain driving conditions, including track use.
- Please note disclosures stated in the RC F sales information both in print form and online and discuss with the customer prior to installing the alternate brake pads listed in this Service Bulletin.
- It is an inherent characteristic of materials and design of brake pads used in this high-performance brake system that brake noise/squeal/squeak may result.

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Warranty Information

OP CODE	DESCRIPTION	TIME	OFF	T1	T2
BR1701	R & R Front and Rear Brake Pads	1.6	04465-0W190 04466-0W070	36	83

APPLICABLE WARRANTY

- This repair is covered under the Lexus Basic Warranty. This warranty is in effect for 48 months or 50,000 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

PART NUMBER		PART NAME	QTY
PREVIOUS	NEW		
04465-0W190	04465-0W200	Pad Kit, Disc Brake L/Fitting Parts, FR	1
04466-0W070	04466-0W080	Pad Kit, Disc Brake L/Fitting Parts, RR	1

Required Tools & Equipment

SPECIAL SERVICE TOOLS (SST)	PART NUMBER	QTY
Disc Brake Piston Spreader Wide Type	09719-77020	1
Disc Brake Piston Spreader	09719-77010	1

NOTE

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

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Installation Procedure

1. Replace the front and rear brake pads with the alternative parts.
Refer to TIS, applicable model and model year Repair Manual:
 - 2015 – 2019 RC F:
Brake – Brake (Front) – “Brake (Front): Front Brake: [Removal / Installation](#)”
 - 2015 – 2019 RC F:
Brake – Brake (Rear) – “Brake (Rear): Rear Brake: [Removal / Installation](#)”

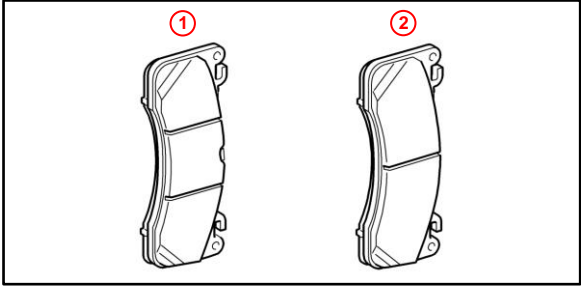
NOTICE

When performing this procedure, the front and rear brake pads **MUST** be replaced together to ensure proper brake system operation.

NOTE

When installing the front brake pads, ensure the single slit pad is installed on the inboard side of the calipers.

Figure 1.



1	Double Slit
2	Single Slit

2. Road-test the vehicle to confirm proper brake pad installation.

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Brembo® Brake Disclosure Reference:

<http://www.lexus.com/models/RCF/features>



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WARRANTY Four-year/50,000-mile Lexus Limited Warranty. Six-year/70,000-mile Powertrain Warranty. Six-year/unlimited-mileage Corrosion Perforation Warranty. All warranties with zero deductible. See the *RCF Warranty and Services Guide* at your Lexus dealer for details. **DISCLOSURES** 1. Ratings achieved using the required premium unleaded gasoline with an octane rating of 91 or higher. If premium fuel is not used, performance will decrease. 2. Be sure to obey traffic regulations and maintain awareness of road and traffic conditions. 3. High-friction brakes require periodic inspection and measurement as outlined in the *Warranty and Services Guide*. The pads and rotors are expected to experience greater wear than conventional brakes. Pad life may be less than 20,000 miles, and brake rotor life may be less than 50,000 miles depending on driving conditions. **F SPORT models may feature Brembo® brakes. It is an inherent characteristic of materials and design of brake pads used in this high-performance brake system that brake noise/squeal may result.** 4. Apps/services vary by phone/carrier; functionality depends on many factors. Select apps use large amounts of data; you are responsible for charges. Apps & services subject to change. See lexus.com/enform for details. 5. Mark Levinson® is a registered trademark of Hamman International Industries, Inc. 6. 19-in performance tires are expected to experience greater tire wear than conventional tires. Tire life may be substantially less than 15,000 miles, depending upon driving conditions. 7. The SmartAccess system may interfere with some pacemakers or cardiac defibrillators. If you have one of these medical devices, please talk to your doctor to see if you should deactivate this system. 8. The engine immobilizer is a state-of-the-art anti-theft system. When you insert your key into the ignition switch or bring a SmartAccess fob into the vehicle, the key transmits an electronic code to the vehicle. The engine will only start if the code in the transponder chip inside the key/fob matches the code in the vehicle's immobilizer. Because the transponder chip is embedded in the key/fob, it can be costly to replace. If you lose a key or fob, your Lexus dealer can help. Alternatively, you can find a qualified independent locksmith to perform high-security key services by consulting your local *Yellow Pages* or by contacting www.aloa.org. 9. The backup camera does not provide a comprehensive view of the rear area of the vehicle. You should also look around outside your vehicle and use your mirrors to confirm rearward clearance. Cold weather may limit effectiveness and view may become cloudy. 10. The *Bluetooth* word mark and logos are registered trademarks owned by Bluetooth SIG, Inc. and any use of such marks by Lexus is under license. A compatible *Bluetooth*-enabled phone must first be paired. Phone performance depends on software, coverage & carrier. 11. *Bluetooth* audio device must be enabled with A2DP and AVRCP. 12. All the airbag (AB) systems are Supplemental Restraint Systems. All ABs are designed to inflate only under certain conditions and in certain types of severe collisions: frontal and knee ABs typically inflate in frontal collisions; side and side curtain ABs in side collisions; Roll-Sensing Curtain ABs at a severe tilt degree, roll or lateral G-force. In all other accidents, the ABs will not inflate. To decrease the risk of injury from an inflating AB, always wear seatbelts, sit upright in the middle of the seat as far back as possible and do not lean against the door. Do not put objects in front of an AB or around the seatback. Do not use a rearward-facing child seat in any front passenger seat. The force of an inflating AB may cause serious injury or death. See *Owner's Manual* for further information/warnings. 13. Always drive safely, obey traffic laws & focus on the road while driving. Siri® is available in Beta only on iPhone® 4S, iPhone® 5, iPad® with Retina display, iPad® mini, & iPod® touch, 5th gen. & requires Internet access. Siri® is not available in all languages or all areas & features vary by area. Data charges may apply. See apple.com & phone carrier for details. 14. HD Radio™ Technology manufactured under license from iBiquity Digital Corporation U.S. and Foreign Patents. HD Radio™ and the HD, HD Radio, and "Arc" logos are proprietary trademarks of iBiquity Digital Corp. 15. Use only if aware of circumstances surrounding the vehicle, and it is legal & safe to do so (e.g., car uncovered in open area, no people or pets in or nearby). If vehicle has not been driven for over a week, services will not be available until next time vehicle is started. Functionality depends on many factors, such as vehicle and smartphone connectivity. See usage precautions, service limitations & *Owner's Manual*. Data charges may apply. Registration, app download are required. Must have active Safety Connect subscription. Annual fee required after 1-year trial. 16. Contact with the response center may not be available in all areas. Service Agreements required. A variety of subscription terms available; charges will vary. See lexus.com for details. 17. Do not rely exclusively on the Intuitive Parking Assist system. Always look over your shoulder and use your mirrors to confirm clearance. System effectiveness depends on many factors. See *Owner's Manual* for details. 18. The Pre-Collision System is designed to help reduce the crash speed and damage in certain frontal collisions only. It is not a collision-avoidance system and is not a substitute for safe and attentive driving. System effectiveness depends on many factors, such as speed, driver input and road conditions. See *Owner's Manual* for further information. 19. Dynamic Radar Cruise Control is designed to assist the driver and is not a substitute for safe and attentive driving practice. See *Owner's Manual* for details. 20. Do not rely exclusively on the Blind Spot Monitor. Always look over your shoulder and use your turn signal. There are limitations to the function, detection, range and clarity of the monitor. For a complete list of limitations and directions regarding use of the monitor, see *Owner's Manual*. 21. Do not rely exclusively on the Rear Cross-Traffic Alert system. Always look over your shoulder and use your mirrors to confirm rear clearance. There are limitations to the function, detection, range and clarity of the system. To learn more, see *Owner's Manual*. 22. 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4.1. Before driving

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■ **When starting off on an uphill**

The hill-start assist control will activate. (→P. 282)

■ **Driving in the rain**

- Drive carefully when it is raining, because visibility will be reduced, the windows may become fogged-up, and the road will be slippery.
- Drive carefully when it starts to rain, because the road surface will be especially slippery.
- Refrain from high speeds when driving on an expressway in the rain, because there may be a layer of water between the tires and the road surface, preventing the steering and brakes from operating properly.

■ **Engine speed while driving**

In the following conditions, the engine speed may become high while driving. This is due to automatic up-shifting control or down-shifting implementation to meet driving conditions. It does not indicate sudden acceleration.

- The vehicle is judged to be driving uphill or downhill
- When the accelerator pedal is released
- When the brake pedal is depressed while sport mode is selected

■ **Restraining the engine output (brake override system)**

- When the accelerator and brake pedals are depressed at the same time, the engine output may be restrained.
- A warning message is displayed on the multi-information display while the system is operating. (→P. 550)

■ **Breaking in your new Lexus**

To extend the life of the vehicle, observing the following precautions is recommended:

- For the first 186 miles (300 km):
Avoid sudden stops.
- For the first 621 miles (1000 km):
 - Do not drive at extremely high speeds.
 - Avoid sudden acceleration.
 - Do not drive continuously in low gears.
 - Do not drive at a constant speed for extended periods.

■ **Drum-in-disc type parking brake system**

Your vehicle has a drum-in-disc type parking brake system. This type of brake system needs bedding-down of the brake shoes periodically or whenever the parking brake shoes and/or drum are replaced. Have your Lexus dealer perform the bedding down operation.

■ **Operating your vehicle in a foreign country**

Comply with the relevant vehicle registration laws and confirm the availability of the correct fuel. (→P. 620)

■ **Brake pads and discs (RC F)**

The brake pads and discs are designed for use under high load conditions. Therefore, brake noise may be generated depending on the vehicle speed, braking force and vehicle environment (temperature, humidity, etc.).

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Driving

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