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1998 Subaru Forester Squeaking Noise With A/C On

If you encounter a customer complaint of a squeak type noise coming from the dash area when the A/C cycles ON at an engine RPM of 3,000, the noise could be caused by the Thermal Expansion Valve (TXV).

If the TXV is causing the noise, replace the TXV with a modified type that was incorporated into production during July of 1997. The modified type can be identified by a red line on the upper front portion of the valve. Your Subaru Parts Department has the part number for the modified type TXV.