

## FIX-N-FAX #140

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#### **Underbody Exhaust Heat Damage**

Late model vehicles are capable of generating enough heat under the body to cause interior damage.

This is especially true if the system is damaged such as backing into an obstruction, bending the tailpipe.

Excessive heat can also be caused by:

1. Improperly tuned engine.
2. Wrong type of fuel.
3. Inadequate air space between body and exhaust components.

There have been reports of interior damage on the 1978 Fairmont sedans and some late model 4-wheel drive pickups.

A thorough inspection of the exhaust system should be made at each No. 1 service interval and after the vehicle has been operated off road.

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