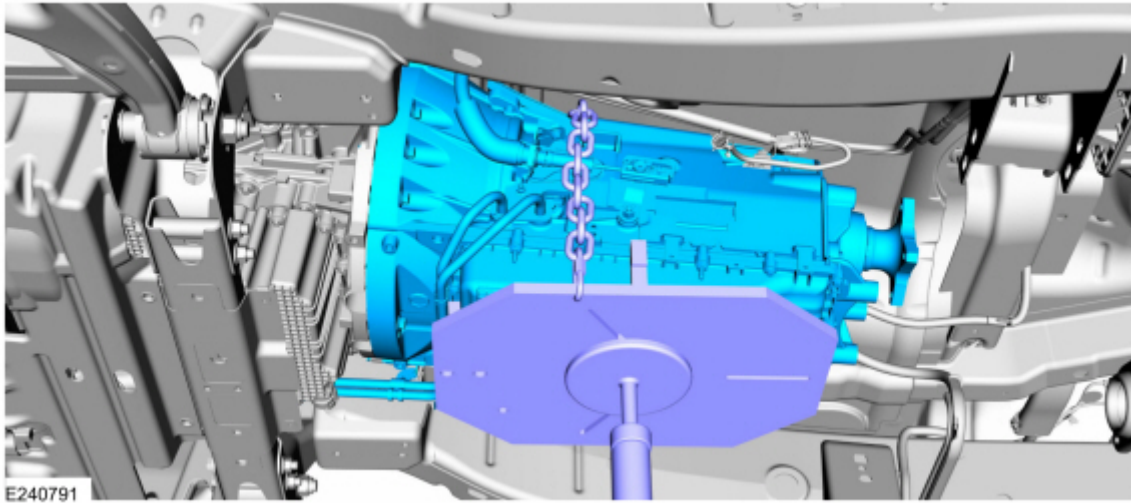


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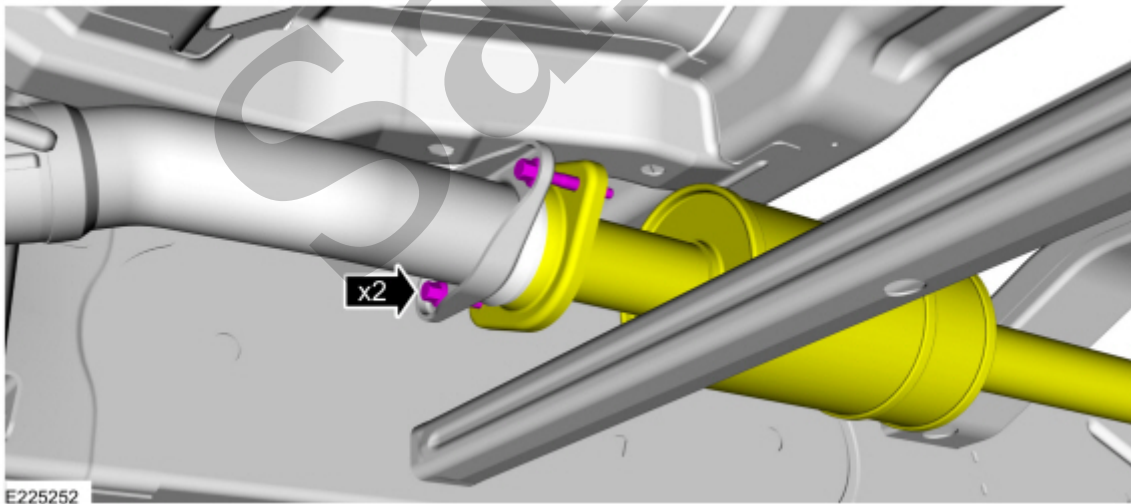
17. Remove the LH (left-hand) catalytic converter.

Refer to: [Catalytic Converter LH](#)(309-00C Exhaust System - 3.5L EcoBoost (BM), Removal and Installation).

18. Remove the transmission support insulator.

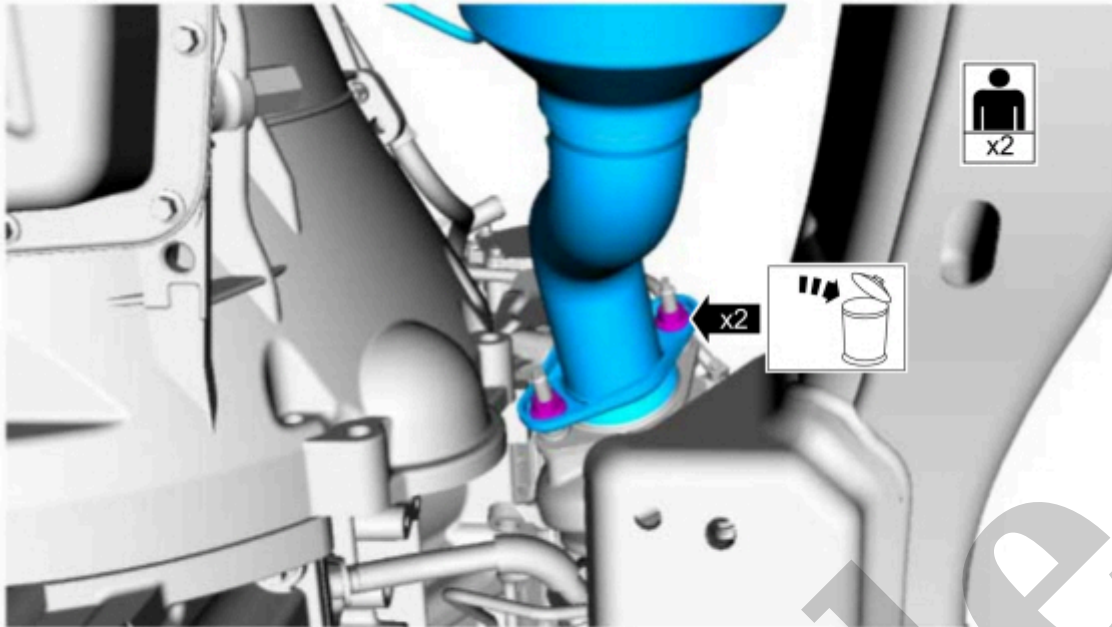
Refer to: [Transmission Support Insulator](#)(307-01A Automatic Transmission - 10-Speed Automatic Transmission – 10R80, Removal and Installation).

19. Remove the bolts from the catalytic converter flange to the muffler inlet pipe.



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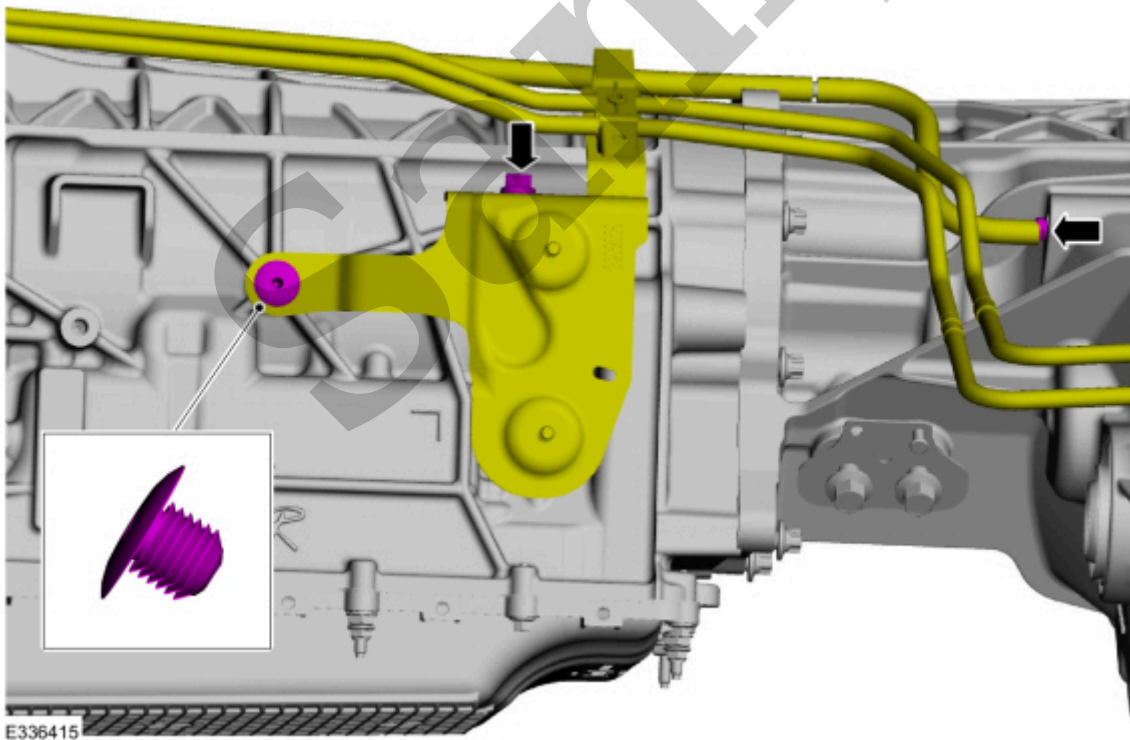
20. Disconnect the electrical connectors and detach the wire clips.



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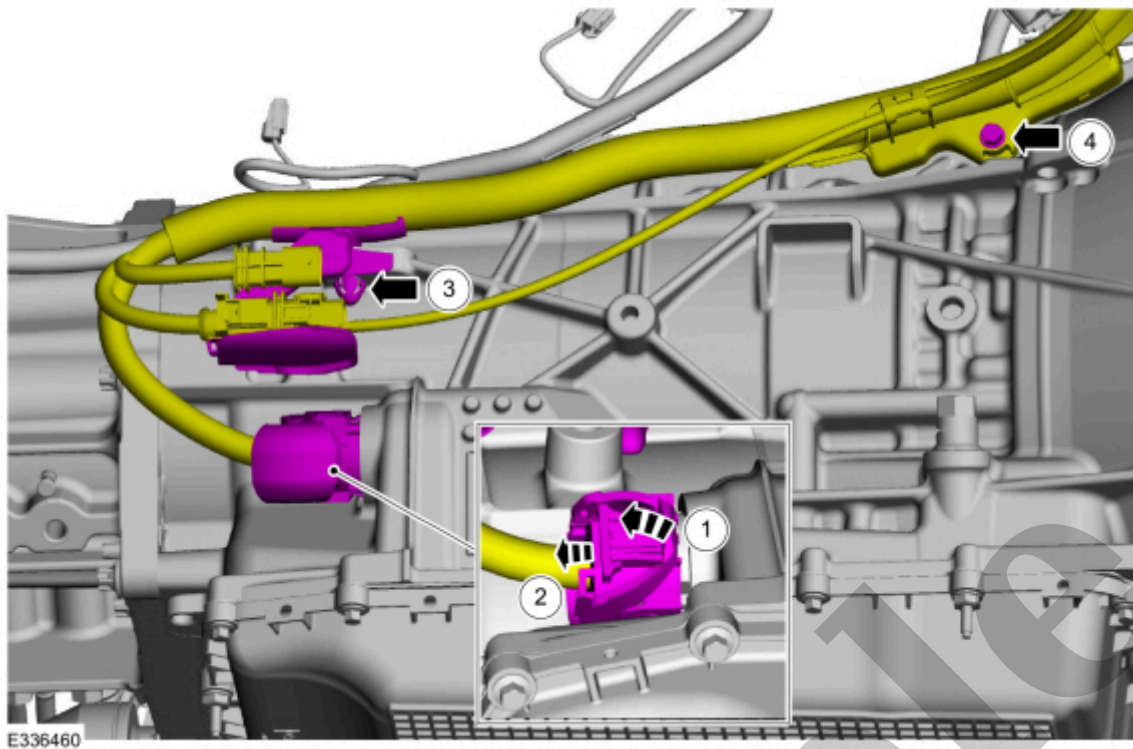
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22. Remove the fuel line bracket bolt and push pin retainer, disconnect the transfer case vent tube.



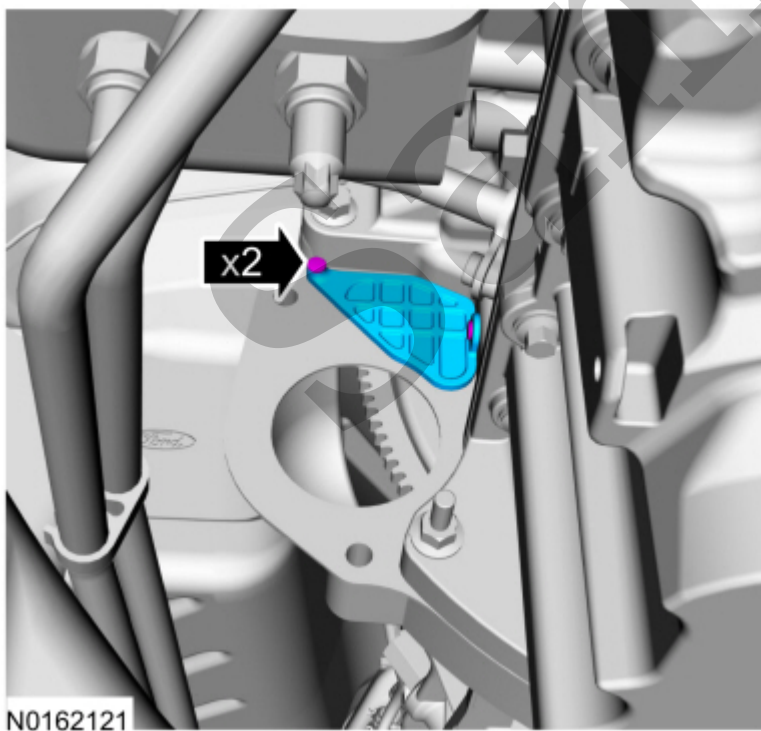
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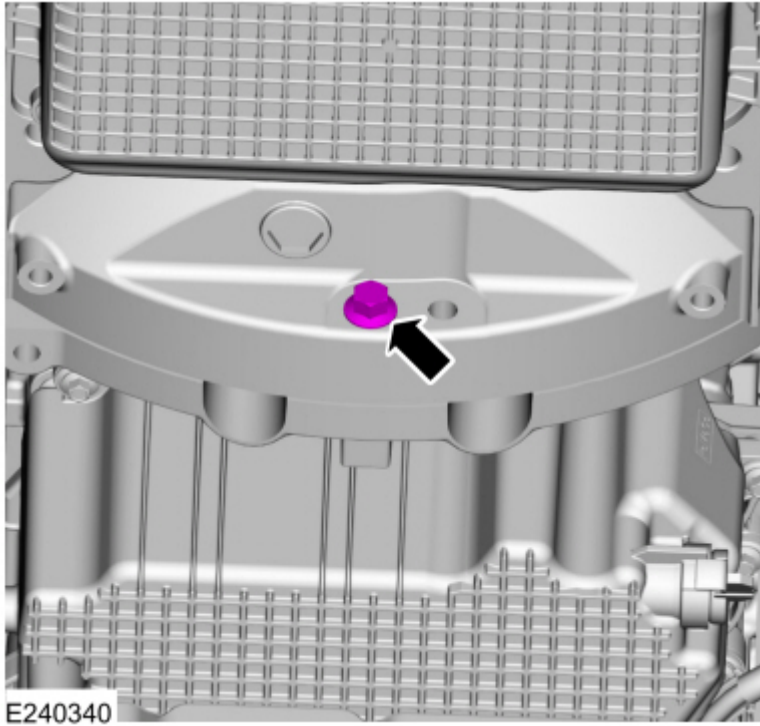


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25. Remove the pin-type retainers and the access cover.



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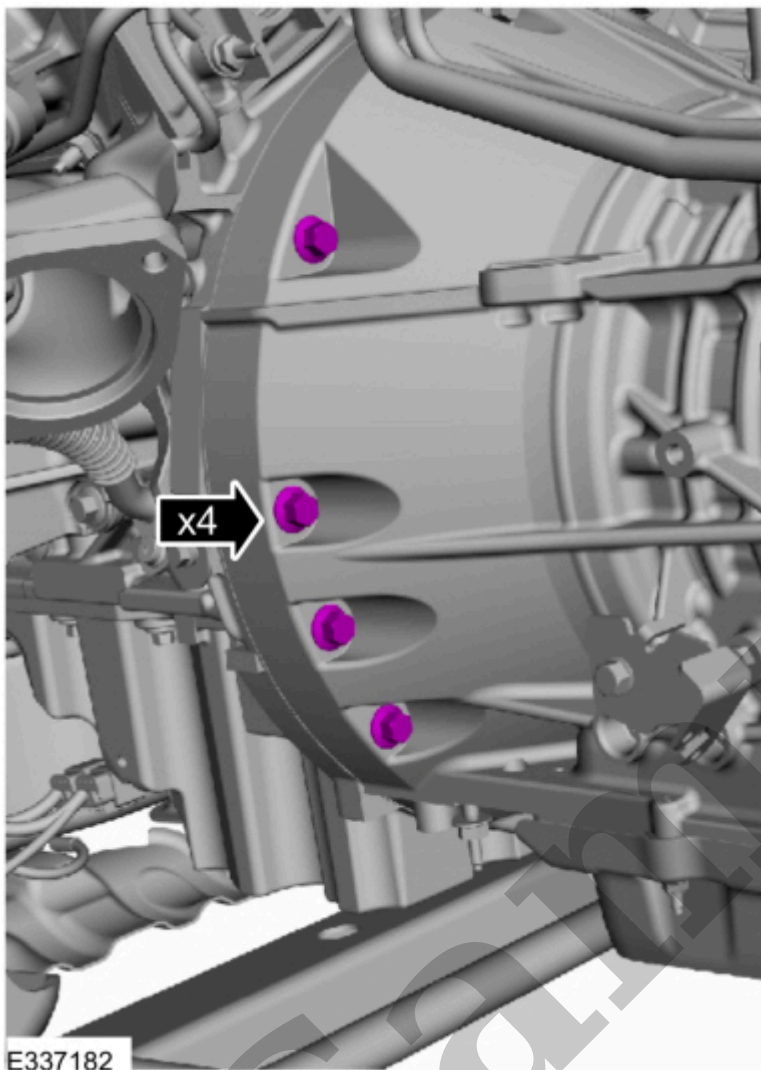


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28. Remove the RH (right-hand) side bellhousing bolts.

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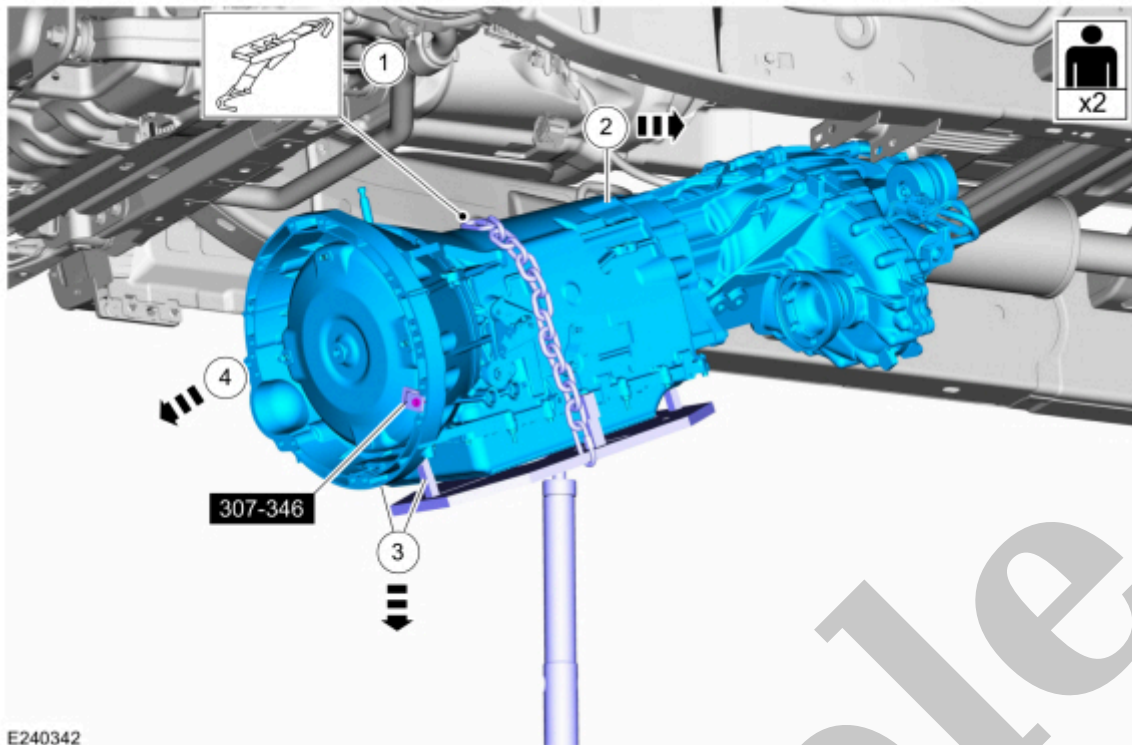
30. Remove the LH (left-hand) bellhousing bolts.



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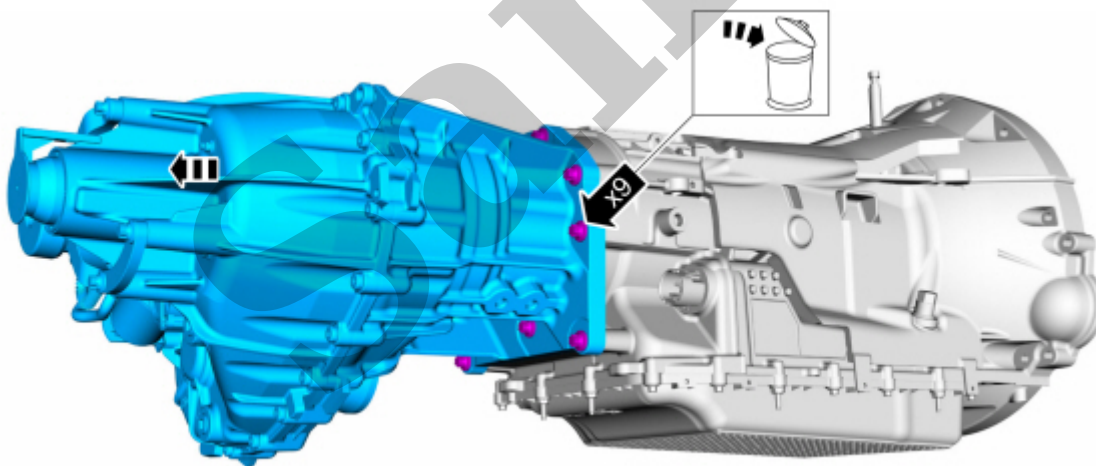
31. Slide the transmission back enough to install the special tool.

Use Special Service Tool : 307-346 (T97T-7902-A) Retainer, Torque Converter



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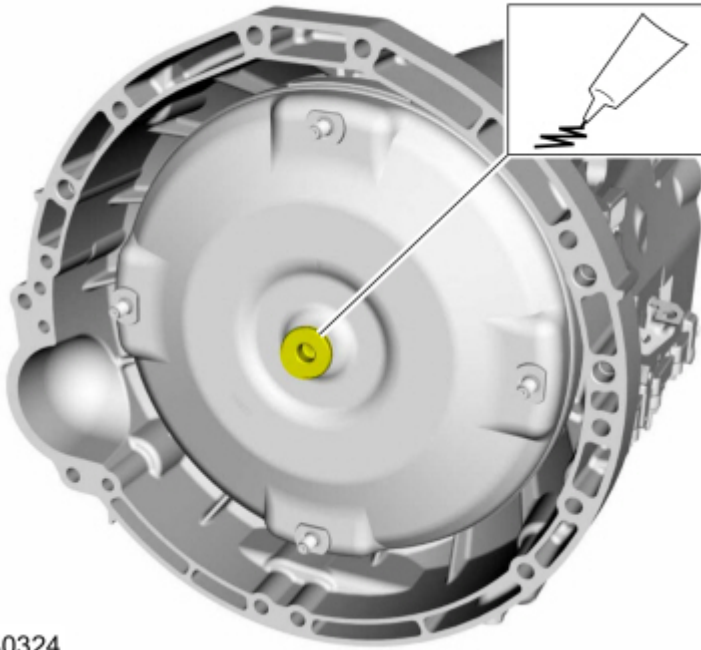
33. If the transmission is to be overhauled or if installing a new or re-manufactured transmission, remove and discard the bolts and separate the transfer case from the transmission.



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34. NOTICE

Failure to clean the transmission fluid cooler tubes can result in transmission failure.



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4. NOTICE

If the transmission is not positioned on the dowel pins, damage to the transmission may occur.

If the dowel pins were pulled out of the engine block during removal, install new dowel pins in the engine block.

6. **NOTE**

If transmission is being replaced, remove the transmission fluid fill plug and verify that the transmission is filled with transmission fluid.

NOTE

If transmission was disassembled, add transmission fluid to the transmission.

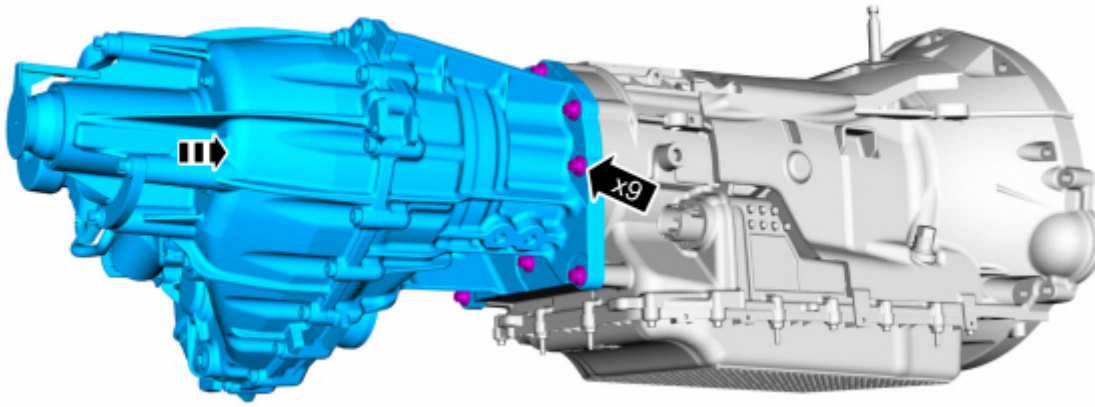
NOTE

Rear Wheel Drive (RWD) shown, Four-Wheel Drive (4WD) similar.

1. Remove the transmission fluid fill plug transmission fluid level indicator assembly.
2. Verify transmission is filled with transmission fluid.
3. Slightly tilt the transmission rearward.
4. If the transmission was disassembled, add 12.30L (13 qt) of transmission fluid to the transmission through the transmission fluid fill hole.

Material : Motorcraft® MERCON® ULV Automatic Transmission Fluid / XT-12-QULV (WSS-M2C949-A,) (MERCON® ULV)

- Loosely install the transmission fluid fill plug when finished.



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8. NOTICE

Secure the transmission to the transmission jack with a safety strap.

NOTE

Make sure the transmission jack makes contact on the outer ribs of the transmission fluid pan.

Using a high-lift transmission jack, support the transmission.

1. Make sure the transmission is securely fastened to the transmission jack.

Use the General Equipment: Transmission Jack

2. Tilt the front of the transmission down.
3. Slide the transmission towards the rear of the vehicle.
4. Raise the front of the transmission into a horizontal position.