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Fig. 16

Do not replace any parts for these conditions until the air filter housing has been validated to be completely sealed.

Inspect the air housing cover for any missing tabs or fasteners. Also remove the air filter housing cover and inspect the seal around the filter as well as the air filter sealing surface for signs of not contacting the air filter seal. (Fig. 17)

Fig. 17

In addition, look for dirt/debris in the air filter housing cover bypassing the air filter. (Fig. 18)

If dirt/debris is bypassing the air filter due to a faulty seal, replace the air filter. If the air filter housing is not properly sealing, refer to the appropriate Service Information for additional diagnostic procedures.

Fig. 18

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