



Ford Windstar Model 1995 - 1998

Failure of the central locking, moisture in the cargo area

If there are complaints in relation to these vehicles concerning central locking failure and moisture in the cargo area, possible causes are leaks in area of the roof rails and the cable ducting to the tailgate. Water which has penetrated collects in the central locking switch for the tailgate, leading to faulty operation/failure of the central locking. To localise the leak, the left-hand rear side trim panel must be removed, and the left-hand side rear roof area of the vehicle must be sprayed with water. Water could possibly enter in the following places (see illustration): 1. the rubber grommet for the wiring harness to the tailgate, 2. the left-hand hinge of the tailgate, 3. the rear screw for the left-hand roof rail, 4. the seal between the roof frame and the D-pillar.

Once the leak has been localised it must be sealed using a suitable sealing agent.

The central locking plug and switch in the tailgate must be dried and checked for corrosion, and, if necessary, cleaned or replaced.

