

DTC P1515

Circuit Description

The commanded throttle position is compared to the actual throttle position based on accelerator pedal position and possibly other limiting factors. Both values should be within a calibrated range of each other. The powertrain control module (PCM) continuously monitors the commanded and actual throttle positions. This diagnostic trouble code (DTC) sets if the values are greater than the calibrated range.

Conditions for Running the DTC

- The ignition is ON.
- The ignition voltage is greater than 8 volts.
- The system is not in battery saver mode.
- The engine is running.
- DTC P1514 is not set.

Conditions for Setting the DTC

The difference between the predicted and the actual throttle position is more than a calibrated amount.

Action Taken When the DTC Sets

- The control module illuminates the malfunction indicator lamp (MIL) when the diagnostic runs and fails.
- The control module records the operating conditions at the time the diagnostic fails. The control module stores this information in the Freeze Frame and/or the Failure Records.
- The control module commands the TAC system to operate in the Reduced Engine Power mode.
- A message center or an indicator displays Reduced Engine Power.
- Under certain conditions the control module commands the engine OFF.

Conditions for Clearing the MIL/DTC

- The PCM turns OFF the MIL after 3 consecutive drive trips that the diagnostic runs and passes.
- A History DTC clears after 40 consecutive warm-up cycles in which there are no failures reported of this diagnostic or any other emission related diagnostic.
- The scan tool clears the MIL/DTC.

Diagnostic Aids

The throttle valve is spring loaded to a slightly open position. The throttle valve should be open

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approximately 20 percent. This is referred to as the rest position. The throttle valve should not be completely closed nor should they be open any more than the specified amount. The throttle valve should move open and to the closed position without binding under the normal spring pressure. The throttle should NOT be free to move open or closed WITHOUT spring pressure. Replace the throttle body if any of these conditions are found.

Important: Operating the throttle blade with the Throttle Blade Control function of the scan tool may cause additional DTCs to set. Do not attempt to diagnose DTCs set during this function.

The scan tool has the ability to operate the throttle control system using Special Functions. Actuate the throttle valve using the throttle blade control function located in the TAC System menu. This function will operate the throttle valve through the entire range in order to determine if the throttle body and system operate correctly.

Check for the following conditions:

- Use the [J 35616](#) Connector Test Adapter Kit for any test that requires probing the PCM harness connector or a component harness connector.
- Poor connections at the PCM or at the component--Inspect the harness connectors for a poor terminal to wire connection. Refer to [Testing for Intermittent Conditions and Poor Connections](#) in Wiring Systems for the proper procedure.
- Refer to [Intermittent Conditions](#) for the intermittents.

Test Description

The numbers below refer to the step numbers on the diagnostic table.

8. The throttle valve is spring loaded in a slightly open position and should move in either direction without binding. The throttle valve should always be under spring pressure.
11. When the ignition is turned ON, the PCM operates the throttle control motor to verify the integrity of the system prior to start-up. This can be seen by the momentary flash of the test lamp as the ignition is turned ON.

Step	Action	Yes	No
<i>Schematic Reference: Engine Controls Schematics</i>			
1	Did you perform the Diagnostic System Check-Engine Controls?	Go to Step 2	Go to Diagnostic System Check - Engine Controls
2	Are DTCs P1120, P1220, P1221, P1271, P1275 and P1280 also set?	Go to Diagnostic Trouble Code (DTC) List	Go to Step 3
3	<p>Important: The throttle angle and pedal angle may not correspond during this procedure.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Turn ON the ignition with the engine OFF. 2. Observe the TP sensor 1 and 2 angle parameters. 3. Apply and release the accelerator pedal 		

	<p>several times.</p> <p>Does the TP sensor 1 and 2 angle parameters increase as the pedal is applied and decrease as the pedal is released?</p>	Go to Step 4	Go to Step 5
4	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Observe the Freeze Frame/Failure Records for this DTC. 2. Start the engine. 3. Operate the vehicle within the Conditions for Running the DTC. You may also operate the vehicle within the conditions that you observed from the Freeze Frame/Failure Records. <p>Did the DTC fail this ignition?</p>	Go to Step 5	Go to Diagnostic Aids
5	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Turn ON the ignition with the engine OFF. 2. Probe both sides of the ETC or TAC fuse with a test lamp. <p>Does the test lamp illuminate on both sides of the fuse?</p>	Go to Step 6	Go to Step 16
6	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Turn OFF the ignition. 2. Probe both sides of the ETC or TAC fuse with a test lamp. <p>Does the test lamp illuminate on both sides of the fuse?</p>	Go to Step 22	Go to Step 7
7	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Turn OFF the ignition. 2. Disconnect the PCM connector containing the ETC/TAC ignition 1 voltage circuit. 3. Turn ON the ignition. 4. Probe the ETC ignition 1 voltage circuit with a test lamp. <p>Does the test lamp illuminate?</p>	Go to Step 8	Go to Step 23
8	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Turn OFF the ignition. 2. Inspect the throttle body for the following conditions. Refer to Diagnostic Aids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A throttle valve that is NOT in the rest position • A throttle valve that is binding open or closed • A throttle valve that is free to move open or closed WITHOUT spring pressure. <p>Did you find any of these conditions with the throttle body?</p>	Go to Step 24	Go to Step 9
	<p>Important: The test lamp may momentarily flash when testing these circuits. This is considered normal.</p>		

9	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Disconnect the throttle body harness connector. 2. Turn ON the ignition, with the engine OFF. 3. Probe the TAC motor control 1 and 2 circuits with the test lamp connected to ground. <p>Did the test lamp illuminate and remain illuminated on either circuit?</p>	Go to Step 13	Go to Step 10
10	<p>Important: The test lamp may momentarily flash when testing these circuits. This is considered normal.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Probe the TAC motor control 1 and 2 circuits with the test lamp connected to battery positive. <p>Did the test lamp illuminate and remain illuminated on either circuit?</p>	Go to Step 14	Go to Step 11
11	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Turn OFF the ignition. 2. Connect the test lamp between the TAC motor control 1 and battery ground. 3. Observe the test lamp as you turn ON the ignition. <p>Does the test lamp flash ON and then turn OFF?</p>	Go to Step 12	Go to Step 15
12	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Turn OFF the ignition. 2. Connect a test lamp between the TAC motor control 2 circuit and battery ground. 3. Observe the test lamp as you turn ON the ignition. <p>Does the test lamp flash ON and then OFF?</p>	Go to Step 18	Go to Step 15
13	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Turn OFF the ignition. 2. Disconnect the PCM connector that contains the TAC motor control circuits. 3. Turn ON the ignition, with the engine OFF. 4. Probe the TAC motor control 1 and 2 circuits with the test lamp connected to ground. <p>Does the test lamp illuminate?</p>	Go to Step 20	Go to Step 19
14	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Turn OFF the ignition. 2. Disconnect the PCM connector that contains the TAC motor control circuits. 3. Probe the TAC motor control 1 and 2 circuits with the test lamp connected to battery positive. <p>Does the test lamp illuminate?</p>	Go to Step 21	Go to Step 19
15	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Turn OFF the ignition. 2. Disconnect the PCM connector that contains the TAC motor control circuits. 3. Test the TAC motor control 1 and 2 circuits for an open or high resistance. 		

	4. Repair the circuit as necessary. Refer to Wiring Repairs in Wiring Systems.		
	Did you find and correct the condition?	Go to Step 26	Go to Step 19
16	Test the ETC/TAC ignition 1 voltage circuit for a short to ground. Refer to Circuit Testing and Wiring Repairs in Wiring Systems.		
	Did you find and correct the condition?	Go to Step 26	Go to Step 17
17	Test the motor control 1 circuit for a short to ground. Refer to Circuit Testing and Wiring Repairs in Wiring Systems.		
	Did you find and correct the condition?	Go to Step 26	Go to Step 24
18	Test for a poor connection or terminal tension at the throttle body connector. Refer to Testing for Intermittent Conditions and Poor Connections and Connector Repairs in Wiring Systems.		
	Did you find and correct the condition?	Go to Step 26	Go to Step 24
19	Test for a poor connection or terminal tension at the PCM. Refer to Testing for Intermittent Conditions and Poor Connections and Connector Repairs in Wiring Systems.		
	Did you find and correct the condition?	Go to Step 26	Go to Step 25
20	Repair the short to voltage on the circuit where the test lamp remained illuminated. Refer to Wiring Repairs in Wiring Systems.		
	Did you complete the repair?	Go to Step 26	--
21	Repair the short to ground on the circuit where the test lamp remained illuminated. Refer to Wiring Repairs in Wiring Systems.		
	Did you complete the repair?	Go to Step 26	--
22	Repair the short to voltage on the ETC ignition 1 voltage circuit. Refer to Wiring Repairs in Wiring Systems.		
	Did you complete the repair?	Go to Step 26	--
23	Repair the open or high resistance in the ETC ignition 1 voltage circuit. Refer to Wiring Repairs in Wiring Systems.		
	Did you complete the repair?	Go to Step 26	--
24	Replace the throttle body assembly. Refer to Throttle Body Assembly Replacement .		
	Did you complete the replacement?	Go to Step 26	--

25	Replace the PCM. Refer to Powertrain Control Module Replacement . Did you complete the replacement?	Go to Step 26	--
26	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clear the DTCs with a scan tool. 2. Turn OFF the ignition for 30 seconds. 3. Start the engine. 4. Operate the vehicle within the Conditions for Running the DTC. You may also operate the vehicle within the conditions that you observed from the Freeze Frame/Failure Records. Did the DTC fail this ignition?	Go to Step 2	Go to Step 27
27	Observe the Capture Info with a scan tool. Are there any DTCs that have not been diagnosed?	Go to Diagnostic Trouble Code (DTC) List	System OK