INSTRUCTION TO SERVICE

ITS61596	March 17, 2026
SECTION:	290-PLC Programs
SUBJECT:	#PLC# - Implement CAN heartbeat check in the PLC and activate the ABS FAIL indicator when the heartbeat is not detected.
ISSUE:	There is currently no mechanism in the PLC to check the CAN heartbeat.
SUMMARY:	Update PLC program to incorporate a CAN heartbeat verification mechanism and activate the ABS FAIL light when the heartbeat is not detected

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Ref. NHTSA Recall No.	Ref. Transport Canada Recall No.
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NEW FLYER

Section	Field Name	Input / Example
1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	**Document Type**	Safety Recall
	Year and Model Affected	Select XD35, XDE35, XE35, XN35, XD40, XDE40, XE40, XHE40, XN40, XT40, XD60, XDE60, XE60, XN60, XT60, and XHE60
	Triggering Event	If the CAN heartbeat is lost for any reason, the ABS FAIL light will not illuminate because the PLC does not perform a heartbeat check
2. SAFETY RISK	**Safety Risk Statement**	A non-functioning ABS or ESC system (due to loss of power or communication) increases the risk of a crash.
3. CORRECTIVE ACTION	**Corrective Measure**	Update PLC program to incorporate a CAN heartbeat verification mechanism and activate the ABS FAIL light when the heartbeat is not detected.
	Issue Resolution Statement	Issue resolved by PLC update.
	Validation Criteria	1. Make sure the bus is ignition on 2. Disconnect XJ1939 ABS connector. 3. Observe ABS_FAIL_IND telltale illumination on the dash.

PROCEDURE:

1. Set park brake and chock wheels.
2. Turn the main battery disconnect switch to the “ON” position.
3. Turn the MRS Switch to the “DAY RUN” position to turn on the bus.
4. Turn the HAZARD SWITCH to “ON”.
5. Connect the USB interface of your NEXIQ to your laptop.
6. Connect the CAN interface of your NEXIQ to Channel 1 (Pins C and D) of the Rear Vehicle Diag port.
7. Open the PLC program in the VMM software.
8. Select Tools and Query VMMs.

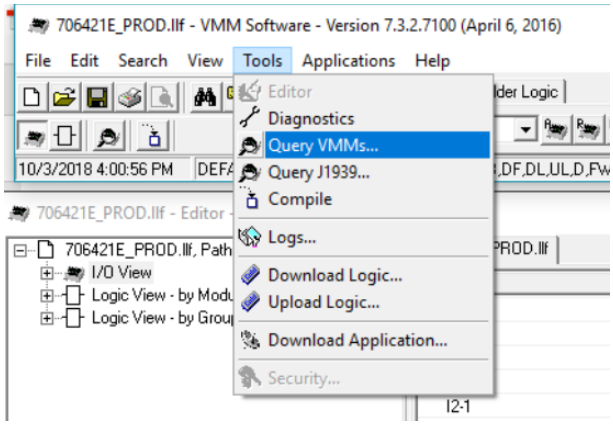

Figure 1: Query VMMs Option

9. Ensure you are communicating with **all** the nodes in the query screen prior to downloading.
10. Select download logic.
11. Ensure the correct file name and revision appear in the file window.

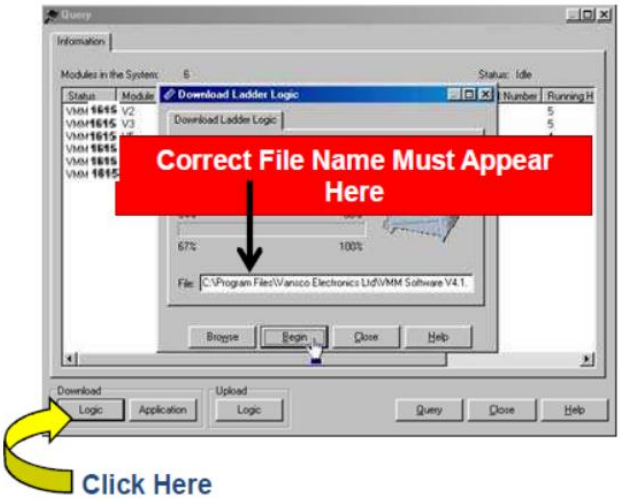

Figure 2: File Selection and Flashing Start

12. The software will verify the correct number of VMMs are found. Do not download program if all VMMs are not located. If the correct number of VMMs were found, select Yes.
13. Flashing will happen in two parts; the main logic and the J1939 Table data will be 2 separate progress screens. Make sure not to close anything after the first progress screen reaches 100% as another one will appear after that also needs to complete before flashing is completed.
14. Once flashing has truly finished, allow the bus to stay awake for 15 minutes without knifing the bus or turning off the hazards. This ensures that the VMMs stay awake long enough to load the program into the dash with the new PLC program. This is an important step as the dash may get stuck rebooting repeatedly if interrupted while it is being programmed by the other VMMs. This needs to happen as the DPS70 has a slave VMM inside of it that is not programmed as a part of the above outlined VMM flashing process.

    NOTE – For a non-touchscreen bus, there is no requirement to wait 15 minutes. The bus can be turned off immediately after a flash.
15. Remove all tools and debris from work area to return coach to service.
16. Turn the main battery disconnect switch to the “OFF” position.

LABOUR ESTIMATE				
	Operation	Number of Technician(s)	Hours	Labor Time T X HR
1	Flash VMM Program	1	0.5	0.5

SPECIAL TOOLS REQUIRED					
Item	Part Number	Description	Qty.	Units	Notes
1		Laptop with Vansco VMM Software	1	EA	
2		NEXIQ DLA Adaptor	1	EA	