# 2.0L GTDI-MALFUNCTION INDICATOR LAMP (MIL)DIAGNOSTIC TROUBLE CODE (DTC) P144CVEHICLES BUILT ON OR BEFORE 10/1/2011 

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## ISSUE

Some 2012 Explorer vehicles built on or before 10/1/2011 and equipped with a 2.0L Gasoline Turbocharged Direct Injection (GTDI) engine may exhibit an illuminated MIL with DTC P144C. This may be due to a blocked vapor purge line port in the air cleaner outlet pipe assembly.

## ACTION

Follow the Service Procedure steps to correct the condition.

## SERVICE PROCEDURE

1. Disconnect battery ground cable. Refer to Workshop Manual (WSM), Section 414-01.
2. Disconnect evaporative emission fuel vapor tube quick connect coupling from the air intake duct center section. Refer to WSM, Section 303-13. (Figure 1)


Figure 1 - Article 13-5-29
3. Insert a 5.0 mm (.197") drill bit or equivalent diameter gauge into the vapor purge line port on the air intake duct center section to determine if it is blocked by plastic flashing. A 5.0 mm (.197") minimum opening is required for proper Evaporative Emission system operation during boost.
4. Does drill bit or equivalent diameter gauge pass through vapor purge line port?
a. Yes - this article does not apply. Connect evaporative emission fuel vapor tube to air intake duct center section and reconnect the battery ground cable. Refer to Powertrain Control/Emissions Diagnosis manual for normal diagnostics.
b. No - proceed to Step 5 .
5. Replace air cleaner outlet pipe assembly. Tighten all fasteners to $5 \mathrm{~N} \cdot \mathrm{~m}(44 \mathrm{lb}$-in). Refer to WSM, Section 303-12.
6. Connect evaporative emission fuel vapor tube to air intake duct center section and battery ground cable.

| PART NUMBER | PART NAME |
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| BB5Z-98659-E | Hose - Air |

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